

TIMELINE

- 1939 Oregon State College establishes a marine biological laboratory on Yaquina Bay, emphasizing Professor Roland Dimick's interest in oyster and clam culture.
- 1940 The OSC Department of Food Science & Technology sets up a seafood laboratory in Astoria.
- 1964 OSC, renamed Oregon State University, completes and dedicates the Marine Science Center on Yaquina Bay.
- 1965 Wayne Burt, Chairman, Dept. of Oceanography, and Thomas Scott, Head, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, are appointed Director and Co-Director of MSC. Both remain in Corvallis.
- 1968 Dr. Anja Robinson and Dr. Robert Olson join HMSC staff.
- 1972 John Byrne is appointed Director of the MSC, vesting responsibility for the Center in a single individual for the first time. The position remains in Corvallis.
- 1977 The role of the Director is expanded, placing responsibility and authority for the entire complex with the director in residence. Dr. Lavern Weber is appointed to this position, and assumes this expanded role.
- 1983 The Marine Science Center, built while Mark O. Hatfield served as governor of Oregon, is renamed for the former governor.
- 1986 Dr. Chris Langdon, Assistant Professor in Fisheries & Wildlife, specialist in molluscan aquaculture, joins HMSC staff.
- 1989 **January 1, 1989: Through the efforts of many individuals, a marine branch of the agricultural experiment station -- the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station (COMES) -- is officially established in Newport, at HMSC.** Dr. Weber is appointed superintendent [half time]. Dr. Gil Sylvia is hired as a seafood marketing specialist. Several positions in Fisheries & Wildlife, those of Dr. James Lannon, Dr. Bob Olson, Dr. Chris Langdon, Dr. Anja Robinson, as well as an unfilled Marine Fisheries position, are transferred to this new station. The OSU Seafood Laboratory in Astoria, under the direction of Dr. David Crawford, also becomes a part of the marine experiment station.
- 1990 Dr. Paul Reno, microbiologist/fish disease, and Dr. David Sampson, fish population dynamics specialist, join the faculty at HMSC. Dr. Michael Morrissey, seafood researcher, replaces Dr. Crawford of the Seafood Laboratory. Efforts begin to develop a seafood research and consumer center in Astoria. Efforts begin toward funding the Marine Mammal Endowment Program. Dr. Bruce Mate joins the faculty in Newport.
- 1991 Dr. Haejung An joins the faculty in Astoria.

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- 1992 Dr. Jae Park joins the faculty in Astoria.
- 1993 The Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station faculty comprises the following departments, which include the following faculty:
Aquaculture - Dr. Chris Langdon, Dr. Anja Robinson
Fish Disease - Dr. Robert Olson, Dr. Paul Reno
Marine Fisheries Biology - Steve Berkeley
Marine Fisheries/Population Dynamics - Dr. David Sampson
Resource Economics - Dr. Gil Sylvia
Seafood Science & Technology - Dr. Michael Morrissey, Dr. Haejung An, Dr. Jae Park, Dr. Tom Seymour. Dr. Ed Kolbe continues his affiliation with the Seafood Laboratory.
- 1996 Steve Berkeley, marine fisheries independent researcher, and Dr. Bruce Mate, Marine Mammal Program, join the COMES faculty at HMSC.
- 1997 The new OSU Seafood Laboratory in Astoria is completed. Dr. Gil Sylvia becomes Superintendent, COMES.
- 1998 The Duncan Law Seafood Consumer Center is established; Dr. Michael Morrissey is appointed Director.
- 2000 Dr. Susan Hanna, Fishery Management and Policy, joins the COMES faculty.
Dr. Haejung An leaves for Auburn University.
- 2001 Dr. Ian Fleming, Marine Fisheries Ecology, and Dr. Michael Banks, Marine Fisheries Geneticist, join the COMES faculty. Dr. Yi-Cheng Su, Seafood Microbiologist, joins the faculty at the Astoria Seafood Lab. Dr. L.J. (Kelvin) Koong replaces Dr. Lavern Weber as Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, with oversight for COMES.
- 2002 Dr. Erik Fritzell replaces Dr. L.J. Koong as Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, with oversight for COMES. Dr. Lavern Weber, Director, HMSC, retires. Dr. George Boehlert becomes Director of HMSC. Steve Berkeley leaves COMES and affiliates with the Long Marine Lab.
- 2003 NOAA dedicates the Captain Barry Fisher Building, Newport. Anja Robinson retires.
- 2004 Dr. Ian Fleming leaves to become Director of the Ocean Sciences Centre at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's on 1 July 2004.
- 2005 COMES receives approval to hire three faculty members: one in Marine Fisheries Ecology, to replace Dr. Fleming, and two for the Marine Mammal Endowed Program, a Cetacean Ecologist & Assistant Director, and a Pinniped Biologist.