

# Sea Grant MONTHLY

September 2023

## 2025 Knauss Fellowship Application Period Now Open!



The application period for the 2025 Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship is now open. The fellowship provides a one-year, paid experience for highly qualified early career professionals to work on issues related to coastal, marine and Great Lakes science and policy in offices within the executive or legislative branch of government in Washington, D.C.

Graduate students interested in marine, coastal, and Great Lakes science and policy should explore the information about the fellowship as soon as possible and talk to their local Sea Grant program (or the National Sea Grant Office) at least one month prior to the February 15, 2024 deadline.

[Learn more about becoming a Knauss Fellow](#)

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### Sea Grant Marine Debris Funding Opportunities Available

Sea Grant's Marine Debris Challenge Competition and Marine Debris Community Action Coalitions opportunities are now open for applications. Approximately \$19 million in federal funding will be available to address the prevention and removal of marine debris through innovative research to application projects and the creation of coalitions and partnerships.



[Read the full announcement](#)

## Join our Marine Debris Symposium

Join us on November 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th to learn about the 29 projects awarded across the 2022 Marine Debris Challenge and Community Action Coalition competitions funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

[Register now for Part 1](#)

[Register now for Part 2](#)

## 2024 Finalists Selected for Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

The 2024 finalists for the John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship program will become the 45th class of one of the most prestigious marine policy fellowships in the U.S. The 85 finalists represent 30 of the 34 Sea Grant programs and 66 universities.

[Get to know the 2024 Knauss Fellowships finalists](#)



## September is National Preparedness Month

Prepare for disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and more with Homeowner's and Resident's Handbooks from Sea Grant. Find state-specific information on natural hazards, tips to mitigate risks and aid recovery.

[See Homeowner's and Resident's Handbooks](#)

## Hawai'i Sea Grant Supports Launch of Aquaculture Permitting Information Website

Those interested in operating an aquaculture business in Hawai'i now have a user-friendly, easy-to-use website outlining the federal, state, and county permits and major requirements. The website from Hawai'i Sea Grant outlines the permits and environmental requirements to site, build, and operate a business in the state, and assists companies in understanding the regulatory process.

[Scroll through the website](#)





## Shark Tagged During North Carolina Sea Grant Research Resurfaces 23 Years Later Off Florida

A sandbar shark tagged in North Carolina waters recently resurfaced 23 years later off the Florida Keys. In this story from North Carolina Sea Grant's latest issue of [CoastWatch](#), learn about NOAA's Cooperative Shark Tagging Program, collaborative efforts supported by North Carolina Sea Grant, and a shark's remarkable journey.

[Continue reading](#)

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## Ohio Sea Grant Releases 2023 Summary of Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative

The Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative (HABRI), created in the aftermath of the 2014 Toledo water crisis, provides near-term solutions for the full suite of issues surrounding harmful algal blooms. Ohio Sea Grant has released the 2023 research findings report for the statewide initiative, which seeks solutions for harmful algal blooms in Ohio.

[Read about the 31 HABRI Research Projects](#)



## Calling all Lobster Lovers!

In celebration of National Lobster Day (September 25), learn how Sea Grant's [American Lobster Initiative](#) furthers scientific research about the American lobster and support for its iconic fishery. A series of StoryMaps produced by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Sea Grant shares highlights from the funded research related to American lobster reproduction, growth, pressures, and more.

[View the StoryMap collection](#)

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## On the Knauss Blog: Capacity Building in the Caribbean

As the Capacity Building and Stakeholder Engagement Fellow with NOAA's Ocean Acidification Office, Natalie Lord (pictured right) shares four tips for supporting capacity-building efforts for ocean change. Read about her experience working with NOAA colleagues and partners.

[Read on the Knauss Blog](#)



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## In Pictures: Around the Network in September



*2023 Great Lakes Sea Grant Network Meeting in Evanston, IL*



*Sea Grant at 2023 National Extension Tourism Conference*



*Louisiana Sea Grant-led Teacher Professional Development*



*Local 2030 Announcement during Sea Grant Association Meeting in Guam*

## Funding and Career Opportunities

[Sea Grant Career Opportunities](#) Sea Grant has several job openings across the country, including Seafood Safety Specialist and Fisheries Workforce Specialist with Alaska Sea Grant, Communications Specialist with Florida Sea Grant, and Marine Educator and Public Program Coordinator with Georgia Sea Grant.

