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Gracilaria Salicornia - alien invasive algae washed up on the shore at Kawaiku`i Beach.

Photo by Dean Otsuki, B.E.A.C.H.

World Ocean Day Celebration

HAWAII KAI – In celebration of World Ocean Day, the Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai`i (B.E.A.C.H.) and Malama Maunalua are organizing a beach clean-up at Kawaiku`i Beach Park on Friday 8th June from 3pm to 5pm.

Volunteers will remove invasive algae and litter from the shoreline. Livable Hawai`i Kai Hu`i is also participating and helping with the clean-up. Hawai`i State Representative Lyla Berg will speak at the event at 3pm.

Individuals and groups are invited to join in and help clean up Kawaiku`i Beach. Volunteers must register by Thursday 7th June, 2007 by calling Suzanne or Dean on 393 2168.

Further information is available on the B.E.A.C.H. website: www.b-e-a-c-h.org .

Kale's Natural Foods is providing bottled water. All volunteers will have the opportunity to win prizes from Ben & Jerry's, Kale's Natural Foods and GreenSaks.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes (such as tabis, reef walkers, tennis shoes) and bring a rake, bucket, sunscreen and a hat. Kawaiku`i Beach is located in `Aina Haina on Kalaniana`ole Highway at Pu`u ikena Drive.

World Ocean Day is being celebrated with activities worldwide. It is an opportunity to reflect on the ocean's importance in our lives, to learn more about the ocean and to take

time to do something good for our blue planet. It's up to each of us to help ensure that our ocean is protected and conserved for future generations through positive changes in our daily lives.

Here are some ideas from Suzanne Frazer of B.E.A.C.H. for how you can do your part to protect the ocean and marine life on World Ocean Day:

- bring a bag when you go for a walk, hike or paddle and collect any litter you find
- bring re-usable bags when shopping
- recycle plastic & glass bottles and cans
- if you smoke, use a butt holder (personal cigarette disposal)
- always put your rubbish in the bin/can – Do the right thing!
- choose organic food
- use a polycarbonate reusable water bottle
- cut 6 pack rings before disposing of them
- remove invasive algae from the shoreline
- don't stand, sit or walk on coral
- use earth-friendly cleaning products

Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i is a non-profit, volunteer organization concerned with bringing awareness and solutions to the problem of marine debris and litter on Hawai'i's beaches. B.E.A.C.H. co-ordinates beach clean-ups, litter prevention campaigns and presentations to schools and community organizations in order to educate and bring awareness to the need to care for Hawai'i's beaches, coastline and marine life.

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