



## **How To Build A Successful NOSB Team**

### **If you do not have a marine biology or oceanography program or club at your school:**

- Start a marine biology or oceanography club at your school to gain student interest.
- Assign students in the club specific jobs so they have a vested responsibility in the club.
- Meet on a weekly basis either before school, during free periods, lunch or after school.
- Share club responsibilities with another staff member.
- Take your new club to the next level by forming a National Ocean Sciences Bowl team!

### **If you already have a marine biology or oceanography program or club at your school:**

- Evaluate students in your club on their seriousness, passion, work ethics and free time. Some students have many extracurricular activities that may inhibit their full participation in NOSB.
- Bring your interested students to an NOSB Open House at Birch Aquarium in September so they can see what NOSB is all about.
- When deciding final team members take recommendations from sophomore and junior teachers as well as test their knowledge of the oceans through scrimmages, quizzes and other challenges.
- Once team is decided assign one team member to a subject to become an “expert” in. Important subjects to cover include physical, biological, chemical and geological oceanography, geography, pollutants, history, technology, navigation, great lakes, climate and climate change, hurricanes, global warming, ozone depletion, mathematics and acronyms.
- It is good to start consistent study session in September meeting once a week for about 2 hours. You should increase your study time after Thanksgiving or Christmas to twice a week for a total of 4 hours. These study sessions can encompass your entire marine biology club and can help to determine your final team members.

### **Great Studying Tips:**

- Students should take studying serious but should also have fun by incorporating games and puzzles such as memory, crosswords, website quizzes, oral presentations, practice toss-up questions, practice buzzer questions and practice with a buzzer system.
- When choosing a team captain it is important to evaluate your team and not necessarily nominate the most intelligent student but a student who has a clear head and works well under pressure.
- Take advantage of the educational field trips, tours and scrimmages your regional coordinator at Birch Aquarium at Scripps offers and most importantly have fun!