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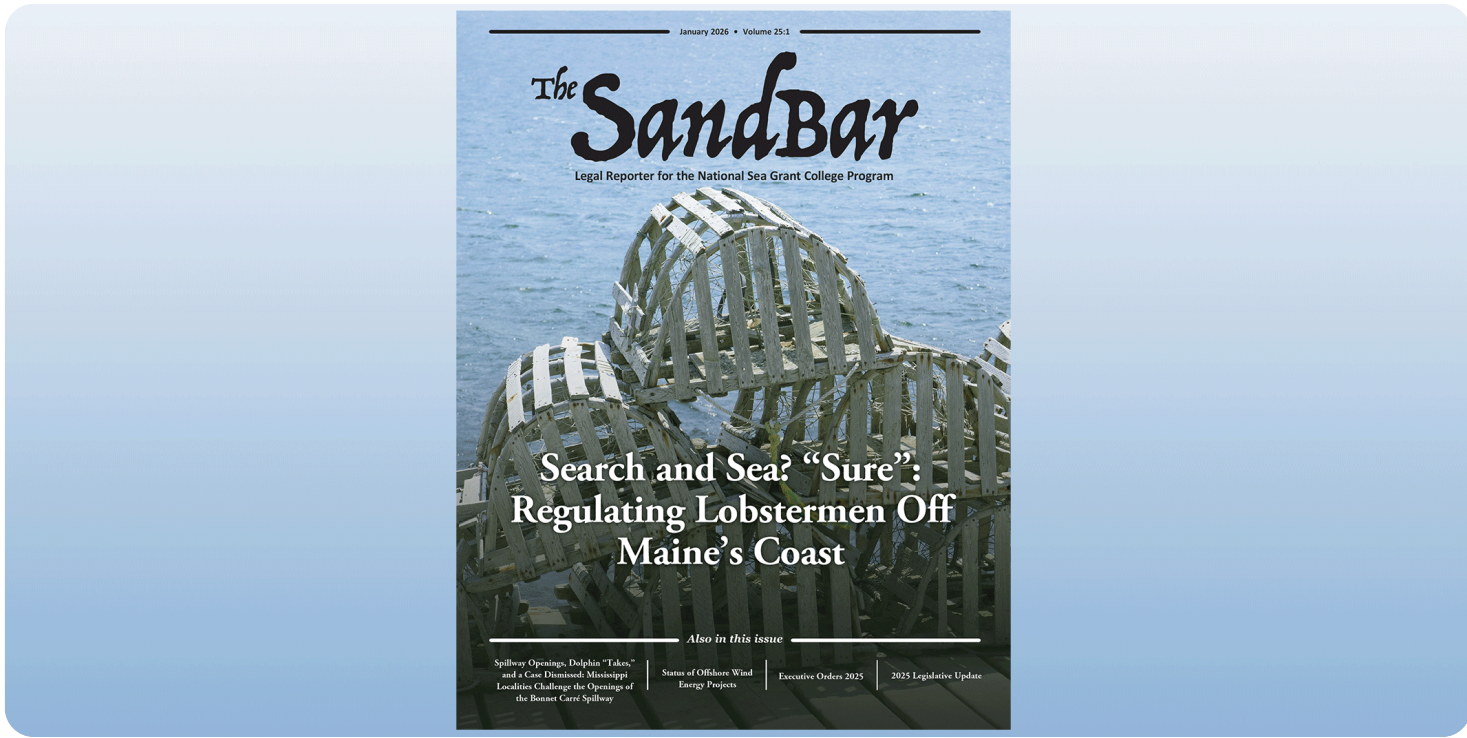
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NSGLC's monthly e-newsletter with publication and research highlights, as well as news alerts on other major activities.

Publications

Read the January 2026 issue of the *Ocean and Coastal Case Alert*! Case Alert is a monthly newsletter highlighting recent court decisions impacting ocean and coastal resource management.

