

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

Read the June 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 federal district court's dismissal of a lawsuit challenging wind farm approvals in New York and New Jersey.

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U.S. Supreme Court Limits Scope of Environmental Reviews Under NEPA

On May 29, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision in *Seven County*

Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County, Colorado, limiting the scope of review of environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Read a blog post on the decision by NSGLC Law Fellow Siena Fouse.

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Litigation Briefs



Litigation Brief: Challenging Mississippi's Private Oyster Leasing Program

Plaintiffs sued the state of Mississippi for introducing private leasing of on-bottom oyster harvesting on public reefs. In 2023, the Mississippi Legislature passed a law to authorize the DMR to lease up to eighty percent of the state-owned reef permitted areas available.

[View Litigation Brief](#)

Research

Ownership of Land Under Navigable Waters in Alabama

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant contacted the Law Center to request information on using Spanish land grants to prove private ownership of water bottoms in Alabama. The Law Center provided an advisory memo explaining rights to submerged land in Alabama, the oyster aquaculture permitting process, and cases of Spanish land grants under navigable waters.

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Crayfish Regulation for Pet Retailers in the Great Lakes

The Law Center provided information to Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant on which state regulations would apply to Great Lakes pet retailers importing, selling, offering for sale, possessing, or purchasing crayfish species.

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Staff News



Meet NSGLC Summer Research Associate: Savannah Schiebel

The National Sea Grant Law Center is excited to welcome Summer Research Associate Savannah Schiebel, a graduate student at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science. Savannah will be working with NSGLC to complete her thesis research, focusing on aquaculture policy and marine mammal interactions.

[Learn more about Savannah!](#)



Meet NSGLC 2025 Community Engaged Intern: Bradley Reimer

The National Sea Grant Law Center welcomes Bradley Reimer for its 2025 Community Engaged Internship (CEI)! Bradley is a Legal Studies major at the University of Mississippi.

[Learn more about Bradley!](#)

NSGLC Presents

On June 10, 2025, the National Sea Grant Law Center and Coastal States Organization convened twenty-three state coastal management practitioners, academic experts, and non-profit partners in Washington, DC for a one-day symposium and planning workshop to frame needs, approaches, and opportunities

for the development of new practitioner resources supporting the effective use of the Public Trust Doctrine in coastal management.



Pilot Pathways for State Marine Aquaculture Development

On June 18th attorneys at the National Sea Grant Law Center discussed their research related to the federal and state regulation of PFAS and provided an overview of lawsuits related to PFAS, including the multidistrict litigation related to firefighting foam.

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A registration graphic for a webinar. The background is black with colorful geometric shapes (circles and squares) in shades of green, blue, and brown. The text is white and light green. It features a location pin icon and the word "WEBINAR". The main title is "UNLOCKING POLICY PATHWAYS: MARINE AQUACULTURE PILOT PROGRAMS IN FOCUS". Below that, it says: "Join us for a special session with Dr. Bess Ruff, presenting research on state aquaculture pilot programs and how states are navigating the challenges and opportunities in marine aquaculture." There are two icons: a calendar icon for "July 9, 2025" and a clock icon for "4:00 PM EST". A "Register Now" button is present. At the bottom, it says: "✓ Can't attend live? Register to get the recording sent to your inbox!". The "Sea Grant LAW CENTER" logo is at the bottom right.

Pilot Pathways for State Marine Aquaculture Development (Webinar: July 9, 2025 at 4pm EST)

Starting an aquaculture farm requires significant investments of time and money. Pilot leasing or permitting pathways provide opportunities for operators to initiate farming on a smaller scale or explore different gear, species, or locations. Pilot programs can reduce the costs and risks associated with starting commercial aquaculture operations and generate valuable data and insights to guide agency decision-making. This webinar will provide an overview of state aquaculture pilot programs and explore how such frameworks can lower development hurdles, build social license to operate, and encourage environmental best practices.

[Register for July 9th Webinar](#)

WEBINAR SERIES

Summer in PRACTICE

NSGLC summer interns share their experience and research!

July 17, 2025 at 3:00 PM EST

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Summer in Practice: NSGLC Students Share Their Summer Internship Experience and Research (Webinar: July 17, 2025 at 3pm EST)

This summer, the NSGLC is hosting two law students and one policy graduate student researching an array of topics: shellfish restoration in Maine, PFAS regulation in the Southeast, and marine mammal policy related to aquaculture operations. On July 17th at 3:00 pm EST, the students will discuss their internship experiences and present findings from their research projects.

[Register for July 17th Webinar](#)

Top X of the Month



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