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FORMER US REPRESENTATIVE TOM ALLEN JOINS BOARD OF MARINE CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

August 4, 2009—Washington DC. Former Congressman Tom Allen (D-ME) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Marine Conservation Biology Institute (MCBI). He joins former Congressman Jim Greenwood (R-PA) and other leading scientists and policy experts on MCBI's Board. An attorney and former mayor of Portland, Mr. Allen represented Maine's First District for 12 years before running for the US Senate in 2008. He is now President of The Association of American Publishers (AAP), the national trade association of the US book publishing industry.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Allen advocated for clean air and to decrease US reliance on foreign oil. He fought against weakening our nation's landmark environmental laws.

Mr. Allen also was a leader on oceans issues. He co-chaired the House Oceans Caucus (which he co-founded with Mr. Greenwood). He was instrumental in reforming the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to stop overfishing. He also introduced the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007.

"I am delighted to join MCBI's Board to continue working on ocean preservation," said Allen. "Our oceans are at risk and MCBI will certainly play a significant role in the formation of national oceans policy."

MCBI President Dr. Elliott A. Norse said, "We are delighted that Tom is joining our Board. Adding his wisdom and experience to MCBI's expertise on fisheries, marine spatial planning and ocean acidification will make us even more effective in the national policy arena."

Marine Conservation Biology Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the science of marine conservation biology and securing protection for the world's marine ecosystems. Founded in 1996, MCBI is headquartered in Bellevue WA, and has offices in Honolulu HI, Glen Ellen CA and Washington DC.

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