

# NSGLC News

— November 2024 —



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

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## Publications

Check out the November 2024 issue of the *Ocean and Coastal Case Alert*! The Case Alert is a monthly newsletter highlighting recent court decisions impacting ocean and coastal resource management. This month features a D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Council on Environmental Quality lacks the authority to impose regulations on federal agencies, courts, or the public. The case arose from the National Parks Air Tour Management Act, which requires the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Park Service to collaborate in issuing Tour Management Plans to govern tourist flights over national parks.

[View Case Alert](#)

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A banner for a webinar. At the top, there are four logos: RASSTER LAB (a green bar chart with a blue wave), BUILDERS INITIATIVE (a red and green cube), the Florida State University seal (a circular seal with 'FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY' and '1851'), and Sea Grant LAW CENTER (a white bird logo). The background of the banner is a photograph of waves crashing on a sandy beach at sunset. Overlaid on this is a large blue rectangle with the text 'Kickoff Webinar for Aquaculture Policy Project' in white serif font. At the bottom of the banner, there is a dark blue bar with white text: 'Join Us to Learn More!' on the left and 'December 12 at 3 pm EST Register Now!' on the right.

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## Kickoff Webinar for Aquaculture Policy Project

Join Us to Learn More! December 12 at 3 pm EST  
Register Now!

### Aquaculture Policy Project Kick Off Webinar

The NSGLC and its partner researchers at Florida State University have received funding for a workshop series to bring together state marine aquaculture managers, select federal partners, and other policy experts to identify best practices in state aquaculture policy, discuss barriers to adoption, and develop tools to support policy transfer among states. Join us on **December 12, 2024 at 3pm EST** to learn more about this initiative!

[Register for Webinar](#)



### North Carolina Shape of the Coast Symposium

NSGLC sponsored the "Shape of the Coast" legal symposium at the 2024 North Carolina Coastal Conference in New Bern, NC on November 13, 2024. The symposium was a partnership between the NSGLC, North Carolina Sea Grant, and the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's Office of General Counsel. Topics covered during the symposium included coastal insurance, legal issues facing oceanfront homes, heir properties, offshore wind, and real estate disclosures. Former NSGLC Ocean & Coastal Law Fellow **Samantha Hamilton**, now an environmental attorney in private practice in New Bern, presented as part of a



## Research



### Wetlands Regulation in South Carolina

South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (SCSGC) reached out to NSGLC for assistance in understanding how the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Sackett v. EPA* affects wetlands protection in the state. **Amy Kraitchman**, NSGLC Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow, wrote an advisory memo discussing federal regulations of wetlands and the impact of *Sackett*. The memo also examines existing wetlands regulations in South Carolina and examples of local wetlands protections in the Southeast region and across the country.

[Download SC Wetland Protection Advisory Memo](#)

□ ***Calling upper level law students and early career professionals!*** □

Maryland Sea Grant and the University of Maryland Agriculture Law Education Initiative are excited to announce a unique opportunity for upper-level law students and recent graduates to publish a peer-reviewed article in NSGLC's Sea Grant Law & Policy Journal and present their research at a symposium on **April 2, 2025, in Washington, D.C.**

[Application Details](#)

## Staff News

*Congratulations*

TO OUR STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMS!





Kennady Hertz  
University of Mississippi  
NSGLC CEI Program, 2022



Matthew Sheffield  
Indiana University Maurer School of Law  
NSGLC Research Associate, 2023



Patricia McKee  
Pace University  
Elisabeth Haub School of Law  
NSGLC Research Associate, 2024

**2025 KNAUSS FELLOWSHIP FINALISTS**

Congratulations to our student program alums **Matthew N. Sheffield**, **Kennady Hertz** and **Patricia McKee** for their selection as **2025 Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship**

**Finalists!** They were valuable members of our team during their summers with us and we can't wait to see all they accomplish in their fellowships!

## Top Tweet of the Month



**Sea Grant Law Center**  
@SGLawCenter

The November 2024 'Ocean and Coastal Case Alert' is now available!

View the complete list of cases for the month:

[nsglc.olemiss.edu/casealert](https://nsglc.olemiss.edu/casealert) ⚖️

### FOURTH CIRCUIT

#### South Carolina

*South Carolina v. Haaland*, No. 2:23-CV-3651-BHH, 2024 WL 4514570 (D.S.C. Oct. 17, 2024).

South Carolina sued the federal government over limits imposed on the harvest of shellfish, finfish, and other saltwater species in the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit was based on a lease granting South Carolina exclusive authority to harvest these species on lands below the mean high-water mark on Marsh Island and other leased areas. Defenders of Wildlife and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League intervened, moving to dismiss the case. They argued that the court lacked subject matter jurisdiction due to ripeness issues and that the plaintiffs did not adequately state a claim. The court granted the motion, finding the case was not ripe since South Carolina had not suffered actual harm before the lawsuit was filed.

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