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Kathleen Welder Receives Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Kathleen Welder, a master’s student in the Environmental Science Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been awarded a Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship to serve a one-year position in Washington, D.C., beginning in February 2012.

Named for former NOAA administrator John A. Knauss, the fellowship program matches graduate students with legislative and executive branch offices to learn and participate in marine policy making at the highest level. Welder was one of five students from Texas selected for the program.

Welder specializes in ecosystem services under Dr. David Yoskowitz, endowed professor of socioeconomics at the University’s Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies. Her research focuses on the value of freshwater inflow-dependent habitats in Texas estuaries.