

## MEDIA ALERT

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### **LONG-TIME VISITING AUTHOR BRINGS THE OCEAN TO OHIO** *BIOLOGIST DIVES DEEPER INTO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITH NEW BOOK*

#### WHAT

**Talk to author and environmentalist Ron Hirschi about his new picture book, “Ocean Seasons,” as he visits local schools to help young Ohio students understand their connection to the ocean.**

Angered by stream and ocean habitat destruction in the 1970s, **Hirschi** decided to soften his anger by writing and working with kids on environmental projects. A Washington resident, Hirschi has been traveling to Ohio for nearly 20 years to work with Columbus-area schools.

Hirschi’s **“Ocean Seasons,”** an educational picture book published by Sylvan Dell Publishing in 2007, teaches children about ocean seasons, food webs and habitats in a fun, fanciful form. “Ocean Seasons” – along with his many other published books – helps students dive into the school projects.

#### SCHOOL VISITS

At school visits, Hirschi leads young scientists through art, writing and ecology projects.

**Hirschi’s returning to Ohio to visit the following Columbus-area schools:**

- Sept. 17-28 – Various elementary schools in Worthington, Ohio  
*\*Contact publicist for further details*
- Oct. 8-12 – Wyandot Elementary, Dublin, Ohio

#### DIVE IN

To show parents what’s happening in local classrooms, you can:

- Talk to Hirschi about “Ocean Seasons,” his environmental efforts as the director of a small non-profit and his school visits.
- Request a complimentary review copy of “Ocean Seasons.”

**Contact Sylvan Dell publicist Angie Dzalamanow at contact information provided above to schedule.**

#### VISUALS

- Check out photos from recent school visits at <http://www.ronhirschi.com/schoolvisits.html>.
- Find book artwork/author headshot at <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/ImageGallery.htm>.

To learn more about Ron Hirschi and his work, please visit <http://www.ronhirschi.com/>.  
To learn more about Sylvan Dell Publishing, please visit [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com).

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*“Stated best in Hawaiian, I hope kids gain a sense they can ‘Malama i ke Kai’ – ‘Protect the Ocean in a way you might protect your family and friends.’” – Ron Hirschi*