

**Don Kent** is President of Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, a leading, international marine research institute. Hubbs-SeaWorld is dedicated to ensuring that future generations experience the benefits of a healthy environment by gaining scientific knowledge and finding practical solutions to the most critical conservation challenges facing marine ecosystems and species. He has participated on numerous Institute programs studying gray whales, assessing noise effects on animals, minimizing killer whale impacts on fishing operations, and, closest to his interest, the development of marine finfish aquaculture. Don has led the Institute since 1998 when the Institute experienced the largest expansion in its history. Don was instrumental in initiating the Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program (OREHP), a highly successful partnership of the recreational fishing community, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Legislature, created to investigate ways to counteract the depletion of California's coastal marine fisheries through stock enhancement. He is also responsible for the planning and construction of the Leon Raymond Hubbard, Jr. Marine Fish Hatchery in Carlsbad, where more than one million white seabass have been reared, raised, and released into California waters over the last 20 years.