



TOMALES BAY FOUNDATION

State of Tomales Bay Conference 2026 Agenda

History, Health and Humans in Tomales Bay

October 30, 2026 | 8:30 am to 5:00 pm | Marconi Conference Center, Marshall

Welcome	
8:30 AM	Registration and Coffee
9:00 AM	Introduction by Master of Ceremonies <i>Neysa King</i>
9:05 AM	Update/Status of TBF Projects <i>Tom Gaman, Chair – Tomales Bay Foundation</i>
9:20 AM	Keynote <i>John Largier, Former Director of the Bodega Marine Laboratory</i>
9:45 AM	Q&A
History	
10:00 AM	Indigenous History <i>Matthew Johnson, FIGR</i>
10:20 AM	19th & 20th Century History

	<i>Dewey Livingston, historian</i>
10:35 AM	Safety Today: Behind-the-Scenes Look At Rescue and Deadly Mistakes <i>Battalion Chief McTigue, Point Reyes Fire Department</i>
10:50 AM	BREAK
Health: Current State & Environmental Change	
11:00 AM	2010-2022 GFNMS Condition Report, with focus on Tomales Bay <i>Karen Reyna, GFNMS</i>
11:20 AM	Tire Removal Project at Marconi Cove & Tomales Bay Mooring Program <i>Max Delaney, GFNMS</i>
11:35 AM	Salmonid Research and Monitoring <i>Lagunitas Creek: Eric Ettlinger, Marin Water Walker Creek, Derek Acomb, CDFW</i>
12:05 PM	Shorebird and Waterbird Trends <i>Scott Jennings, All Hands Ecology</i>
12:20 PM	Olympia Oysters <i>Ted Grosholz, UC Davis</i>
12:35 PM	Q&A
12:45 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Giacomini Wetlands Restoration <i>Lorraine Parsons, retired NPS ecologist & restoration project manager</i>
1:45 PM	TBF-sponsored research • <i>Liyu Mekonnen, UC Davis: Impact of eel grass on alkalinity and carbon storage</i> • <i>Keira Monuki, UC Davis: Non-native anemone</i> • <i>Serina Moheed, UC Davis: Sea grass wasting disease</i>

	• Elisabeth Sellinger, UC Davis: Carbon Benefits of Seaweed-Shellfish Co-Culture
Humans	
2:30 PM	Chicken Ranch Project Update <i>Christopher Woltemade, PCI project designer</i>
2:45 PM	Sea Level Rise <i>Nadia Seeteram, Chief Climate Officer, Marin County</i>
3:00 PM	Q&A
3:10 PM	BREAK
3:20 PM	Trends in Recreation <i>Fishing: Willy Vogler</i> <i>Boating: Liz Wilhelm, Point Reyes Adventure Co</i>
3:45 PM	The Future of Shellfish Farming and Blue Food Economy <i>Gary Fleener, Hog Island Oyster Co</i>
4:00 PM	Upland Ranches <i>Watershed Management: Lily Verdone/MALT</i> <i>Water Quality: Tom Gaman, Chair, Tomales Bay Foundation</i>
4:15 PM	Q&A
Future	
4:30 PM	Science and Policy in Tomales Bay Watershed Anne Altman , Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore
4:45 PM	Science and Policy in Tomales Bay Andrea Alfaro , new director of the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute and Bodega Marine Laboratory; Professor, Marine Ecology and Aquaculture, UC Davis

5:00 - 6:00 PM

SOCIAL HOUR