

NSGLC News

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NSGLC's monthly e-newsletter with publication and research highlights, as well as news alerts on other major activities.

Publications

The February 2024 issue of the *Ocean And Coastal Case Alert* provides an update on recent court decisions impacting ocean and coastal resource management. February's issue includes a ruling in a lawsuit alleging that Texas laws permitting beach closures for space flight activities violated the Open Beaches Amendment in the Texas Constitution.

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Read a blog post on legal strategies for climate lawsuits *"We'll See You in Court": The Effectiveness of Climate Lawsuits to Achieve Environmental Goals* by NSGLC undergraduate researcher Clark Etzel.

Check out NSGLC Research Associate Katie Shaw's blog post,



California and Other States Take Action to Prevent Spread of the American Bullfrog.

Research

The NSGLC was one of four projects selected to receive funding from Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant to perform research on social and policy issues related to PFAS in the Great Lakes region. The Law Center will compile a list of all PFAS-related state laws and regulations in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain regions and engage in comparative analysis of these policies. The Law Center will also develop case studies to further explore policy challenges. The research will help inform state regulators and lay the groundwork for regional consensus regarding PFAS policies. Read more about the other funded [projects!](#)

Check out this [advisory memo](#) prepared by NSGLC Research Associate Jon Scoggins on whether a bill introduced in the Maine Legislature would result in a regulatory taking if enacted into law.

NSGLC Presents!



The Law Center kicked off its 2024 Webinar Series with a presentation on the U.S. Marine Aquaculture Policy Dashboard. Project team members discussed the type of data that can be accessed through the dashboard and the process for verifying and updating that data. The webinar also provided a walk-through of the Dashboard and visualization tools. Check out the webinar recording [here!](#)



Like many other attendees, NSGLC Director Stephanie Otts was busy at Aquaculture America '24 in San Antonio, Texas, presenting three times during the conference. Stephanie gave an overview of the Marine Aquaculture Policy Dashboard, talked about how the NSGLC addresses the Needs of the Aquaculture Community through Legal Extension, and shared information about a new seaweed food safety guidance document developed in partnership with Connecticut and New York

Sea Grant.

Funding

2024 Coastal Resilience Program Competition

The Law Center is accepting applications from eligible applicants to conduct research on the effectiveness of laws and policies related to a wide range of coastal resilience issues including sea level rise, flooding, amplified storm surge, increased frequency and intensity of storms, land use, or other environmental factors, and whether those policies are achieving desired policy changes. The 2024 Coastal Resilience Program grants have a recommended funding level of \$75,000, and the Law Center anticipates selecting up to two projects for funding. Matching funds will not be required. Letters of Intent must be received by 5 p.m. Central Time on Friday, March 8, 2024. Click here for more information: <https://nsglc.olemiss.edu/funding>.

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Interested in learning more about our *State Marine Aquaculture Policy Dashboard* and how to use it in a way that fits you/your team's needs? Join us for an exclusive preview of the features and tools – register now for our upcoming webinar HERE: bit.ly/48Lu2iG

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