



Dr. Usha Varanasi was the Science and Research Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northwest Fisheries Science

Center from 1994 until 2010. As the first woman to lead a fisheries field office, she dedicated much of her 35 years of service in NOAA to addressing critical biological questions and improving public policy decisions. Her revolutionary research on marine organism contaminants led to a reduction in damage to fisheries resources and im-

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provements in seafood safety. Dr. Varanasi currently serves on the Science Panel of the Puget Sound Partnership and holds affiliate professorships at the University of Washington in Chemistry, Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, and the recently formed College of the Environment. Dr. Varanasi has published articles in many scientific journals, edited two books, and is deeply committed to the education of students in the sciences. She received her B.Sc degree from Bombay University in India, her M.S. degree in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology, and her Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Washington.

Welcome:

John Stein, Acting Director
Northwest Fisheries Science Center

Speakers:

Governor Chris Gregoire

Congressman Jim McDermott
(video message)

Alvin Kwiram, Professor
UW Department of Chemistry

Lisa Graumlich, Dean
UW College of the Environment

Larry Robinson,
NOAA Assistant Secretary
for Conservation and Management

John Oliver,
NMFS Deputy Assistant Administrator

Will Stelle,
NMFS Western Regional Administrator

Marja Brandon,
Former Head of Seattle Girls School

Written remarks and open microphone

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