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## **State High Schools Invited to Compete in 2010 Orca Bowl**

Washington Sea Grant (WSG) is looking statewide for teams to participate in Orca Bowl, the annual marine science competition for high-school students. More than just a contest, the event provides an opportunity for teams and their coaches to meet ocean science professionals and students with a passion for all things marine.

Now is the time for coaches to register their teams for the Feb. 6, 2010, event at the University of Washington in Seattle.

One of 25 regional competitions of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB), Orca Bowl brings student teams together to test their knowledge of the oceans and marine science topics.

During the one-day Orca Bowl competition, teams composed of four students and an alternate answer sets of rapid-fire multiple-choice, short-answer and problem-based team challenge questions. The subjects include the biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the ocean, as well as ocean-related current events. After the competition, an evening reception will recognize teams for scholarship, sportsmanship and creativity. The top regional team wins a trip to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, scheduled for April 23-25, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

More information and an online registration form are available at <http://www.wsg.washington.edu/education/events/orca.html>, or contact Julie Hahn, WSG education coordinator, at 206.685.9117 or [jkhahn@u.washington.edu](mailto:jkhahn@u.washington.edu). Coaches who register their teams will receive information in preparation for the competition. The

Washington state regional competition is hosted by Washington Sea Grant, the School of Oceanography and other UW programs.

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