



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

— Ocean and Coastal Case Alert —

Read the August 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's alert highlights a Fifth Circuit opinion finding the U.S. Maritime Administration improperly approved a deepwater port off the coast of Texas under the Deepwater Port Act.

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

NSGLC Presents

U.S. SUPREME COURT 2025 TERM REVIEW

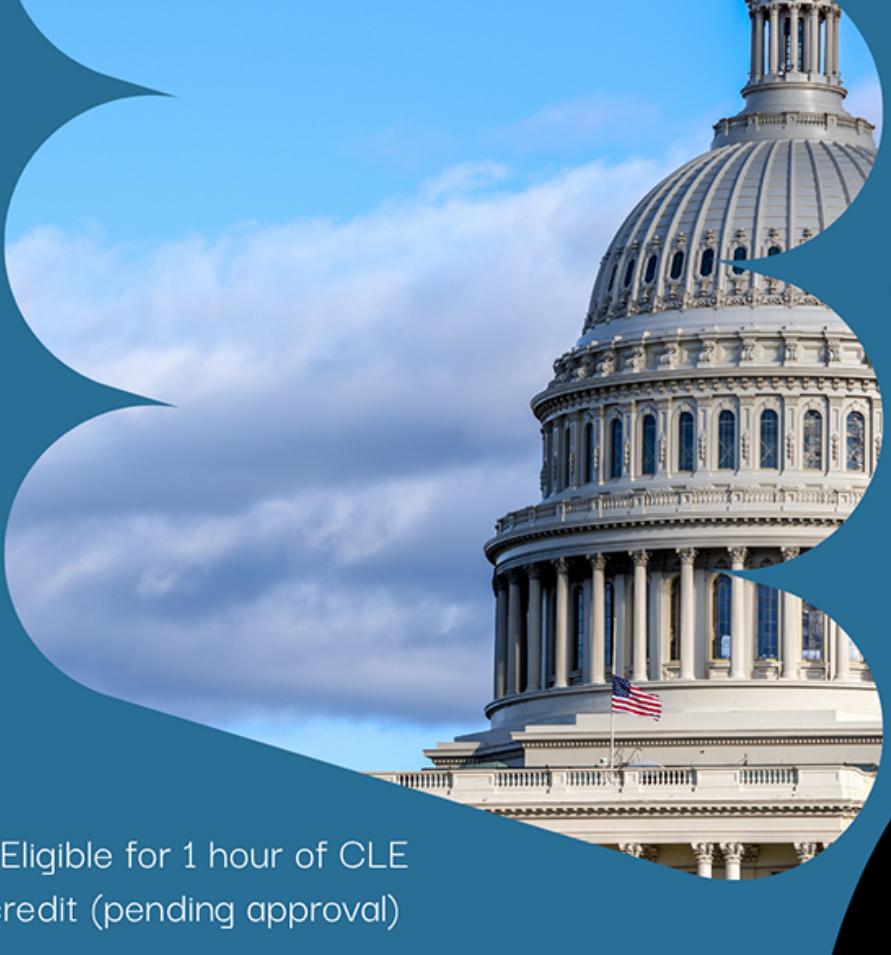
& Implications for Sea Grant Work

September 16 | 3 PM ET

Join the Law Center attorneys to review notable Supreme Court cases and explore developments shaping the legal landscape.

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— Webinar —

U.S. Supreme Court 2025 Term in Review & Implications for Sea Grant Work (September 16, 2026 at 3pm EST)

Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court continue to shape the field of environmental law, often with significant implications for the management of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. On September 16, 2026 at 3 pm EST, National Sea Grant Law Center staff attorneys will host a webinar on select cases from the Court's 2025-2026 term and their relevance for Sea Grant work. The Law Center has applied to the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education for approval of this course for 1 hour of CLE credit.

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STREAMLINING HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM CONTROL PERMITTING

US HAB CTRL

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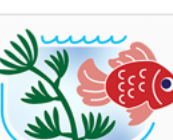

— Webinar Recording —

Streamlining Harmful Algal Bloom Control Permitting Using the New US HAB CTRL Website

On August 19, 2026, the Law Center hosted a webinar on the new US HAB Control Technologies & Regulatory Logistics (US HAB CTRL) website. This innovative resource helps users navigate the permitting and application of harmful algal bloom control technologies. Dr. Amy Grogan, Dashboard Coordinator at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, demonstrated the website's key features and practical tools. Additionally, NSGLC Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow, Siena Fouse, explained how US HAB CTRL helps users overcome the unique legal challenges of this novel permitting process. The webinar recording is available on our website.

[View the Webinar Recording](#)

Research



AquaSale

A guide to buying and selling aquatic species responsibly

AquaSale

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) has launched a new online resource that allows users to quickly check state and federal regulations before buying or selling aquatic plants and animals online, helping ensure compliance with applicable laws while protecting freshwater ecosystems from invasive species. Developed in collaboration with the National Sea Grant Law Center, the new AquaSale database compiles regulations governing aquatic organisms across all 50 states, making it easier for online sellers and buyers to determine where species may be legally sold, purchased or transported.

[Learn more about AquaSale](#)

Regulatory Status of European Green Crab (*update*)

The Law Center updated an advisory memo on the current regulatory status of the European green crab in different regions of the United States—including the New England area, the Mid-Atlantic region, and the West Coast—and how their regulatory status affects the ability to take, possess, and sell green crab in these regions.

