



# Phytoplankton Monitoring Network

Promoting a better understanding of Harmful Algal Blooms by way of Volunteer Monitoring

<http://www.chbr.noaa.gov/PMN/>

## Online WebEx Sample Collection and Shipment

### ► Sample Collection – Live Net Sample

- Conduct a normal 3-minute net tow.
- Rinse as usual into 8oz Sea-Gear bottle.
- Transfer half the sample into a 4oz bottle, secure the lid (taping the lid is not necessary).
- Fill out and attach a 'Plankton Sample Label' to bottle.
- Put the 4oz bottle into a zipped plastic bag.

### ► Sample Collection – Preserved Net Sample

- Conduct a normal 3-minute net tow.
- Rinse as usual into 8oz Sea-Gear bottle.
- Transfer approximately 2oz of the sample into a 4oz bottle.
- Add 1.0 – 1.5 ml of Lugol's to the sample. Secure the lid and mix gently.
- Fill out and attach a 'Plankton Sample Label' to bottle.
- Put the 4oz bottle into a zipped plastic bag (taping the lid of the bottle is not necessary).

### ► Sample Shipment – FedEx ONLY!

#### Ship Sample out via FedEx Priority Overnight – ONE day prior to session

Box up sample (use FedEx box) and ship it via **FedEx PRIORITY OVERNIGHT** to:

Jeff Paternoster 843-762-8657 or Matt Brim 843-762-8656  
NOAA Volunteer Phytoplankton Monitoring Network  
219 Fort Johnson Road  
Charleston, SC 29412

Payment by Recipient, FedEx #XXXXXXXXX ▷ FedEx Acct # is on the 'Sample Label' envelope

If you have any questions about shipping the sample, please call your PMN Regional Coordinator.

- Please be sure to fill out and attach a 'Plankton Sample Label' to the bottle before shipping.