



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 November 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 Fourth Circuit ruling upholding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries "Approach Rule," which bars people and vessels from approaching within 50 yards of Hawaiian spinner dolphins.

[View the Ocean and Coastal Case Alert](#)

Research

PFAS in the Great Lakes Region: Case Studies

Check out two new case studies created as part of a grant-funded project from Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant to perform research on social and policy issues related to PFAS in the Great Lakes region.



Biosolid Regulation in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Regions

"Biosolid Regulation in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Regions" covers recent U.S. EPA and state actions related to controlling the use of PFAS-contaminated biosolids.

[Download the Biosolid Regulation Case Study](#)



Amara's Law: Preventing New PFAS Contamination in Minnesota

"Amara's Law: Preventing New PFAS Contamination in Minnesota" examines a Minnesota bill that seeks to eliminate the non-essential use of PFAS, improve transparency in consumer products, and reduce environmental contamination. The case study also highlights the efforts of Amara Strande, a Minnesota resident whose battle with a rare form of liver cancer brought attention to PFAS contamination. The case study also discusses recent efforts to amend the law and challenge its legality in court.

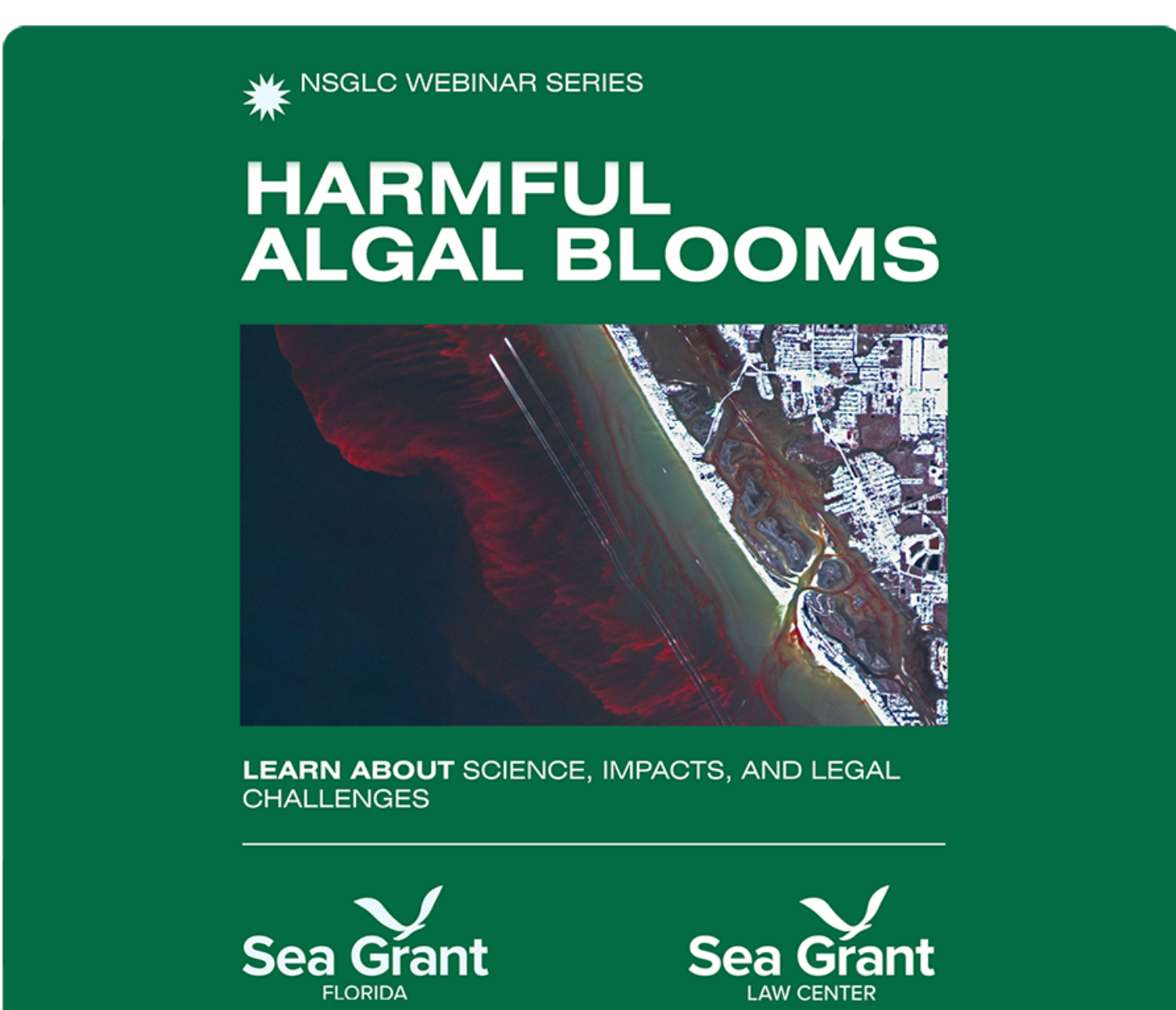
[Download the Amara's Law Case Study](#)

Maine Shellfish Restoration Report

The Law Center received funding from The Nature Conservancy to conduct a legal analysis of existing Maine law to understand current barriers to and opportunities for permitting shellfish restoration projects. As part of this project, the Law Center also reviewed the permitting process for restoration projects in other coastal states and provided updates on the 2014 state-by-state review of shellfish restoration permitting.

[Download the Maine Shellfish Restoration Report](#)

NSGLC Presents



Harmful Algal Blooms: Science, Impacts, and Legal Challenges

On November 19th, the Law Center hosted a webinar on harmful algal blooms (HABs). NOAA HAB Liaison, Betty Staugler, from Florida Sea Grant, provided background on how HABs form, their impact, and mitigation and control efforts. NSGLC Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow, Siena Fouse, spoke about the federal and state permitting challenges faced by emerging HAB control technology, with a focus on deploying in a marine environment. The webinar recording, slides, and transcript will be available on our [Webinars webpage](#).



Director Stephanie Otts presented at two professional conferences to share NSGLC research findings. On November 4th at the NAISMA's Annual Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, Stephanie presented the results of the NSGLC's [analysis of state legal requirements related to NAISMA's weed free products program](#) and work to date on the development of a model legal framework.

On November 11th at the Local Seafood Summit in Gulf Shores, Alabama, Stephanie shared findings of the [NSGLC's comparative analysis of state regulation of direct seafood sales](#).

Top X of the Month



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Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the science, impacts, and legal challenges behind Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)!



Tomorrow, November 19



3 PM EST

Click here to register for our webinar: bit.ly/48Lu2iG

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