Over the past year, New York Sea Grant has been developing a new curriculum focusing on the environmental and social impacts of marine debris and plastic pollution, titled "Plastic Pollution and You: An Interdisciplinary Curriculum to Explore Our Role in Plastic Pollution". The curriculum was created by NYSG Specialists and has been reviewed by environmental professionals. Now, we are now looking for feedback and review by teachers and educators throughout New York State to make this resource as impactful as possible.

We would love to learn your thoughts and insights on the topics, objectives, and content of the lessons in this curriculum. While you are reviewing the lessons, NYSG is also working with graphic and curriculum design experts to format the curriculum and align each lesson with learning standards. Together, we hope to create a resource that can help engage and educate students from all backgrounds on this important topic.

Here's how you can help NYSG and participate in the review:

- The curriculum consists of three sections that contain five activities each.
- We ask that each reviewer provides feedback on at <u>least one section</u> that contains five lessons by <u>June 11, 2021</u>.
- The lessons will be available online through Canvas, an online learning tool.

  Reviewers will have access to the entire curriculum throughout the duration of the review period. They will be able to view the lessons and provide feedback at their convenience

As a thank you gift for your time and knowledge, NYSG will be offering a \$50 stipend to the first <u>ten</u> participants who submit reviews however, all reviewers will receive a final copy of the curriculum and other fun NYSG prizes.

If you have any questions or would like to be considered as a reviewer, email Kathleen at kmf228@cornell.edu with:

Your Name Email and Phone Number School District/Organization Subjects and Grades You Teach

If you are interested in participating in this review, we will follow up with details on the process and access to the curriculum.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to work with you!

Sincerely, Kathleen and Nate

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