

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**DATE:** February 4, 2009

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\*\*\*\*\*PHOTO/MEDIA OPPORTUNITY\*\*\*\*\*

**WHO:** Dr. David McKee and Students from the Marine Ecology Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**WHAT:** 24-Hour Study of Oso Bay

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 5, at noon through Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8 a.m.;  
Best photo/interview opportunities on Friday at noon and 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Naval Air Station Bridge on Ocean Drive

## **Annual Study by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Marine Ecology Class Provides Health Assessment of Oso Bay Data gathered during 24-hour period to be compared to 20 previous years**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Students in Dr. David McKee’s marine ecology classes will camp on the beach of Oso Bay to gather and study water specimens for the annual assessment of the bay’s health from Friday, Feb. 5, at noon to Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8 a.m. next to the Naval Air Station Bridge on Ocean Drive.

This is the 21st consecutive year that the University’s marine ecology class has conducted a 24-hour study to determine the presence and abundance of large and small fish and invertebrates. The students also measure water quality. After the results are tallied, and analyzed the students are required to write an extensive research paper to describe the collections made and to compare this year with the previous studies.

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