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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,


During the summer of 2005, the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve began working with community members in Kachemak Bay to collect information on local zooplankton populations. A plankton monitoring program was created, and volunteers were trained to sample plankton using nets. Samples are currently being used to help understand larval settlement, biological distributions, and variability of local plankton populations. The success of this plankton monitoring program is built on the strength of many community partnerships, in particular the Kachemak Bay Oyster Cooperative, who collectively provided a platform for temperature sensors and became dedicated plankton monitors. In addition, local water taxi operators voluntarily collected and transported samples to Homer.

The staff of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve would like to express their gratitude to all the monitors, boat operators, and community members that made this program a success: Bob Hartley, Mike Nakada, Debbie Seims, Steve and Cheryl Rykaczewski, Mike and Weatherly Bates, Nelda Osgood, Christy Johnson, Michael Opheim, Nick Tanape, Derek Fyneigle, Pat Norman, Herman and Karen Moonin, Mako's Water Taxi, Bay Excursions, Rainbow Tours and Smokey Bay Air.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 20th during the Fourth Annual PlanktonFest at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, where we will be recognizing these dedicated volunteers for their help in establishing/developing a successful plankton monitoring program within Kachemak Bay.

Terry Thompson and Staff
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

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