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Woods Hole Science Aquarium Announces Summer Programs for High School Students

Woods Hole, Mass. – The Woods Hole Science Aquarium is offering two summer programs for high school students in 2009 – a five-week internship and a two-week seminar devoted to careers in marine science. Both programs are designed for students who are interested in marine science and marine animals, aquarium operations, and marine education and conservation.

Interns in the five-week program will spend approximately 25 hours per week in the aquarium helping care for animals. They will learn about animal husbandry and will be trained to serve as assistant naturalists on shoreside collecting trips for the public. The five-week program will run from July 6 through August 7. In the last two weeks, the interns will participate in the careers seminar.

The two-week Careers in Marine Science seminar will run from July 27 to August 7, approximately 15-20 hours per week. The seminar is designed to give students an idea of what people working in Woods Hole do, and how different areas of science contribute to the larger effort to understand the marine world and to manage marine resources wisely. Seminar participants will learn animal husbandry and basic aquarist chores, hear presentations from scientists working in a variety of fields, go on collecting trips, and visit other science institutions and aquariums. Students who participate in the seminar may have the option of staying on an additional 1-2 weeks to help with animal husbandry and to serve as assistant naturalists on collecting walks.

To participate in either the internship or the seminar, students must have finished grade 10, 11 or 12 and must be at least 16 years old by July 6. Applicants must have American citizenship. Application forms are available in the Aquarium and online (<http://aquarium.nefsc.noaa.gov/Volunteers/>). Applicants must also provide a transcript and two references. E-mail applications are welcome. All application materials must be post-marked by March 20. The 2009 interns and seminar participants will be announced by April 3.

The Woods Hole Science Aquarium holds approximately 140 species of marine animals in several dozen tanks that provide cold water, temperate water, and warm water

habitats. Visitors to the aquarium in a typical summer week number in the thousands and come from more than 30 states and a dozen foreign countries.

The summer programs are run by the staff of the Woods Hole Science Aquarium and are a project of the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and the Marine Biological Laboratory.

The aquarium welcomes applications from students of all backgrounds. Students from groups currently under-represented in marine sciences are especially encouraged to apply – this includes African American, Cape Verdean, Hispanic, and Native American students.

Questions about the program may be directed to George Liles, WHSA Curator, (508) 495-2037, or george.liles@noaa.gov

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Web links:

Woods Hole Science Aquarium: <http://aquarium.nefsc.noaa.gov/>

Articles about the 2008 Summer Intern Programs:

http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/press_release/2008/SciSpot/SS0815/index.html