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Reporters and editors: This release announces the 2008 GBCW kickoff meeting. Reporters are welcome to attend. Please contact Ann Reid (603-749-1565 or ann.reid@unh.edu) for more information.

DURHAM, N.H. - Are you interested in learning about the Great Bay Estuary? Volunteers for the Great Bay Coast Watch collect information about the health of the estuary while enjoying the scenery and wildlife that the New Hampshire coast has to offer.

The Great Bay Coast Watch will hold its annual kickoff meeting Tuesday, March 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, 89 Depot Rd. in Greenland. This event encourages interested individuals to attend and mingle with long-time volunteers.

"People want to make a difference and protect their local environment and this is a great way to get involved," says Ann Reid, coordinator for the Watch.

The meeting will include a potluck dinner and Gary "Creek Man" Sredzienski of Kittery, Maine, will be in attendance. Sredzienski, who regularly swims in the tidal backwaters of southern Maine, recently swam six miles from Odiorne Point in Rye to the Isles of Shoals to raise funds for SteppingStones, a Portsmouth-based post-rehabilitation program for individuals with traumatic brain injury. In addition to playing accordion music for the celebration, Sredzienski will speak about his experiences with the local waterways.

For more information about volunteering for the Watch or about the annual meeting, please contact Ann Reid at 603.749.1565 or ann.reid@unh.edu.

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