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WHAT: The Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point State Park will announce a major new initiative to fund the expansion of the facility and to enhance marine environmental education, in partnership with the University of New Hampshire. Sen. Judd Gregg, who secured federal funding to support the initiative, will be present to discuss the success of the Seacoast Science Center and its future mission.

WHEN: Monday, April 30, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, N.H.

DETAILS: Speakers will include Seacoast Science Center Executive Director Wendy Lull, UNH Vice President for Research and Public Service Donald Sundberg, NOAA Deputy Assistant Administrator for National Ocean Service Ted Lillestolen, a representative from the N.H. Division of Parks, and Sen. Judd Gregg.

BACKGROUND: Sen. Judd Gregg has been a supporter of the Center since it opened in 1992. He secured federal funding in 1997 for exhibits relating to UNH's Open Ocean Aquaculture Project. UNH, along with Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant, had an instrumental role in the Center's creation, and is a vital partner, along with the Audubon Society of N.H., the Friends of Odiorne Point State Park and the Seacoast Science Center, and the N.H. Division of Parks. More than 100,000 people a year visit the Center, including

33,000 who participate in educational programs.

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