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UNH Seeks High School Students for February 'Nor'easter Bowl'

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Teams of high school students from across northern New England will go head-to-head to test their knowledge of the oceans as part of the fifth annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) regional competition being held at the University of New Hampshire Saturday, Feb. 2.

The "Nor'easter Bowl" is one of 21 regional competitions sponsored by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE) and the National Marine Educators Association, in partnership with the National Seagrant College Program, UNH, the University of Maine, the University of New England and the Bigelow Laboratory.

Teams composed of five students, one alternate and a coach, are tested on their general knowledge of the ocean sciences by competing in several rapid-fire question-and-answer sessions. The subjects include biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the world's oceans, as well as navigation, geography, technology and ocean-related current events.

The winning team from each regional competition progresses to the national competition which will be held in April in Providence, R.I.

Past prizes have included educational trips to the Southampton Oceanography Centre in England; Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies on Catalina Island, California; the Florida Keys; the Great Lakes Field Station; cruises on research vessels, visits to oceanographic institutions and aquaria; scholarships; scientific equipment and books. For registration information contact Sharon Meeker, UNH Sea Grant Extension, at (603) 749-1565; <u>sharon.meeker@unh.edu</u>. For competition details and sample questions visit <u>http://NOSB.org</u>.

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