Lake Sturgeon Bowl connects Wisconsin high school students to the world’s oceans

**Who:** Wisconsin high school students with a strong interest in marine and freshwater science. Fifty scientists and researchers from the WATER Institute and other community partners act as bowl officials. “The past eleven years have shown that we produce some of the strongest, most knowledgeable teams in the nation,” said UWM Professor of Geosciences Keith Sverdrup.

**What:** Twenty-five high school teams, each comprised of four or five students, compete in the annual regional ocean sciences bowl. The winning team will receive an all-expense paid trip to Baltimore, Maryland to compete against 24 other regional champions in the 15th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) April 19-22, 2012. [http://www.nosb.org/](http://www.nosb.org/)

In 2011, the Marshfield High School team finished first in the nation for the third year running. After the team won the 14th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl held in Galveston, Texas, they were awarded a scientific trip to Puerto Rico.

**When:** Daylong event starts at 8 a.m. on Sat., Feb. 4, 2012. The Award Ceremony begins at 5 p.m.

**Where:** University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave. (check in on seventh floor of the Plankinton Building).

**Why:** The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean and freshwater sciences as a college major and potential career. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens. Approximately 2,000 students from over 300 high schools will participate in 2012.

**Of note:** Eleven years ago, The UWM-Great Lakes WATER Institute brought the bowl to Wisconsin to support its mission in partnership with the UW Seas Grant College Program to provide the state with a focal point for freshwater research, education and outreach aimed at a thorough understanding of the Great Lakes and other aquatic and environmental resources of local, state, national and international
importance. Sponsors include the WE Energy Foundation, UW Sea Grant and the Brunswick Public Foundation.

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