

Sea Grant Association

Support \$72 million for the National Sea Grant College Program in the FY 2009 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act

The demands on the nation's coastal regions and resources have never been greater. It is more crucial than ever for the U.S. to invest in the generation and delivery of high quality research that is useful and used by state, local and regional decision makers. Sea Grant is a trusted and objective source for accurate and timely research and education on ocean, coastal and Great Lakes issues.

An investment in Sea Grant is an investment in the economic, environmental and social well-being of the nation's citizens and the resources upon which they depend.

Sea Grant Addresses the Nation's Ocean, Coastal & Great Lakes Needs

Throughout its 42-year history, the National Sea Grant College Program has served as NOAA's primary extramural research, education, and outreach enterprise. The 32 Sea Grant College programs, representing every coastal and Great Lakes state, engage the expertise and capabilities of our Nation's leading universities to generate relevant peer-reviewed, science-based information, and then to disseminate it through extensive outreach and education networks. This integrated approach ensures that the very best research is being conducted and that needed results are getting to stakeholders. A partial list of state, local, and regional stakeholder partners who can attest to the value and cost-effectiveness of Sea Grant is attached. Sea Grant supports research, outreach, and education activities that address important issues for the nation, including:

- Healthy marine ecosystems
- Seafood supply and safety
- Sustainable living marine resources
- Coastal ocean observing efforts
- Economically viable coastal communities
- New technologies for ocean development
- Natural resource management and conservation
- K-12 education and ocean literacy
- Workforce development

Sea Grant Efforts are Stakeholder-driven and Continuously Evaluated

Sea Grant's strategic planning efforts, rigorous program evaluation processes, and updated authorization foster excellence and accountability. Sea Grant's strategic approach guides the program's direction by focusing on the most pressing issues and linking some of the nation's highest quality research and educational institutions with the real needs of the people who live, work and play in coastal and Great Lakes regions, states and localities throughout the nation.

Sea Grant Requires Additional Resources to Meet Ever-Increasing Demands

At a time when the demands for Sea Grant programs and services are growing, resources available to meet these demands have become increasingly limited. With the costs of research and education rising, the near flat-funding of Sea Grant during the last few years has forced programs to reduce staff and leave numerous high-quality research and outreach projects unsupported. Sea Grant remains at its lowest funding level (in real terms) since its inception four decades ago. An increased investment in Sea Grant will not only enhance its ability to meet these additional demands, it will also leverage additional state and university matching funds, reflecting its unique value as a federal-state partnership.

***The SGA asks for your active support for an appropriation of \$72 million for Sea Grant in the
FY2009 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act***

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Help Sea Grant Serve America's Coastal Interests

Acme Smoked Fish Corporation, Brooklyn, New York
Acme Sponge and Chamois, Inc., Tarpon Springs, Florida
Alabama Seafood Association
Alabama Working Waterfront Coalition
The Albatross Fleet, Foster's Quay, Hatteras, North Carolina
Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries
American Fishermen's Research Foundation
American Great Lakes Ports Association, representing:
- Duluth Seaway Port Authority
- Port of Superior, Wisconsin
- Port of Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Port of Milwaukee
- Illinois International Port District
- Ports of Indiana - Burns Harbor
- Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority
- Port of Monroe, Michigan
- Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
- Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority
- Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority
- Port of Oswego Authority
American Shore & Beach Preservation Association
Angler Conservation Education, Ormond Beach, Florida
Apalachicola Bay Oyster Dealer's Association, Apalachicola, Florida
Aquarium of Niagara, Niagara Falls, New York
Aquatic Release Conservation, Ormond Beach, Florida
Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, Portsmouth, Rhode Island
Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association, Bedford, New Hampshire
At-Sea Processors Association, Seattle, Washington
Avon Lake Boat Club, Ohio
Aylesworth Foundation for the Advancement of Marine Science, St. Petersburg, Florida
Aylesworth's Fish & Bait, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida
Bay Area Resource Council, Pensacola, Florida
Beaver Street Fisheries, Jacksonville, Florida
BIOFlorida, West Palm Beach, Florida
Blackbrook Audubon Society, Ohio
Board of Millcreek Township Supervisors, Erie, Pennsylvania
Boating Association of Ohio
Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse Inc., Tampa, Florida
Borough of Belmar, New Jersey, Mayor Kenneth E. Pringle
Bosarge Boat, Inc.
Bozzuto's Inc.
Brett's Fish Farm/Texas Sportfish and Koi Breeders, Liverpool, Texas
Brevard Marine Advisory Council, Cocoa, Florida
Brightwater Seafood Company, Charlotte, North Carolina
California Aquaculture Association
California Fisheries & Seafood Institute
California Salmon Council
California Welfish Producers Association
Captree Clam Company, Babylon, New York
Carla's Pasta, South Windsor, Connecticut
Carlsbad Aquafarm, Inc.
Carteret Community College, Morehead City, North Carolina
Casey's Seafood Inc., Newport News, Virginia
Catalina Offshore Products
Cedar Key Aquaculture Association, Inc., Cedar Key, Florida
Center for the Inland Bays, Delaware
Central Basin Charterboat Association
Channel Islands Marine Resource Institute
The Chesapeake Bay Commission
The Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association
Citizens For Florida's Waterways, Merritt Island, Florida
City of Bayfield, Wisconsin, Mayor Larry MacDonald
City of Bayou La Batre Port Authority, Alabama
City of Huron Parks & Recreation, Ohio
City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, Mayor Victor Pearson
City of Mentor, Ohio Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, Mayor John Piskura
City of Sylvania, Ohio Community Improvement Corporation
Clemons Boats
Cleveland Botanical Gardens
Cleveland Fishing Association
Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Ohio
Connecticut Commercial Lobstermen's Association
Connecticut Seafood Council
Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland
Cordova Fishermen United, Anchorage, Alaska
Coastal Fisheries, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Austin, Texas
CRG Marine Laboratories, Inc.
Dana Wharf Sportfishing
Darden Restaurants, Orlando, Florida