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The SandBar

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:

- *Search and Sea? "Sure": Regulating Lobstermen Off Maine's Coast*
- *Spillway Openings, Dolphin "Takes," and a Case Dismissed: Mississippi Localities Challenge the Openings of the Bonnet Carré Spillway*
- *Status of Offshore Wind Energy Projects*
- *Executive Orders 2025*
- *2025 Legislative Update*

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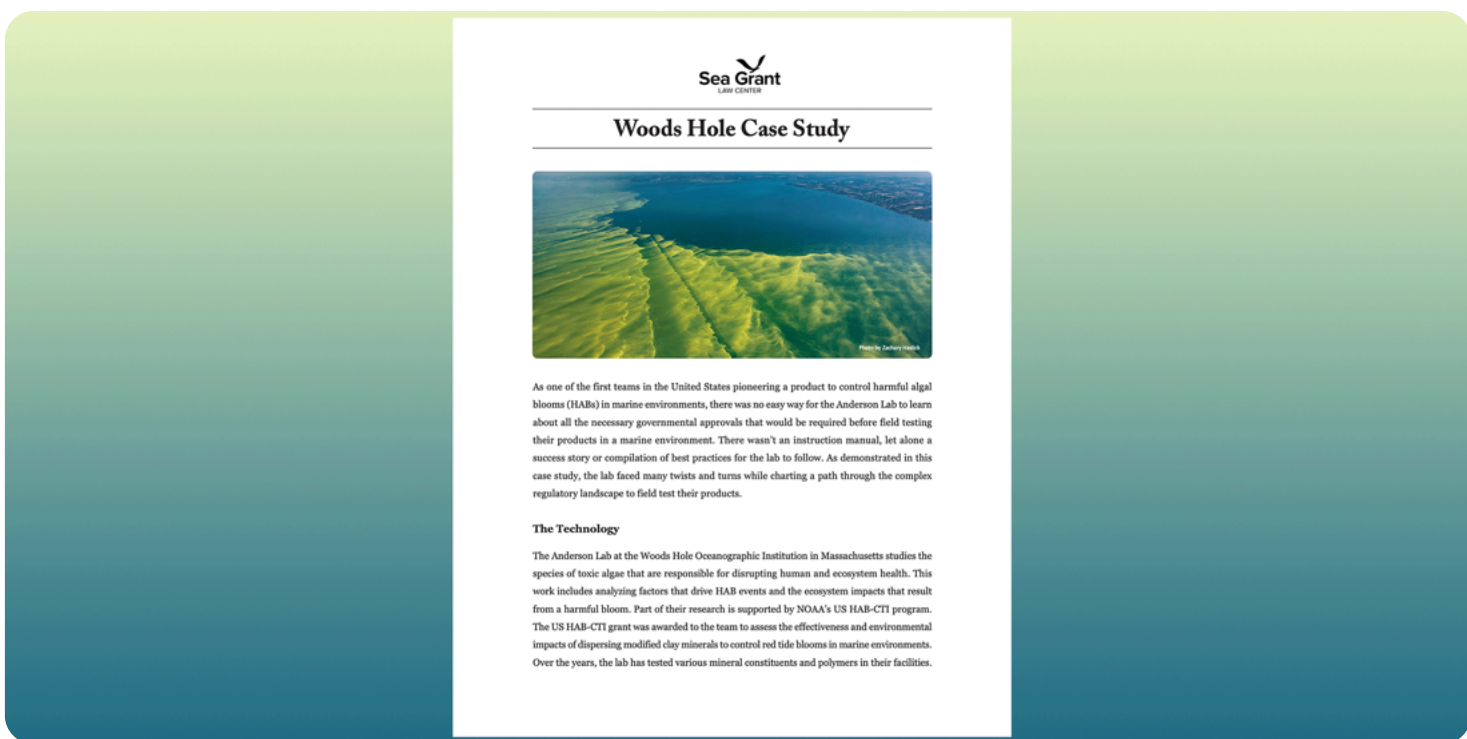
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Defining a Fishery: Inconsistency in Aquaculture Regulation

A new NSGLC Blog post, "[Defining a Fishery: Inconsistency in Aquaculture Regulation](#)" by Savannah Schiebel, discusses how the regulation of marine aquaculture could impact marine mammals.

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Research



Woods Hole Case Study

As one of the first teams in the United States pioneering a product to control harmful algal blooms (HABs) in marine environments, there was no easy way for the Anderson Lab to learn about all the necessary governmental approvals that would be required before field testing their products in a marine environment. There wasn't an instruction manual, let alone a success story or compilation of best practices for the lab to follow. As demonstrated in this case study, the lab faced many twists and turns while charting a path through the complex regulatory landscape to field test their products.

[Download the Woods Hole Case Study](#)

NSGLC Presents



Director Stephanie Otts provided an overview of federal aquaculture permitting at the Sea Grant-NCCOS Northeast Aquaculture Siting and Sustainability Workshop on January 6, 2026.

Top X of the Month



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