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NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Office Hosts Exhibit Featuring Work of Massachusetts Students

Exhibit Open to the Public Through June 30, 2011

A new exhibit of student art focused on "Amazing Ocean Creatures of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the Gulf of Maine" has opened at the NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Office in Gloucester, MA.

The illustrations and paintings are the winners and honorable mentions from the 2010 Marine Art Contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Marine Educators. Co-sponsors for the contest include Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, New England Aquarium, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society and Stellwagen Alive.

The artwork represents efforts from students in grades K-12 and includes five divisions -- elementary, middle school, high school, scientific illustration and computer graphics/photography.

The traveling show has already appeared in Provincetown at the Center for Coastal Studies, at the JFK Building in Boston's Government Center and at the Salem National Historic Park's visitor center.

The exhibit, which is currently on display at the NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA, is free and open to the public Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The 2011 Marine Art Contest will close on April 28, and winners from this year's contest will be featured in the next show. For information and rules about the contest, go to <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> or <http://www.massmarineeducators.org>.

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