



# NSGLC News

— July 2025 —



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

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## Publications

Read the July 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 ruling on federal approvals of the construction and operations plan for a wind farm off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland and Fenwick Island, Delaware.

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## The SandBar • July 2025 (Volume 24:3)

The latest issue of The SandBar, our quarterly publication on legal issues affecting the U.S. oceans and coasts, has been published! This issue features the following articles:

- *Supreme Court Shrinks EPA's Clean Water Act Authority*
- *Federal Court Strikes Down Massive Offshore Oil Lease Sale in the Gulf*
- *Swimming with Dolphins: Balancing Tourism and Conservation*
- *Incidental Taking No Longer Prohibited Under Migratory Bird Treaty Act*
- *Sewage Sludge Stinks of PFAS: Results of the EPA's Draft Risk Assessment*

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### July Blog Posts:

- [Shrinking Oceanic Protections and the Expansion of Commercial Fishing Freedoms](#) by Taylor Young
- [Oil Company Faces Legal Pushback for Attempted Restart of Santa Barbara Pipeline](#) by Bradley Reimer
- [High Seas Treaty Gaining Worldwide Support](#) by Bradley Reimer

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## Research

### PFAS-related Law and Regulatory Provisions

The NSGLC is conducting an in-depth analysis of the existing federal and state regulations governing PFAS in the Great Lakes region. This month, the Law Center completed PFAS legal scans for each of the Great Lakes states.

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### ***Advisory Request: Feasibility of using state mariculture permitting requirements regarding water quality and farm siting as a proxy for organic requirements***

Regeneration North and Greenwave contacted the National Sea Grant Law Center (NSGLC) requesting research to examine the feasibility of using state mariculture permitting requirements regarding water quality and farm siting to demonstrate that the organic requirements under NOP 205.202 are being met. In response, the NSGLC

researched the siting requirements and classification of shellfish growing areas in some of the Northeastern states that produce seaweed in the United States.

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## NSGLC Presents



### Summer in Practice: Webinar Recording

This summer, the NSGLC hosted two law students and one policy graduate student researching a variety of topics: shellfish restoration in Maine, PFAS regulation in the Southeast, and marine mammal policy related to aquaculture operations. In the Law Center's "Summer in Practice" webinar, students presented findings from their research projects.

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### Unlocking Policy Pathways: Webinar Recording

Starting an aquaculture farm requires significant investments of time and money. The Law Center hosted a webinar, “Unlocking Policy Pathways: Marine Aquaculture Pilot Programs in Focus” featuring Beth Ruff, PhD. The webinar provided an overview of state aquaculture pilot programs and explored how such frameworks can lower development hurdles, build social license to operate, and encourage environmental best practices.

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NSGLC attorney Catherine Janasie presented “Comparative Analysis of State Regulation of PFAS in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Regions” in the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium’s 2025 Science in Session webinar series.

NSGLC hosted virtual workshops on aquaculture pilot programs July 29th and 31st for state aquaculture managers, Sea Grant aquaculture extension agents and select federal agency partners.

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## Top X of the Month



**Sea Grant Law Center**

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