

BEACHWALKERS & BIRDERS WANTED!

Help make a difference for the environment by collecting data for the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST).

COASST is a citizen science project dedicated to involving volunteers in the collection of high quality data on the status of coastal beaches, and trends of seabirds. Our goal is to assist government agencies and other organizations in making informed management and conservation decisions, and promote proactive citizen involvement and action. COASST volunteers systematically count and identify bird carcasses that wash ashore along ocean beaches from northern California to Alaska. Volunteers need NO experience with birds, just a commitment to survey a specific beach (about 3/4 mile) each month.

If you are interested in participating, join COASST staff for a full, 6-hour training session. Hear about how COASST started, learn how to use the custom Beached Birds field guide, and try out your new skills with some actual specimens. There is no charge to attend a training, but plan to provide a \$20 refundable deposit if you would like to take home a COASST volunteer kit complete with a COASST Beached Birds field guide. Training activities take place indoors, and include a break for lunch - please pack your own or plan to buy lunch nearby.

Upcoming COASST training session:

SATURDAY February 2, 2013

Juneau, AK

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Valley Library (1905 Mall Road Set #190)

If you can't attend this event, please check our website at www.coasst.org or call [\(206\) 221-6893](tel:2062216893) for additional information on upcoming events and trainings.

To reserve your spot at a training session, please contact coasst@uw.edu or [206-221-6893](tel:2062216893).

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Volunteer with COASST and help make a difference for the environment!

COASST volunteers collect data on beach-cast carcasses of marine birds on a monthly basis to establish the baseline pattern of beached bird deposition on North Pacific beaches. Data collected helps address important marine conservation issues and protect marine resources.

Reserve your training spot by calling COASST at 206-221-6893 or emailing info@coasst.org.

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