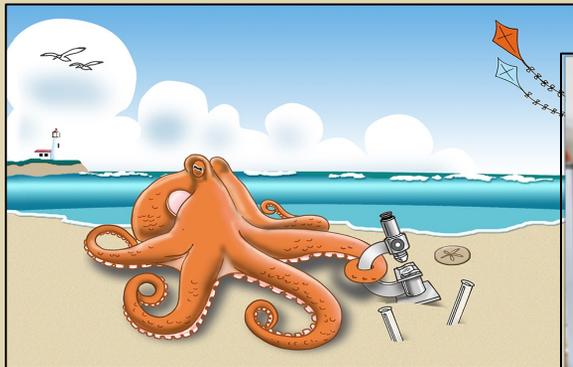


April Review

HMSC hosted the second virtual Marine Science Day event on April 9th. We had over 2000 visits to the site during the event, 31% of which were first time visitors to the HMSC website. And nearly 500 visitors attended a live talk. While most of the visitors were from Oregon or Washington, we had virtual visitors from across the country and even internationally.

A special thanks to the volunteers that proofread a very large website in just a few days, we could not have done it without you.

If you missed the event or want to watch a session again, the site will be open all year. Join in all the fun at: <https://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/marine-science-day>.



We hope to be back onsite for this event next year but no matter what, we will plan on April 8th, 2023 to do it all again!

Pictured above is Lindsay Carroll leading the live animal interactions session during Marine Science Day. Lindsay has also been busy scheduling, coordinating and teaching classes. Spring is the time of year for school group visits both in the labs and Visitor Center. It has been two years since we have had the lively energy of k-12 students moving through the center.

With increased visitation and student groups, this most definitely requires additional staffing. Thank you to all of you that supported the Visitor Center outreach efforts in April. We will continue to see a lot of students during the month of May as well. The more volunteers staffing the center the merrier! You all are an integral part of these young learners' experience!



We are quickly moving into our summer hours. We will be open everyday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning May 30th. Volunteer shifts will adjust to 10:00-1:30 and 1:30-5:00, and the reservation system will continue to be in place for daily visitation.

As we continue to get busier in the Visitor Center, the main priority is to make sure that we are staffing the touch pool area along with the front desk.

We certainly want to make sure that the animals are handled safely as well as provide the opportunity for our visitors to learn more about our unique tide pool inhabitants.



Thanks to Judy Upton for coming in repeatedly to help with school groups!

The pile driving construction project for the new seawater system caused a few additional moves for the giant Pacific octopus on exhibit. Due to vibrations, she was moved to the west wing animal husbandry area for a short time. She is now back on exhibit and is doing extremely well! As far as we know, they should be done with the portion of the project that would involve heavy vibrations. Thank goodness!

In other animal updates, we have pipefish on exhibit in the estuary tank again. They are difficult to spot as they tend to blend into the eelgrass habitat. Have you spotted them?

If not, ask staff or an aquarist to point them out during your shift. There are currently three pipefish on exhibit with more to come! Additional pipefish have been collected and are currently in quarantine. Did you know that the male pipefish carries the eggs in his brood pouch?

