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FILMS TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD
*Patagonia and South Moon Under bring
the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to Ocean City, MD!*

BERLIN, MD Join the Assateague COASTKEEPER® and the Assateague Coastal Trust when they host the *Wild and Scenic Film Festival On Tour* at Seacrets in Ocean City, MD on October 13, 2011.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a collection of films from the annual festival held the third week of January in Nevada City, California. Now in its 9th year, Wild & Scenic focuses on films that speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet.

“This should be a great film festival evening in Ocean City. I have seen a few of the films and they are really spectacular or very thought provoking,” said Frank Gunion of South Moon Under, an event Sponsor. “Ocean City doesn't get events like this very often so please support it.”

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in 2003. The festival's namesake is in celebration of SYRCL's landmark victory to receive “Wild & Scenic” status for 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. SYRCL is building a network of grassroots organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism.

On the program for the evening are “Animals Save The Planet”, produced for Animal Planet by Academy Award-winning studio, Aardman Animations (Wallace & Gromit; Chicken Run.) Animals Save the Planet is a funny, engaging series of clay animation short films that give us humans tips on how to live an eco-friendly lifestyle.

The festival is a natural extension of the Assateague COASTKEEPER's work to inspire people to act on behalf of swimmable, fishable and drinkable water. The Assateague COASTKEEPER is an on-the-water advocate for the protection and health of the Atlantic coastal bays west of Ocean City, Maryland and Assateague Island.

"We are grateful to local businesses like South Moon Under, Seacrets, and the Maryland Coast Dispatch, as well as the Town of Berlin for helping us bring the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to Seacrets in Ocean City," said Assateague COASTKEEPER Kathy Phillips. "Everyone who attends will receive a free membership to the Assateague Coastal Trust. Wild & Scenic will help us reach our goal of 212 new members in 2012, which is the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act."

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival will be held on Thursday, October 13 in Morley Hall at Seacrets on 49th Street in Ocean City, MD. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the films will begin at 6:00 p.m. Door prizes, including a Patagonia Gear Giveaway, will be awarded at intermission. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ActForBays.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Engaging meerkats are featured in one of the animated shorts, "Animals Save The Planet," produced by Academy Award winning studio Aardman Animations, of "Wallace & Gromit" fame.

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