

## *Family Engagement Packet*

HIA Environmental contributed an Environmental Quality Scavenger Hunt to the school's Family Engagement Packet this month. Enjoy the daylight and learn about phytoplankton, air quality, and plastic pollution facts by locating these three stops hidden around town- and pick up a sticker at one of the locations!

## *UAS Fisheries Technology Course*

Gain college credit and learn about fisheries resource management and practices through the Fisheries Technology Course! If you're a high school student interested in salmon, halibut, crab and other marine resources and how we manage them, sign up for this UAS course next semester by contacting Deborah Badertscher ([badertscherd@hoonahschools.org](mailto:badertscherd@hoonahschools.org)) at the school or Sean Williams ([sean.williams@hiatribe.org](mailto:sean.williams@hiatribe.org)) at HIA Environmental.

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## *Coastal Resilience Program*

For more information, check out our webpage at [HIA-ENV.org/coastal-resiliency-program/](http://HIA-ENV.org/coastal-resiliency-program/)

- No Invasive Species detected in Hoonah Harbor
- Starfish Wasting Disease Found at Icy Strait Point
- Working with HCS & UAS to offer dual enrollment courses in fisheries technology and oceanography
- Reactivated the ADF&G Icy Straits Advisory Committee



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## *IGAP*

On December 14th, we went out to collect shellfish for our monthly sampling and monitoring. We are hoping results of the sample taken help clear the advisory that is currently placed on shellfish. The results of the sample came back Dec. 18th, and even though we are at the tail end of the year we are receiving very high PSP. levels in Butter Clams especially.



If you choose to go out please use caution as there are very few areas not covered by very loose mucky sand. We also did notice the shellfish were not in our usual collection areas. This is likely do to the heavy rains. If you have a favorite area, chances are it has changed as well. Stay tuned for our social media posts with the results!!



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[www.hia-env.org](http://www.hia-env.org)

## *Hoonah Native Forest Partnership*

In September and October, the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership, Ricardo Contreras, Phillip Sharclane, Derrick Barton, and Jeremy Johnson along with AmeriCorps member Rebekah Sawers attended a GIS training hosted by the South East Sustainable partnership. The goal was to learn GIS skills to grow our community knowledge of data from the Hoonah Native Forest partnership. We learned the basics of the ArcGIS mapping program, got to participate in interactive events with our community, and how to turn our phones into hunting tools! if you're interested in learning more about the ArcGIS and mapping for deer and pinning locations let us know!!



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