

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 March 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 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska upholding the National Marine Fisheries Service's 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 groundfish harvest specifications for trawl fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

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Research

Seaweed Food Safety: Regulatory Overview

The National Sea Grant Law Center has produced a slide deck entitled *Seaweed Food Safety: Regulatory Overview*, which provides an overview of the federal food safety framework as it applies to seaweed. The Law Center has also created *notes* that go along with these slides to provide more context and background for what is covered in the slides. The notes are meant to be helpful for individuals wishing to share the slide deck in a presentation.

[View Seaweed Food Safety: Regulatory Overview](#)

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



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

View the complete list of cases for the month:

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SIXTH CIRCUIT

United States v. Michigan, No. 23-1931, 2025 WL 798970 (6th Cir. Mar. 13, 2025).

The United States and several Indian tribes sued the State of Michigan over the allocation, management, and regulation of fishing in Great Lakes waters. In 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan approved a proposed consent decree over objections from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe appealed. On appeal, the Sixth Circuit affirmed, ruling that the absence of unanimous consent did not preclude the district court from issuing the decree. The court found that the district court had followed the appropriate legal standards and provided the Sault Tribe with due process. Finally, the Tribe's appeal of the district court's extension of its prior 2000 decree was moot.

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