Memo

To: Cynthia Trowbridge

From: George Boehlert
   Director, HMSC

Subject: Marine and Estuarine Invertebrates, Zoology 461/561, 4 credits

I am writing to express my support for the establishment of the new course noted above. This course will be an important part of the new set of classes planned for development at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. As part of our strategic plan, we are striving to develop and educational program for undergraduate and graduate students that provides a hands-on experience taking advantage of the special features of the HMSC and access to the field and habitats. The courses are intended for an audience of students from both within and outside OSU, and will be taught principally in summer session. Within OSU, we hope to attract those students unable to spend a full semester (e.g., Fall or Spring programs) but wish to benefit from this educational experience through one of the four week summer sessions. We also anticipate enrollment from teachers working on Masters degrees and students from other universities seeking a summer field station experience.

This particular course is not meant to compete with similar programs already offered at OSU (for example Z361/362 or BI450/451). Instead, it provides a complementary course that will expand the opportunities for students attending Oregon State University.

We look forward to the formal establishment of this course.