University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program to host 10th annual Aloha Bowl

Over 70 talented high school students from throughout the state of Hawai‘i and Guam will converge on the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa campus on Saturday, March 3 to compete in the 10th annual Aloha Bowl.

The Aloha Bowl is the Hawai‘i regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB), an annual competition where teams consisting of four or five students test their knowledge of marine science and policy through quick answer buzzer questions and thought-provoking team challenge questions.

The winning team will compete against 24 other regional champions in the 15th annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel on April 19-22, 2012 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Through this educational forum, the organizers and sponsors strive to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates, and informed citizens to be stewards of the ocean. Approximately 2,000 students from over 300 high schools will participate in the regional competitions in 2012.

The high schools that will compete in the Aloha Bowl include Farrington High School, Moanalua High School, and Punahou High School from Oahu, Keaalakehe High School, Konawaena High School, and Waiakea High School from Hawaii Island, King Kekaulike High School and Maui High School from Maui, Waimea High School from Kauai, and St. Johns School from Guam.

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For more information, visit http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/aloha-bowl, or call (808) 956-7410.

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