



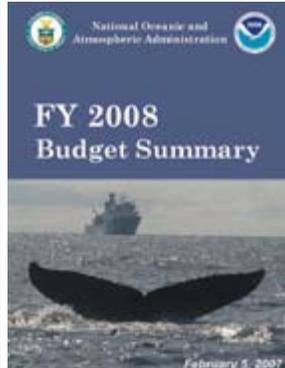
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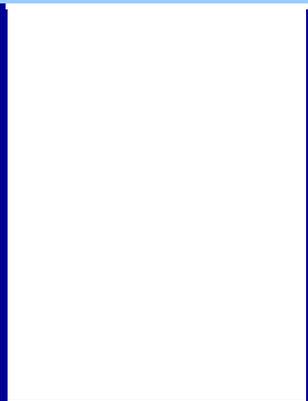
**NOAA Volunteers Restore Habitat on the Patuxent River**

On June 12, more than 170 NOAA employees and partners participated in the fourth annual NOAA Restoration Day held at the Jug Bay component of the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland. Volunteers from all line offices performed a variety of restoration activities to help restore habitat within the Patuxent River watershed. They planted underwater bay grasses grown in 22 tanks in NOAA offices, transplanted wild rice, performed fish seining and sampling, mapped and removed invasive plants, and completed digital elevation mapping.



*Forty NOAA volunteers dug up and transplanted 1,000 wild rice plants to six different areas of Jug Bay during the NOAA Restoration Day event.*

*They also installed 400 feet of protective fencing to help establish the plants. Wild rice seeds and plants need to be transplanted and protected by fencing to help restore the expansive stands in the Jug Bay marshes.*



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*Kim Couranz from the NOAA Chesapeake Bay office and nine other NOAA Restoration Day volunteers help to measure and identify fish captured during a fish seining activity on the shore of the Patuxent River in Jug Bay. Twelve species of fish were identified. Banded killifish and mummichog were most common.*

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*Stu Harris from NOAA Legislative Affairs holds a female blue crab caught during the fish trawling activity from a small NOAA vessel. Fish trawling was one of fourteen different activities conducted during the Maryland NOAA Restoration Day event.*

### **Interns Learn About NOAA, Volunteer for Restoration Week**

This year, over 120 students, representing the Educational Partnership Program Undergraduate Scholars, the Educational Partnership Program Graduate Scholars, and the Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship program, attended a one-week orientation at the NOAA Science Center conducted by the Office of Education for

new NOAA interns. Each line office gave informative presentations on the work of NOAA and how the various programs integrate on research, atmospheric, marine and ocean issues. The students also had an opportunity to speak with line office and program representatives to assist in choosing their internship projects. For the third year, many of the interns also volunteered for work during NOAA's Restoration Week.



*This year's volunteers are (left to right) Karl Grant, Florida A&M; Arwen Edsall, Graduate Sciences Program; Zakiya Hoyett, Norfolk State University; Cassidy Lum, University of Hawaii-Manoa; Brittany White, University of San Diego; Ashley Rouser, Jackson State University; Dr. Priti Brahma, NOAA Office of Education; Latoya Chandler, Florida A&M; Glenn Russell, Texas A&M University-Galveston; Gregory Oliver, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; Elvin Efamba, NOAA Office of Education; Kelvin Raiford, North Carolina Central University; Jill Pegues, NOAA Office of Education.*

## Pinning the Prince

**Capt. Steven Barnum** presented a Coastal and Geodetic Survey pin to Monaco's Prince Albert II at the International Hydrographic Organization conference held in the Mediterranean seaside country in May. The United States chart presentation and display, which won first place at the conference, was a joint effort between the U.S. Navy, and NOAA, and featured 200 years of hydrography in the United States.