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National Marine Fisheries Laboratory Director Churchill Grimes addresses the gathering at the opening of the facility near Long Marine Lab.

New marine fisheries lab opens at edge of sanctuary

Long Marine Lab
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SANTA CRUZ — Marine scientists in Santa Cruz have a brand new \$19.4 million habitat — a seaside building that is the nation's first National Science Center for one of President Clinton's new Marine Protected Areas.

The new digs for the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, were dedicated Tuesday with UC Santa Cruz and White House dignitaries in attendance.

With the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as a frontyard view, the laboratory was lauded as a world-class facility that will foster collaboration among the nation's leading scientists on how to conserve and manage marine fishery resources.

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"We aspire to be nothing less than the very best," said Churchill Grimes, the director of the new laboratory.

UCSC Chancellor M.R.C. Greenwood; Congressman Sam Farr, D-Carmel; U.S. Secretary of Commerce Norm Mineta; and Elgie Holstein, senior advisor to Mineta, all spoke of the synergy between government and academic scientists that would be one of the defining features of the new laboratory.

The 52,890 square foot building, next to UCSC's Long Marine Laboratory has office space for 45 scientists and administrators, a dive locker and a fully controlled and monitored sea-water aquarium system that serves both outdoor and indoor tanks and wet labs. Sea water will be pumped straight from the ocean for research use.

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