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"From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere!"

— Dr. Seuss

Smart Tags Help Scientists Track King Crabs

Scientists have found a clever new way to track red king crabs in Alaska. They attach small satellite tags to the crabs. Then they watch where the crabs go throughout the seasons.

The crabs live in a place called Bristol Bay. This is a large body of water off the coast of Alaska. Scientists have been watching the crabs there for several years, from 2021 to 2024.

The tags showed something very interesting. When the water gets warmer, the crabs move further west. They like to find cool, deep water. The crabs seem to follow the conditions that feel best to them.

This information helps the people who look after the crabs. They can now draw better boundaries to keep the crabs safe. As conditions change, the safety zones can change too. That is very good news for the crabs.

Scientists plan to keep tracking the crabs in winter and spring too. Those are special times when crabs mate and grow new shells. Learning more will help make sure red king crabs thrive for many years to come.

Source: NOAA Fisheries

NASA Plans to Build a Permanent Base on the Moon

NASA has some very exciting news. The space agency is working to build a base on the Moon. This would be a place where astronauts could live and work.

NASA has chosen eight companies to help with this big project. These companies will send supply ships to the Moon. The ships will carry tools, equipment, and supplies.

One of the most exciting parts is a special rover. It is called PROMISE. This rover will run on nuclear power. It will explore the surface of the Moon.

NASA's leader says the work is going very well. "We are building the Moon Base mission by mission," he said. Each new mission teaches the team something new. They use those lessons to do even better next time.

The goal is to have parts of the base already waiting when astronauts arrive. Imagine landing on the Moon and finding a home already there! NASA is working hard every day to make this dream come true. It is a wonderful time for space exploration.

Source: NASA

Tiny Fish Gets a Big New Home

A very rare little fish is getting some extra help from caring people across Tennessee. It is called the Laurel Dace. This tiny fish is in danger of disappearing forever. But thanks to some dedicated helpers, its future looks brighter.

The Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga had wonderful news. Their team had successfully raised hundreds of baby Laurel Dace fish. In fact, they raised so many babies that they needed more space for them all!

That is where Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery came in. They had large tanks ready and waiting. The two teams made a plan together. It was time to move the little fish to their new home.

Two kind volunteers named Brad and Royanne Exline helped with the move. They drove to meet the aquarium team halfway and carefully brought the baby fish the rest of the way. Around 350 young Laurel Dace made the journey safely.

The tiny fish are now growing bigger every day at the hatchery. When they are strong enough, they will be released into the wild. Everyone hopes they will thrive and have babies of their own. It is a true team effort with a happy ending!

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

One Man's Mission to Bring Hawaii's Fish to Your Table

Have you ever wondered where your fish comes from? A man named Caleb McMahan wants to help you find out. He now leads the Hawaii Seafood Council. His job is to connect people with local seafood.

Caleb's story began in a surprising way. He was a college student feeling restless one Halloween night. He met a fisherman covered in tattoos. That chance meeting changed his life forever.

Right after Christmas, young Caleb flew to Alaska. He boarded a fishing boat for the very first time. He was just 20 years old. He had never been on a boat in the ocean before. He spent four years fishing the cold Bering Sea.

Those years shaped who he is today. He went on to work many jobs in the fish world. He managed fishing boats. He worked at a fish auction in Honolulu. Each job taught him something new and valuable.

Now Caleb brings all that knowledge to Hawaii. He wants people to feel proud of local seafood. He also wants to protect island fishing jobs. His big heart and long experience make him just the right person for the job.

Source: NOAA Fisheries

Tiny Plastic Pieces Found High Up in the Air

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about our air. They found tiny pieces of plastic floating high above the ground. These pieces are called microplastics. They are so small you cannot see them.

We already knew microplastics show up in many places. They have been found in ocean water and Arctic ice. They even turn up in food and in our bodies. But scientists did not know much about how they travel through the air.

A team of clever researchers came up with a new idea. They used a small flying drone to collect air samples. The drone flew about 100 meters up in the sky. That is roughly as tall as a 30-story building.

The drone collected tiny plastic pieces at that height. This showed that microplastics can travel high into the air. The new method works very well. It can reach places that are hard for people to get to safely.

This discovery is a big step forward for science. Knowing where microplastics travel helps us learn more about our world. Scientists can now use drones to study clean air and work toward protecting it. That is wonderful news for all of us and for our planet.

Source: Brookhaven National Laboratory

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

PLASTIC COUNCIL ARCTIC CARGO

ROVER MOON TANK

B	A	O	X	O	U	S	R	W	X	H
T	R	I	O	Y	D	R	O	V	E	R
L	B	W	F	P	L	A	S	T	I	C
M	Y	Q	Q	F	H	W	T	C	J	Y
O	D	C	Z	X	J	K	A	O	G	I
O	Z	I	U	T	H	S	N	U	D	S
N	U	E	E	Q	Y	F	K	N	J	M
A	R	C	T	I	C	F	F	C	N	Z
P	S	O	T	P	Z	G	P	I	X	T
Q	E	J	O	S	B	X	U	L	B	Y
I	C	A	R	G	O	P	Y	X	A	N