

Long Marine Lab 93-96

SC lands \$15 million lab

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SANTA CRUZ — A \$15 million federal fisheries laboratory will relocate from Tiburon to Santa Cruz, in what officials hope will be one in a string of marine-related research facilities to draw from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Eventually, two dozen biologists and other scientists will work in

Fisheries facility headed for Long Marine

the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory, Deputy Secretary of Commerce David J. Barram announced Sunday.

The planned fisheries laboratory is to be located with an expanded UC Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory off Terrace Point on the

city's Westside.

Barram said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will spend \$1.5 million for the planning and design of the anticipated laboratory. Those funds were included as an amendment written by U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, D-

Carmel, to a \$26.8 billion government spending bill.

The Santa Cruz NOAA laboratory will be the only federal fisheries lab from Oregon to San Diego, replacing the current Tiburon research building, according to Scott Smullen, NOAA spokesman.

The Tiburon lab was built in the late 1930s and is crumbling, Smullen said. Relocating to Santa Cruz will be more cost effective than renovating and maintaining the Marin County operation, he said.

Scientists at the Tiburon lab currently conduct studies of environmental factors that affect the health, growth and reproduction of

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