



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

Check out the February 2025 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 commercial fisherman's challenge to regulations promulgated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that restricted where and how Florida-registered fishing vessels may harvest the Florida pompano in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Read NSGLC blog post “*President Biden and Trump’s Offshore Drilling Debate: Expanding or Restricting U.S. Energy Resources?*” by NSGLC Research Associate Katie Shaw.

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Read NSGLC blog post “*Delaware Think Tank Challenges Offshore Wind Project*” by University of Mississippi Law Student Charles Miller.

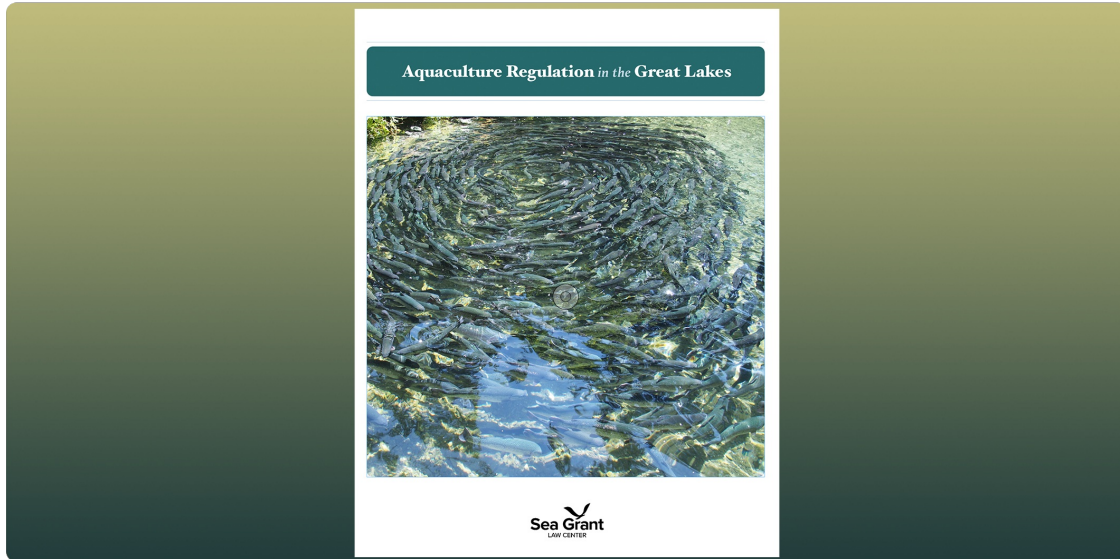
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Research

□ **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. **Applications are due June 5th!**

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As one of the Great Lakes Aquaculture Collaborative (GLAC) 2.0 partners, the National Sea Grant Law Center Law Center completed a report on aquaculture laws, regulations, and policies for each of the Great Lakes states. The summary report of research findings will help enhance understanding of the legal framework governing aquaculture in the Great Lakes.

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NSGLC Presents

SEA GRANT LAW FELLOWS SHARE THEIR RESEARCH & INSIGHTS

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Learn from emerging experts as they present their law and policy research on climate adaptation, coastal resilience, and the impact of PFAS in the Southeast.

Join us on **April 16, 2025** at **3 PM EST**



Pathways to Impact: Sea Grant Law Fellows Share Their Research Webinar — April 16, 2025 at 3pm EST (2pm CST)

Please join the National Sea Grant Law Center (NSGLC) April 16, 2025 at 3pm EST for a webinar highlighting three exciting research projects led by Sea Grant Law Fellows! Kerry McClaughry, an Environmental Law and Policy Fellow at Maryland Sea Grant, will present on innovative law and policy solutions for climate adaptation in coastal communities. Scott Luis, a Georgia Sea Grant Legal Fellow in partnership with the Carl Vincent Institute, will share about enhancing coastal adaptation and resilience through research on existing local ordinances. Scott and Kerry's research is partially funded by grant awards from the NSGLC. Finally, Amy Kraitchman, NSGLC Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow, will discuss her research on PFAS policy and litigation in the Southeast region.

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Top Tweet of the Month



The February 2025 'Ocean and Coastal Case Alert' is now available!

View the complete list of cases for the month:

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ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Daniels v. Exec. Dir. of Fla. Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm'n, No. 23-13577, 2025 WL 411668 (11th Cir. Feb. 6, 2025).

A commercial fisherman challenged the constitutionality of regulations promulgated by Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that restricted where and how Florida-registered fishing vessels may harvest the Florida pompano in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico. The fisherman claimed the state regulations were preempted by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and violated the Equal Protection Clause. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida concluded that the fisherman lacked standing and granted the Commission summary judgment. On appeal, the Eleventh Circuit affirmed in part and reversed in part. The court held that the fisherman had standing to pursue claims; however, the court agreed that the Florida fishing regulations were not preempted and did not violate the Equal Protection Clause.

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