MEDIA ALERT
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WHO: The Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies and the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

WHAT: “Wear Blue for Oceans” Event

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Room 127

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to Join in National Day Promoting Presidential Initiative to Save Nation’s Ecosystems

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation will host a “Wear Blue for Oceans” event on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Harte Research Institute, Room 127.

Dr. Tom Shirley, HRI chair and professor, will read a statement supporting President Barack Obama’s intent to establish a comprehensive national policy to protect, maintain and restore the ecosystems of our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes. In addition, the campus community is encouraged to wear blue to show support the non-partisan initiative. Similar events are planned in cities across the country.

According to HRI Executive Director Larry McKinney, the current tangle of more than 140 different and sometimes conflicting laws and regulations, administered by 20 federal agencies, is not a recipe for success. The draft national policy calls for the formation of a National Ocean Council to coordinate the various agencies.

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