

Toxic and Harmful Algal Blooms *“HABs in the News”*

Articles on harmful algal blooms have become commonplace in newspapers, magazines, and other media. The articles serve to make the public aware of bloom related phenomena, and in many cases offer scientific explanations of the event and its related consequences.

Your job is to investigate some recent articles on harmful algal blooms. The first thing you will have to do is find the articles; they can be from a newspaper, a magazine, or the internet. Several internet articles can be found at <http://www.bigelow.org/edhab/articles.html>. When you read the articles, take some notes. You should be sure to note the following:

- Date the article was published
- Medium in which the article was published (e.g. NY Times, National Geographic)
- Purpose for the article (e.g. to describe an event, to detail a new technique)
- Summary of the article
- Audience targeted by the article
- Your thoughts (Did the article accomplish its purpose? Was it well written? How could you improve the article? Were you left with any unanswered questions?)

Regroup as a class and discuss your findings with your classmates.