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CoastKeepers get kelp grant

An alliance of California CoastKeeper groups, including Orange County's, will receive \$212,000 to continue growing kelp off the coast, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Tuesday.

The grant will be shared by the Orange County CoastKeeper, which has a kelp- growing program under way, and San Diego BayKeeper, Santa Monica BayKeeper, Ventura CoastKeeper and Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper. It is the last of three years' worth of grants for kelp growing.

In Orange County, the money is used to grow kelp off the coast and to teach high school students about the effort, including allowing them to help out.

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