



GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, it is my pleasure to welcome you to The Society for Marine Mammalogy's 21st Biennial Conference being held on December 13-18, 2015.

The Society for Marine Mammalogy was founded in San Francisco in 1981 and is returning to its founding City for the first time since its inception. The theme of this conference, "Bridging the Past Toward the Future," aims to respect the society's history, as well as encourage a new generation of scientists. San Francisco, and the greater central California coast region, is home to one of the greatest diversity of marine mammals anywhere in the world. One of the largest concentrations of marine mammal scientists also is assembled at universities, research institutions, NGOs and government agencies in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

San Francisco extends best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable time in our City. Congratulations to the Society for Marine Mammalogy and all the organizers who contributed to making this event a true success. Best wishes for a productive and fruitful conference!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor