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Connecticut Sea Grant's Anoushka Concepcion Shares Her Journey in Aquaculture



Aquaculture was something Anoushka had never considered, that is until a trip to visit family in India inspired her career goals. Now, Anoushka Concepcion leads efforts in seaweed aquaculture as an aquaculture extension educator for Connecticut Sea Grant. In recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Anoushka discusses her journey in the field of aquaculture and work with Sea Grant.

[Continue reading Anoushka's story](#)



Minnesota Sea Grant Study Shows Protecting Local Water has Global Benefits

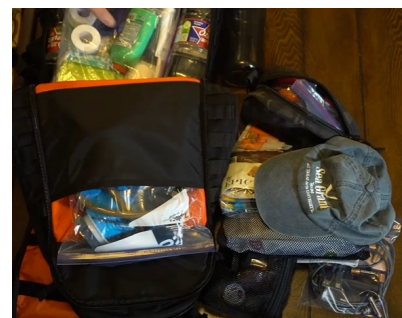
New research from Minnesota Sea Grant shows that local water quality protection has global economic implications. The authors found that keeping local waters clean, like Lake Erie, can help slow climate change, saving trillions of dollars.

[Learn more about the study](#)

Create Your Hurricane Season "Go Bag" With Help From Texas Sea Grant

With Hurricane Season starting June 1, it's important to be prepared. Emergency kits or "go bags" can help you and your family quickly gather essentials if it becomes necessary to evacuate. In this video, Texas Sea Grant Planning Specialist Walter Peacock demonstrates what is in his Emergency Kit for Hurricane Season.

[See what's in Walter's "Go Bag"](#)





Rhode Island Sea Grant Welcomes new Director Dr. Tracey Dalton

Rhode Island Sea Grant announced the appointment of University of Rhode Island Professor Tracey Dalton, Ph.D., as the next director of Rhode Island Sea Grant beginning August 1. Dalton is a Rhode Island Sea Grant-funded researcher and social scientist, whose work explores human interactions with marine and coastal environments embedded within a dynamic system.

[Meet Tracey Dalton](#)

Knauss Fellow Maggie Beetstra Shares Science Communication Strategies

Before becoming an Ohio Sea Grant Knauss Fellow, Maggie Beetstra spent hours talking with farmers about their conservation decisions. Now, Maggie is applying the same science communication approaches to her work with the NOAA Office of Education. See her lessons learned, such as “Go beyond ‘know your audience’ — find common ground,” in this month’s Knauss Blog post.

[Read on the Knauss Blog](#)



Wisconsin Sea Grant Study Reveals Range of Fish- Affecting Invasive Pathogen

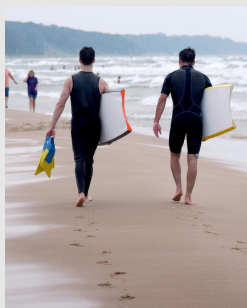
A new tool in fish health testing, developed with Wisconsin Sea Grant support, is helping researchers better understand the range of an invasive pathogen (VHSV) that can cause fish to die. The study's findings show that VHSV in Wisconsin can be found further inland and in more bodies of water than previously known.

[Learn more about the study](#)

North Carolina Sea Grant Fueled Community Engaged Intern's Passion for Environmental Engineering

Part of the inaugural cohort for Sea Grant's Community Engaged Internship, Delandra Clark interned with North Carolina Sea Grant's Barbara Doll during fall 2020 and winter 2021. In this blog, Delandra offers reflections on what resilience means, her work with Sea Grant and her career aspirations.

[Read Delandra's blog post](#)



Tips for Safe Summer Fun

It's almost time for summer fun outdoors and on the water, and that means it's time to remember, safety first! Sea Grant programs across the nation share information and advice related to safe practices in coastal environments. As we approach summer, be sure to check out these resources for boating and coastal recreation safety.

[See tips for boating, kayaking, swimming and more](#)

Catch Sea Grant at Capitol Hill Ocean Week!

Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW), hosted by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, gathers people together from across the U.S. and around the world to engage in a dialogue on how to sustain the health of our ocean and Great Lakes. CHOW takes place virtually June 8-10, 2021, is open to the public and free to attendees. Connect with Sea Grant at the CHOW 2021 sessions below:



- *Improving Resource and Climate Policy Engagement in U.S. Territories*; Tuesday, June 8, 11:00 am - 12:10 pm ET; Featuring Austin J. Shelton (University of Guam Sea Grant)
- *Engaging Community Voices in NOAA Research and Decision Support*; Tuesday, June 8, 5:15 - 6 pm ET; Featuring Melissa Watkinson (Washington Sea Grant)
- *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Reflections and Resolution*; Wednesday, June 9, 5:15 - 6 pm ET; Sponsored by the Sea Grant Association, Sea Grant, and the Women's Aquatic Network

[Register for CHOW 2021](#)

Funding and Career Opportunities

[Sea Grant Career Opportunities](#) Sea Grant has several job openings across the country, such as Clean Vessel Act Boater Outreach Coordinator with Oregon Sea Grant, Coastal Outreach Specialists with Pennsylvania Sea Grant, and Fisheries Specialist with Washington Sea Grant.

[Georgia Sea Grant State Fellowship](#) The Georgia Sea Grant State Fellowship Program provides a unique educational and professional opportunity to eligible graduate students who are interested in coastal and marine resources in Georgia and the policy and management decisions affecting those resources. Application deadline: **June 10, 2021**.

Connections and Partner Updates

[Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional Day](#) Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional Day, an official UN Ocean Decade Activity, is a 24-hour live stream event following the sun around the globe. Hosted by and for international Early Career Ocean Professionals from a wide variety of disciplines, these future leaders and experts will present their work, activities and contributions to the UN Ocean Decade and explore what's next in this dynamic field. Register for the event which takes place **June 1, 2021**.

[Honoring Tribal and Traditional Knowledge: Integrating Tribal and Indigenous Partnerships into Aquaculture Literacy](#) Join NOAA's Community of Practice for Aquaculture Literacy and eeBLUE to learn about how NOAA and environmental education organizations like aquariums can build more inclusive partnerships with Native aquaculture knowledge holders. Register for the live panel discussion which takes place **June 3, 2021**, at 4 pm ET.

[SOAR Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund](#) The Nature Conservancy's Supporting Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration (SOAR) program recently issued a request for proposals for the new \$1 million Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund. The Fund offers small awards (up to \$20,000) targeted toward shellfish growers and large awards (up to \$100,000) to address systemic issues facing the shellfish industry. Application Deadline: **June 14, 2021** (large award)

[NOAA Ocean Exploration's Ocean Exploration FY2022 Funding Opportunity](#) NOAA Ocean Exploration is soliciting proposals to conduct or support ocean exploration resulting in outcomes that provide or enable initial assessments about unknown or poorly understood regions of U.S. waters. Proposals should focus on ocean exploration, marine archaeology, and/or technology. The deadline for pre-proposal submission is **June 21, 2021** at 11:59 pm ET.

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