[Download the updated Green Crab Advisory Memo](#)

Leasing Framework for Mariculture in Oregon

The Law Center provided Oregon Sea Grant with research on barriers to mariculture permitting in Oregon. This memo provides information related to the leasing framework in the state.

[Download the Mariculture in Oregon Advisory Memo](#)

Redundancies in the Oregon Shellfish Plat Permit Application Process

A second memo discusses whether there are redundancies in the state's shellfish plat permit application process.

[Download the Oregon Shellfish Plat Permit Advisory Memo](#)

Local Government Zoning Ordinances and Aquaculture in Indiana

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant requested information on behalf of a Marshall County, Indiana aquaculture producer on the county's authority to require zoning variances. This advisory memorandum examines whether aquaculture activities constitute a form of agricultural land use under Indiana state law, the general authority that Indiana bestows upon local governments to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances, and potential limitations on this power.

[Download the Aquaculture in Indiana Advisory Memo](#)

Penalty Scheme for Fishing Quota Violations

The Law Center provided Texas Sea Grant with information on the laws and regulations in Texas related to the penalties for exceeding federal fishing quota limits in the state. The Law Center has also researched additional Gulf states for similar penalty schemes.

[Download the Fishing Quota Violations Advisory Memo](#)

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Penalty Scheme for Fishing Quota Violations

Texas Sea Grant requested information on the laws and regulations in Texas related to the penalties for exceeding federal fishing quota limits in the state. The Law Center found that under Texas law, the state can:

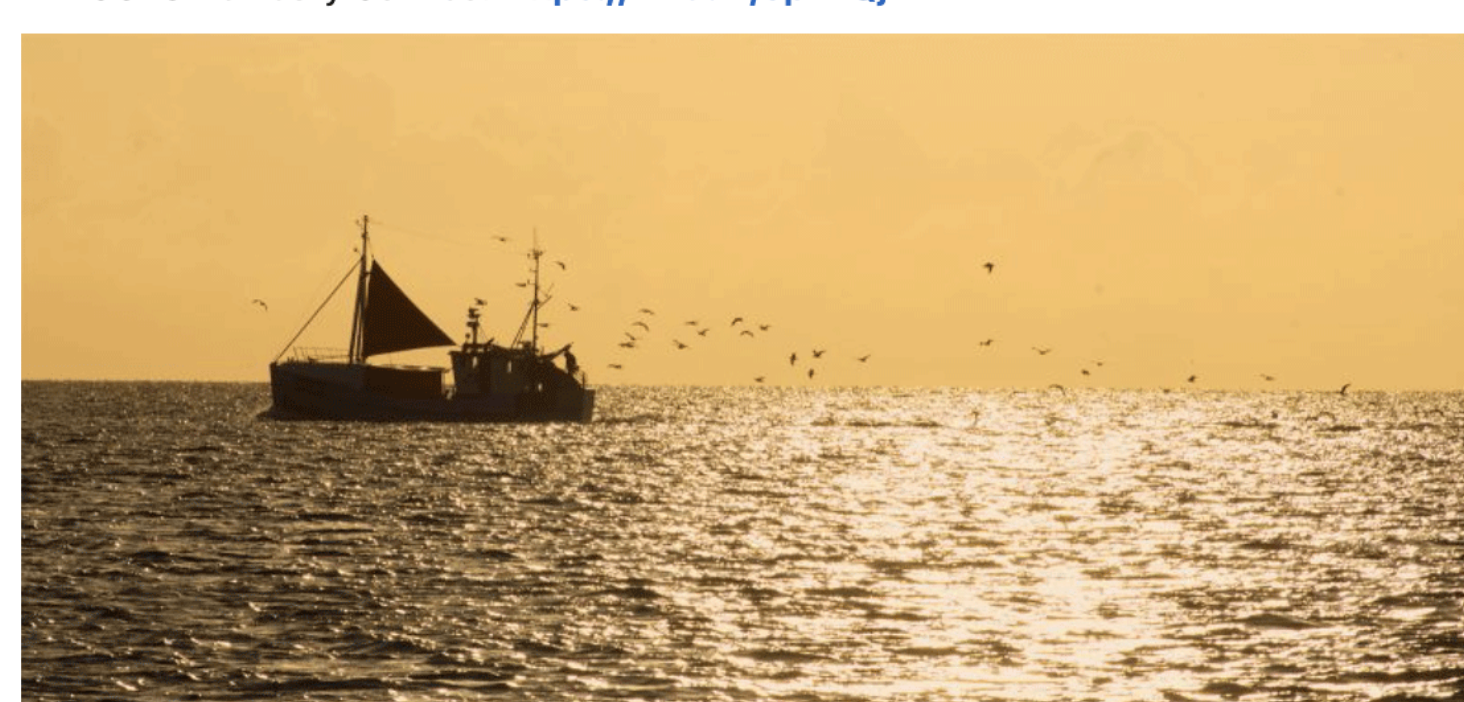
- charge a monetary penalty for the violation;
- seize the fish; and
- charge an additional monetary penalty in the form of restitution, equal to the amount the seized fish was sold for.

The Law Center has also researched additional Gulf states to see if they have similar penalty schemes. In particular, Louisiana has a scheme similar to Texas.

View the advisory request (PDF):

<https://lnkd.in/eXsWWZ2M>

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