

## Beach walkers wanted for Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST)

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On October 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team will deliver a virtual training session for the residents of Northern California. COASST participants help make a difference for the environment by collecting data on beach-cast carcasses of marine birds on a monthly basis to establish the baseline pattern of beached bird mortality on North Pacific beaches.

Through an interactive workshop held via Zoom, trainees will become acquainted with COASST survey protocols, and have a chance to learn more about the seabirds that live in their area. The COASST training provides participants with the tools to monitor for potential changes in the marine environment and promote stewardship of local marine resources.

COASST is a citizen science project of the University of Washington in partnership with state, tribal, and federal agencies, environmental organizations and community groups. COASST believes citizens of coastal communities are essential scientific partners in monitoring marine ecosystem health. By collaborating with citizens, natural resource management agencies and environmental organizations, COASST works to

translate long-term monitoring into effective marine conservation solutions. Currently, nearly 1,000 participants survey beaches in Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska.

The training session will be held at online via Zoom; attendees will need a computer or mobile device with a strong internet connection to stream a Zoom Webinar, with audio and/or video streaming capabilities. Participants need no prior experience with scientific data collection, just a commitment to survey a specific beach at least once a month.

Reserve your training spot by registering in advance at this link:

[https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_q1p42g9RTBGAxMRxekTl8Q](https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q1p42g9RTBGAxMRxekTl8Q).