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Students Monitoring Oyster Projects at the Morris Landing

Wilmington – Students from Dixon High School in Onslow County and Eugene H. Ashley High School in New Hanover County will work with the N.C. Coastal Federation to monitor oyster habitat restoration projects in Stump Sound.

The students will work with staff and volunteers at the federation's Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

This field work is part of the students' participation in the federation's Student Habitat Education Program. The program engages students in the classroom and the field with activities and lessons on oyster ecology. The activities are correlated with the N.C. Standard Course of Study and use North Carolina's coastal habitats as living classrooms.

Over 2,000 students and teachers have participated in the Student Habitat Education program since it started in 2008. The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation supports the program. The foundation awards grants to nonprofit community agencies, universities and other partners for programs that promote the sciences, health and education.

The students will be monitoring oyster habitat restoration projects that were completed in 2009 and 2010 as part of an initiative to create healthy oyster habitat in the high quality waters of Stump Sound.

Editors and Reporters Note: Media are invited to join the federation and the students.

Please contact Ted Wilgis at the federation at (910) 509-2838 or tedw@nccoast.org if you would like to participate in the event.