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Beautiful initiative. Conserve 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030 as outlined in the America the Beautiful Initiative. The Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary would strengthen Indigenous perspectives and create the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary is crossing a significant milestone, and the Central Coast from offshore oil expansion and other threats. Today, the Indigenous-led effort to create the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary is estimated to generate $23 million in economic activity and create 600 new jobs, while also safeguarding marine and cultural resources along 140 miles of Central California Coastline, the sanctuary is demonstrated that the new sanctuary would be an economic boon to the regional economy. Preserving the "The Potential Economic Impacts of the Proposed Central Coast National Marine Sanctuary, "In September of 2014, the Center for the Blue Economy produced a report for the Sierra Club entitled, "Sanctuary Needs Your Support"

The Ocean Needs Our Help-Now

In a recent piece in MSN News, Jason Scorse, Director of the Blue Economy and David Scorse, President and Director of the Blue Economy team at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. Undergraduate students from Middlebury College have joined graduate students at MIIS to study place-based examples of climate change, environmental history, and environmental justice. A unique and much anticipated collaboration between Middlebury College in Vermont, and the Middlebury Climate Change Semester Program Begins. January 2022 marked the start of the first-ever Middlebury Climate Change Semester program, a chance for undergraduate students from Middlebury College, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California, to build on their foundational and to train the next generation of ocean leaders. Our Mission: to promote ocean-based sustainability solutions through leadership in economic research, education, and policy analysis.

The Middlebury Climate Change Semester:

"The Middlebury Climate Change Semester is a program that combines the challenging curriculum of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies with the ocean and coastal resources of the Monterey Bay region. Students will develop critical skills to address complex environmental and social challenges in the world's oceans and coastal areas. Through a combination of academic coursework, research opportunities, and experiential learning, students will gain a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of ocean and climate systems and the need for informed and equitable decision-making. The program is designed to prepare students for leadership roles in the fields of ocean management, policy, and sustainability."