

COASST – Coastal Observation & Seabird Survey Team

COASST is a citizen science project based at the University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences in partnership with local community and environmental organizations, and state and federal agencies. COASST volunteers collect data on beach cast carcasses of marine birds on a monthly basis to establish the baseline, or “normal” pattern of beached bird mortality on North Pacific beaches. Baselines are crucial for assessing the impacts of oil spills, fisheries, and climate change in the marine environment. If you would like to know more about the COASST program, please call 206-221-6893 or visit www.coasst.org.