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Contoocook Valley Regional High School Wins National Video Contest
NOSB Holds Second Annual “Living on the Ocean Planet”

(Washington, D.C.) – The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®), an ocean science education program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, D.C., announced that Contoocook Valley Regional High School from Peterborough, New Hampshire has won the second annual NOSB “Living on the Ocean Planet” Video Contest.

The video competition is broken down into three regions. The three regional winners move on to compete against each other for the national title. This year’s winning team, Will Welch and Gwyn Welch with Coach Patricia Cloutier, presented their video, “Ocean Exploration: The Future,” at the 13th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) final, held April 23-25, 2010 at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and USF’s College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg, Florida. The video showcased how technology, specifically remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs), allows scientists to expand their knowledge of the oceans.

The top three videos are:

First Place: Contoocook Valley Regional High School – Peterborough, NH

Video Title: Ocean Exploration: The Future

Second Place: Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science- Manahawkin, NJ

Video Title: Reflection in the Water: Humans and the Ocean

Third Place: Woodbridge High School- Irvine, CA

Video Title: Desalination Plants: Making Earth Habitable

The winning video will be played on the Ocean Today Kiosk, which is housed at the Smithsonian’s Sant Ocean Hall, for three months. It will also be broadcast to the kiosks in fourteen Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers that are located throughout the United States and Mexico. All top three videos will be posted on the following web sites: Consortium for Ocean Leadership, NOSB, Census of Marine Life, National Marine Educators Association, Encyclopedia of Life, Facebook and YouTube.

About Consortium for Ocean Leadership

Ocean Leadership is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization that represents 95 of the leading public and private ocean research education institutions, aquaria and industry with the mission to advance research, education and sound ocean policy. The

organization also manages ocean research and education programs in areas of scientific ocean drilling, ocean observing, ocean exploration and ocean partnerships.

About National Ocean Sciences Bowl

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, D.C. NOSB seeks to interest students in pursuing a college degree and future career in the ocean sciences. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens, to consider and appreciate the ocean. Approximately 2,000 students from over 300 high schools participated in 2010.

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