

Seaweek 2012

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Seaweek Educators' Expo 2012 – Friday 24 February

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Department of Fisheries is proud to host the 2012 Seaweek Educators' Expo – Western Australia's premier education experience for Seaweek – at the Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre, Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Seaweek is the Marine Education Society of Australasia's (MESA) major annual education campaign to increase understanding and appreciation of the sea and its living organisms. Seaweek will be held on the 4–10 March 2012, with the theme being 'Marine Debris – Clean it up!'

SEAWEEK 2012 AIMS TO:

- identify marine debris as a major type of pollution;
- analyse marine debris data and suggest possible sources;
- communicate findings to schools and the community;
- examine consumption habits and subsequent impacts of marine debris on the environment, specifically relating to plastics;
- increase awareness of human activities that can contribute to marine debris, highlighting the disconnection between consumption patterns and environmental issues/problems; and
- focus on ways that people can help the problems caused by marine debris.

YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS...

Seaweek Educators Expo is a fantastic learning and professional development opportunity; you can network with like-minded educators, meet knowledgeable marine and coastal educators and find out about the latest in marine education in WA. You will be able to choose from a range of hands-on field, laboratory and class activities over the day.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Seaweek Educators' Expo is suitable for Primary and Secondary teachers, pre-service teachers, environmental educators and anyone interested in learning more about marine education in Western Australia.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR AT SEAWEEK EDUCATORS' EXPO 2012

Marine WATERS – Have an in-depth look at *Unfantastic Plastic*, one of the great lesson plans available on this marine education website.

WA Museum – Join the WA Museum and discover how natural marine debris affects our oceans. Explore the relationship between shipwrecks and the formation of marine habitats for sea life.

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Pollution can have devastating effects on the marine environment. Get hands-on using specialised equipment used to clean up oils, chemicals and garbage that foul the ocean.

Ocean Reef Senior High School – Learn how to create fish ID slates back in the classroom from a snorkeling and underwater photography session at Mettams Pool.

With more to come, including activities from the Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre, Coastcare, Department of Environment and Conservation, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School and Rottnest Island Authority.

REGISTRATION

Dive into Seaweek Educators' Expo by registering your interest with the Department of Fisheries via email. A program of events and registration brochure will be sent to you in early 2012.

For more information or to register your interest for this great professional learning opportunity contact:

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