



News Release

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Community members act as citizen scientists to help “Snap the Shore, See the Future”

(Honolulu, HI) In Hawai‘i and throughout the Pacific Islands sea-level rise is occurring. While most people are not negatively impacted by the rising seas on a daily basis yet, “king tides,” the highest predicted tides which occur only a few times per year, give us a glimpse into the future and show what will likely be at risk.

According to global projections, which are in line with what people in Hawai‘i can expect, a three-foot rise in sea-level by 2100 is predicted. In Hawai‘i and low-lying islands in the Pacific this will be particularly devastating and could cause increased coastal flooding and beach loss, damage homes and infrastructure, endanger critical habitat, and impact tourism, a vital part of the state’s economy.

The University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program (Hawai‘i Sea Grant) is the project lead for this region of the Pacific for the International King Tides Project called “Snap the Shore, See the Future” which captures and records extreme high tide events on a global scale. On Monday, November 7, Hawai‘i Sea Grant will train community members on how to participate as citizen scientists and photograph the king tides which occur where they live, work, and play.

Media coverage is invited and encouraged.

Citizen Scientist Community Training

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2016

**‘Iolani School, Sullivan Center for Innovation and Leadership
563 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826**

The training is free, but space is limited and registration is required. To register, please visit:
<https://hi-king-tides-nov2016.eventbrite.com>

Cannot make it in person? You can watch live at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5r5eeXQLaNU>.
Registration is still requested, simply indicate your participation option through the ticket selection.

For more information on our upcoming winter photo survey please visit:
<http://ccsr.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/king-tides>

The upcoming king tides in Hawai‘i and the Pacific Islands will occur in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on Nov. 15-16; Hawai‘i on Nov. 17-18; American Samoa on Dec. 12-13; and in Guam on Dec. 13-14.

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