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F.I.S.H. Program Hooks Families on Marine Science

(Sandy Hook, NJ)....This fall, The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium (NJMSC) /New Jersey Sea Grant (NJSG) will offer a unique and entertaining series of weekend programs that let families experience the wonders of the Jersey Shore. The NJMSC/NJ Sea Grant F.I.S.H. (Families Investigate Science Hands-on) Program uses the beaches and bay at Sandy Hook as coastal classrooms and offers specifically designed activities that make learning fun and exciting.

Guided by experienced NJMSC/NJ Sea Grant instructors, families will be led on educational marine science explorations exposing them to Sandy Hook's diverse creatures and features. Each program offers participants hands-on activities with opportunities to use special equipment like seine nets and microscopes to investigate sand, shells, crabs, fish and more.

The programs are suitable for children in grades K-12 and support in-school science education. The cost is \$7.50 for children and adults; children under the age of 3 are free. Each program runs approximately 2 hours.

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F.I.S.H. Fall 2008 cont'd

The fall 2008 lineup includes: Saturday, September 13: *Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab* at 11:00 am and *On Sandy Shores* at 1:30 pm; Saturday, September 20: *Terrific Terrapins!* at 11:00 am and *Salt Marsh Investigation* at 1:30 pm; Sunday, September 21: *Incredible Crustaceans* at 11:00 am and *Lenape and the Jersey Shore* at 1:30 pm; Saturday, September 27: *Terrific Terrapins!* At 11:00 am and *Incredible Crustaceans* at 1:30 pm and Sunday, October 5: *On Sandy Shores* at 11:00 am and *Lenape and the Jersey Shore* at 1:30 pm.

The NJMSC/NJ Sea Grant Fall 2008 F.I.S.H. series will wrap up with the frighteningly successful Hallow-Marine “spooktacular” on October 25th from 5 to 8 pm. Participants will discover the scary side of Sandy Hook in this guided tour filled with true facts, tall tales, myths, mystery and more. The program is geared for children aged 5 and up and all children must be accompanied by an adult. This special F.I.S.H. program is \$13.00 per person. Pre-registration is required to guarantee space in all of these highly popular programs. Families may choose to participate in one or more of this fall's F.I.S.H. programs. To learn more about F.I.S.H. and to pre-register please call 732-872-1300 x 20 (x30 for Hallow-Marine) or visit NJMSC's website at njmsc.org.

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