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WHO: Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
WHAT: Book Reading by National Geographic Explorer Dr. Sylvia Earle
WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10-11 a.m.
WHERE: Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Conference Room

National Geographic Explorer Dr. Sylvia Earle to Read Her Children’s Book ‘Hello, Fish!’ during ‘Holidays at the Harte’

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Sylvia Earle, chair of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI) Advisory Council, will read her children’s book “Hello, Fish!” on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10-11 a.m. in the HRI conference room at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Earle will read the book written specifically for youngsters as part of the “Holidays at the Harte” which will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5. The book features underwater photos of a variety of coral reef dwellers including the clown fish, damselfish and gobies, with educational insights into their habits. Earle, a National Geographic Explorer in Residence, was named Time magazine’s first "Hero for the Planet" in 1998.

During the two-day “Holidays at the Harte” there will be an art and book sale featuring more than 200 biological original and print illustrations, vintage science books, and a book signing with renowned authors of books on the Gulf Coast. Proceeds from the sale will benefit marine science students.

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