[2023 Inflation Reduction Act Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative](#) Sea Grant and the NOAA Climate Program Office, with support from the NOAA Office for Coastal Management, seek to establish programs aimed at placing people across the country into good jobs that advance climate resilience and assisting employers in developing a 21st century workforce that is climate literate, informed by climate resilience, and skilled at addressing consequent challenges. NOAA will assist communities in coastal and Great Lakes states, territories and tribes so they may form partnerships that train workers and place them into jobs that enhance climate resilience. Letters of Intent are due November 30, 2023.

[Special Projects Competition National Sea Grant Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Marine Debris Community Action Coalitions](#) The National Sea Grant Office anticipates approximately \$3,000,000 in FY 2024 and 2025 federal funds will be available to individual Sea Grant programs in order to support approximately 10-20 Marine Debris Community Action Coalitions. This competition is open to all Sea Grant programs. Letters of Intent due December 14, 2023.

[National Sea Grant Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Marine Debris Challenge Competition](#) Sea Grant anticipates approximately \$16,000,000 in FY 2024 and 2025 federal funds will be available to support innovative, transformational research to application projects that will address the prevention and/or removal of marine debris. Applicants must submit proposals in partnership with a relevant Sea Grant program. Letters of Intent due January 31, 2024.

[Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship](#) The application period for the 2025 Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship is now open. Graduate students interested in marine, coastal, and Great Lakes science and policy should explore the information about the fellowship as soon as possible and talk to their local Sea Grant program (or the National Sea Grant Office) at least one month prior to the February 15, 2024 deadline.

## Opportunities and Updates from Partners

[NOAA's Marine Debris Program \(MDP\)](#) is seeking proposals under two separate competitive funding opportunities to address marine debris throughout the coastal United States, Great Lakes, territories, and Freely Associated States. The first funding opportunity is for national and regional projects to remove large-scale marine debris. The second funding opportunity is for marine debris removal through the deployment and management of proven debris interception technologies.

[The Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience \(TCR\)](#) recently announced their FY2023 annual awards solicitation. This year, TCR expects to award approximately \$120 million to Tribes and authorized Tribal organizations to increase climate adaptation and resilience capacity and support related Tribal planning and implementation efforts. This is by far the largest amount of annual funding made available in the history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Climate Annual Awards Program. Application window closes October 13, 2023.

[NOAA Fisheries is publishing the Proposed List of Fisheries for 2024](#) per responsibilities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The List of Fisheries reflects new information on interactions between commercial fisheries and marine mammals. NOAA is requesting public comments by October 13, 2023.

[NOAA seeks public comment to inform more equitable climate service delivery.](#) Input from across sectors will build on existing efforts to make NOAA's climate data, information, science and tools more accessible and inclusive. NOAA is especially seeking feedback from the public health, affordable housing, food security and economic development sectors, communities with environmental justice concerns, tribal and Indigenous communities and other historically underserved communities that NOAA aims to better and more fully support. The comment period will close October 21, 2023.

[EPA Seeks Applicants for 2023 Environmental Education Grants](#) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that up to \$3.6 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education grants is now available under the 2023 Environmental Education (EE) Local Grant Program. EPA will award grants in each of EPA's 10 Regions, between \$50,000-\$100,000 each, for a total of 30-40 grants nationwide. Applications are due November 8, 2023.

[NOAA Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program](#) issued its FY 2024 Phase I Notice of Funding Opportunity. NOAA Phase I SBIR awards provide up to \$175,000 to fund a six month period of performance for conducting feasibility and proof of concept research. NOAA encourages proposals from qualified small businesses for highly innovative technologies with strong commercial potential that fit within NOAA's mission areas. Small businesses may submit an optional Letter of Intent by November 22, 2023, and required full application by December 20, 2023.

[NOAA to Advance Habitat Restoration Priorities of Tribes and Underserved Communities](#) NOAA is announcing the availability of \$45 million in funding for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of tribes and underserved communities. This funding is available through the Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. NOAA will accept proposals with a federal funding request of between \$75,000 and \$3 million total over the award period. Applications are due by December 19, 2023.

[NOAA has announced the members of a new Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee](#), which will advise NOAA on science-based approaches to area-based protection, conservation, restoration, and management in marine and coastal areas, including the Great Lakes.

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