

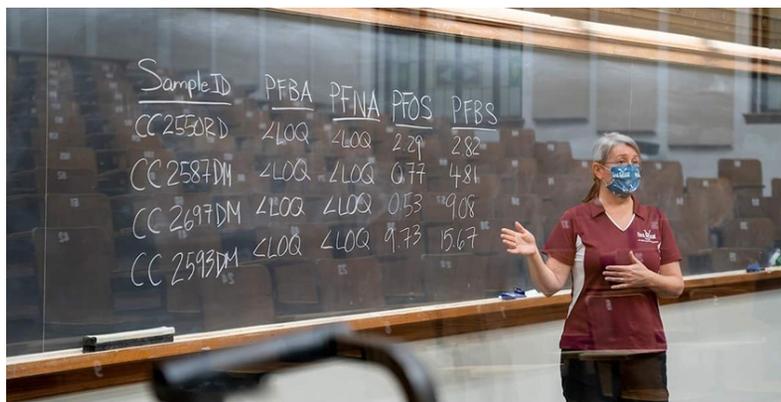
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Meet a scientist: Pam Plotkin

Having grown up in a big city with a love for animals and the ocean, Pam Plotkin, Ph.D., built a career around sea turtles and marine conservation and restoration, which allowed her to travel widely in tropical environments and fulfill her childhood dream. [Read more.](#)

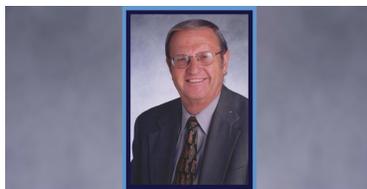


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June 23, 2021, Online



[Stakeholder Meeting,](#)

July 13, 2021, Tyler



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[Planning Short Course,](#)

September 27-30, 2021, Bandera

University land, water & wildlife news we are reading

- [Protecting local water can help slow climate change and provide trillions of dollars in benefits](#), UT News
 - [Research underway on floating renewable energy station](#), Texas A&M Today
 - [UT Austin studies mysterious substance that could transform the future of energy](#), UT News
 - [Surveying the landscape: Faculty develops an interactive map of the Texas water policy system](#), UT Austin
 - [Tangled sea turtle rescued from Atlantic Ocean during IODP project](#), Texas A&M Today
 - [AgriLife Extension offers useful, practical flood recovery information](#), AgriLife Today
 - [Solving a natural riddle of water filtration](#), UT Austin
 - [Puerto Rico is prone to more flooding than the island is prepared to handle](#), UT News
 - [NASA calls on UTEP miners to mine water on the moon](#), UT El Paso
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- [Texas groundwater supplies are shrinking, and that's a threat to us all](#), The Dallas Morning News
 - [New kind of wheat shows promise for cleaning nitrates from soil, water](#), Star Tribune
 - [A sunken river valley could hold the key to protecting the Texas coast](#), Grist

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