

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.

Staff News!



The NSGLC is excited to announce our new Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow, Amy Kraitchman! Amy graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2023. Check out this [blog post](#) to learn more about Amy!

[View Amy's Blog Post](#)

Publications

Check out the March 2024 issue of the *Ocean and Coastal Case Alert*. Read about a challenge to a Bar Harbor, Maine ordinance that limits the number of cruise ship passengers who may disembark each day.

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The *Sea Grant Law & Policy Journal* 13:1 is now available! Articles include:

- *A Threshold for Practitioners, Regulators, and Stakeholders* by Brita J. Jessen
- *Blue Carbon Law* by Adam D. Orford
- *Blue Carbon and Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation: Fitting a Climate-Sized Peg into a Watershed-Sized Hole* by Katie Hill and Amanda C. Spivak
- *Legal Considerations for Coastal Blue Carbon Projects in Georgia and Louisiana* by Valerie A. Black, S. Beaux Jones, Tim J. Carruthers, Sean Kelley, and Tyler Sanchez
- *Overcoming Legal and Carbon Market Challenges to Blue Carbon Projects on Public Lands* by Read D. Porter

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Research

Ohio Sea Grant requested an update on a previous advisory request memo discussing plastic regulation in the Great Lakes. The [memo](#) summarizes state actions related to plastic bags since publication of the previous memo. The memo includes a nationwide, rather than regional, overview of state actions related to Styrofoam. The memo also provides an overview and update for two bills currently in Congress.

[Download the Memo](#)

Top Tweet of the Month

The March 2024 'Ocean and Coastal Case Alert' is now available. View the complete list of cases for the month:

nsglc.olemiss.edu/casealert 

FIRST CIRCUIT

Maine

Ass'n to Preserve & Protect Local Livelihoods v. Town of Bar Harbor, No. 1:22-CV-00416-LEW, 2024 WL 952418 (D. Me. Mar. 1, 2024).

Several businesses challenged a Bar Harbor, Maine ordinance that limits the number of cruise ship passengers who may disembark in the town to 1,000 per day. The businesses alleged that the ordinance violated both the U.S. Constitution and the Maine Constitution. The court ruled in favor of the Town of Bar Harbor. The court noted that the ordinance is a lawful exercise of home rule authority under the Maine Constitution. Further, the ordinance is not preempted by the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, nor does it violate the Commerce and Due Process Clauses.

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