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NSGLC News

— October 2026 —

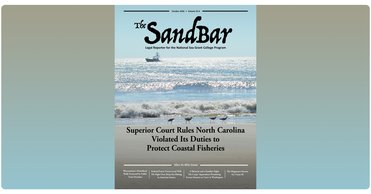


Sea Grant Week 2026

Oxford, Mississippi

The National Sea Grant Law Center recently welcomed the Sea Grant network to our headquarters in Oxford, Mississippi, for Sea Grant Week 2026. This biennial meeting brought together staff from all 34 Sea Grant programs and the National Sea Grant Office to network, collaborate, and discuss key coastal and marine issues. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this year's event a success!

Publications



— The SandBar • October 2026 —

The SandBar 25.4 is online! Articles include:

- *Superior Court Rules North Carolina Violated Its Duties to Protect Coastal Fisheries*
- *Wisconsinite's Waterfront Walk Protected by Public Trust Doctrine*
- *Federal Power Versus Local Will: The Fight Over Deep-Sea Mining in American Samoa*
- *A Shortcut and a Familiar Fight: The Corps' Aquaculture Permitting Process Returns to Court in Washington*
- *The Magnuson-Stevens Act Turns 50*

View The SandBar

— Ocean and Coastal Case Alert —

Read the October 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 includes a First Circuit ruling that will require a federal district court to reconsider a motion to dismiss a defamation lawsuit filed by Maine lobster industry groups against the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation. The industry groups challenged the Aquarium's recommendations for consumers to avoid eating American lobster because lobster fishing poses a risk to the endangered North Atlantic right whale.

View the Ocean and Coastal Case Alert

NSGLC Presents



— Webinar —

Aquaculture? More Like *Lawquaculture*!
The Sea Grant Legal Network is Here to Help
(November 19, 2026 at 3pm EST)

On November 19th at 3:00 pm ET, the Law Center's webinar series will feature several Sea Grant Legal Network projects that have assisted aquaculture stakeholders with understanding aquaculture law and policy. NSGLC attorneys Stephanie Otts and Cathy Janasie will discuss research on aquaculture permitting barriers in Oregon; Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program attorney Alexandra Tamburrino will provide an overview of her updates to the legal chapter of Rhode Island's extensive Shellfish Management Plan, and Katie Hill, Public Service and Outreach Faculty at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government and Director of the Georgia Sea Grant Legal Program, will describe a new research project on enhancement of shellfish stocks in federal waters that touches on offshore aquaculture in interesting ways. Join us to gain deeper insight on the need to understand aquaculture law and policy, how to incorporate law and policy information into extension and educational activities, and learn about recent legal developments.

Register for Webinar



On October 27, 2026, NSGLC Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow **Siena Fouse presented at the U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae** in Cedar Rapids, IA. Siena shared insights on mapping the federal and state permitting frameworks for testing and deploying novel harmful algal bloom control technologies in coastal and marine environments.



On October 28, 2026, NSGLC staff attorney **Cathy Janasie presented at the University of Maryland Agriculture Law Education Initiative's annual Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference** in Annapolis, MD. Cathy's talk focused on the regulation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia and the impacts of PFAS on agricultural and aquaculture operations.

Top LinkedIn Post of the Month

The National Sea Grant Law Center (Law Center) is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications from eligible applicants in collaboration with the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium to fund collaborative teams of researchers and decision makers. These teams will translate and support the integration of contaminants of emerging concern (CEC) research into ongoing policy discussions in the following regions: Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI) and Southeast (NC, SC, GA, FL). This funding opportunity aims to enhance the translation of research into policy to foster meaningful changes in local, state, or regional policy frameworks.

Key Dates:
Letters of Intent: Due by October 26, 2026
Full Proposals: Due by November 20, 2026
Anticipated Award Start Date: June 1, 2027

Click here to view the RFP: https://bit.ly/3QiU717

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