

# Long Marine Lab set

## to grow

*Long Marine Lab*  
Coastal Commission  
approves expansion  
if conditions met

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✓ **SANTA CRUZ** — UC Santa Cruz's Long Marine Lab likely will expand by 12 acres in the next few decades, beginning with the construction of a wing of the Center for Ocean Health in three years and the addition of a new coastal biology and ecology building after that.

On Thursday, the California Coastal Commission signed off on a development plan that gives the university the go-ahead to build what is being called the Marine Science Campus at Terrace Point. But there's a catch: The university must ensure some beach access and that the development doesn't destroy the nearby wetlands.

"Hey, nobody's going to argue with their stated goals. I'm in favor of ocean research," said Don Ste-

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### **About the Coastal Long Range Development Plan**

UCSC's development plan is the result of an eight-year process with the Coastal Commission, governmental agencies including the city of Santa Cruz, third-party experts and the community.

As amended by the Coastal Commission staff's suggested modifications, the plan includes the following:

- Permanent protection of all wetland and environmentally sensitive habitat areas.
- Policies requiring the protection of any later identified wetlands or environmentally sensitive habitat area.
- Clustered development zones to reduce impact.

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