Dauphin Island, Alabama, Mayor Jeff Collier
Dawson's Seafood
Delaware County Planning Department
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control,
Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Shoreline and Waterway
Management Section
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control,
Division of Water Resources, Watershed Management Section
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Delaware River Yachtsmen's League
Delaware's Center for the Inland Bays
Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences
Dewberry-Federal Programs, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
Doxsee Sea Clam Company, Point Lookout, New York
Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative, Metro Detroit Area, Michigan
Duluth Seaway Port Authority, Duluth, Minnesota
Duluth Shipping News
Duval Audubon Society, Jacksonville, Florida
East Coast Shellfish Growers Association
Empire Marine Trades Association
Environmental Products for Important Causes, Inc.
Farallon Fisheries
First Energy, Toledo, Ohio
Fishermen's News, Seattle, Washington
FISHTECH Inc.
Fishtown Preservation Society, Leland, Michigan
Florida Clean Boating Partnership
Florida Guides Association
Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association
Florida Marine Contractors Association, Merritt Island, Florida
Florida Outdoor Writers Association
Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association
Flow Science, Inc.
Franklin County Oyster & Seafood Task Force, Apalachicola, Florida
Fresher Than Fresh, Inc., Gastonia, North Carolina
Friends of Stone Laboratory, Ohio
Genesee Charter Boat Association, Rochester, New York
Goeden Fisheries
Graham and Rollins Inc., Hampton, Virginia
Great Lakes Historical Society
Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council
Haasch Guide Service, Algoma, Wisconsin
Harborcreek, Pennsylvania, Township Supervisor Dean S. Pepicello
Harlingen Shrimp Farms, Ltd., Harlingen, Texas
Jeremy Harris, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu 1994-2004
Hawaii Aquaculture Association
Holland American Line, Anchorage, Alaska
Holiday Harbor Marina, Inc., Ohio
Houston Underwater Club, Houston, Texas
Huron Lagoons Marina, Ohio
Impact Assessment, Inc.
Institute for Fisheries Resources
Institution Food House, Inc., Hickory, North Carolina
Integrated Marine Systems, LLC
The Jersey Shore Partnership, Red Bank, New Jersey
Juneau Borough Schools, Juneau, Alaska
Paul Kelly, Member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and Consultant,
Rowan Industries, Houston, Texas
Kent SeaTech
King Fisher Fleet, Punta Gorda, Florida
Lake Carriers' Association, representing:
- American Steamship Company
- Armstrong Steamship Company
- Bell Steamship Company
- Central Marine Logistics, Inc.
- GLF Great Lakes Fleet Corp.
- Grand River Navigation Company, Inc.
- Great Lakes Fleet, Inc. / Key Lakes, Inc.
- HMC Ship Management, Ltd.
- Inland Lakes Management, Inc.
- The Interlake Steamship Company
- KK Integrated Logistics
- Lake Michigan Carferry Service, Inc.
- Lakes Shipping Company, Inc.
- Pere Marquette Shipping Company
- Soo Marine Supply, Inc.
- Upper Lakes Towing Company, Inc.
- VanEnkevort Tug & Barge, Inc.
- Wisconsin & Michigan Steamship Company
Lake County Planning Commission

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Lake Erie Chapter Federation of Fly Fishers, New York
Lake Erie Charter Boat Association
Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc.
Lake Erie Marine Trades Association
Lake Erie Shores & Islands Sandusky Area Welcome Center
Lake Erie Walleye Magazine and www.walleye.com
Leavins Seafood, Apalachicola, Florida
Lone Star Aquafarms, Palacios, Texas
Lone Star Hatchery, Inc., Rio Hondo, Texas
Lorain County Visitors Bureau, Ohio
Luck Shrimp Farm, Rio Hondo, Texas
Lucky 7 Sportfishing Charters, Hamburg, New York
Lynde Point Land Trust, Fenwick, Connecticut
Maine Aquaculture Association
Maine Harbormasters Association
Maine Lobsterman's Association
Marine Exchange of Southern California, San Pedro, California
Marine Industries Association of Northeast Florida, St. Augustine, Florida
Marine Industries Association of Florida
The Marine Trades Association of Maryland
Marine Trades Association of New Jersey, Manasquan, New Jersey
The Maritime Aquarium
The Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, Inc., Ohio
Maritime Products International, Newport News, Virginia
Marsh Area Regional Coalition
Massachusetts Audubon Society
Massachusetts Shellfish Aquaculture Association
Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association
Dr. Michael Masser, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, (Past-president) World Aquaculture Society
Mattamuskeet Seafood Company, Swan Quarter, North Carolina
Mentor Marsh Board of Management, Ohio
Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, Detroit, Michigan
Michael Shrimp Farm, Rio Hondo, Texas
Michigan Boating Industries Association
Michigan Charter Boat Association
Michigan Fish Producers Association
Michigan Salmon and Steelhead Fishermen's Association
Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
Minnesota Fish and Bait Farmers Association, New London, Minnesota
Mississippi Charter Boat Captains Association
Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board, Monroe County, New York
Monterey Abalone Company
Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, Connecticut
National Aquaculture Association
National Fisheries Institute, Arlington, Virginia
National Weather Service, Weather Forecast Office, Philadelphia/Mount Holly
The Nature Conservancy
New York Fishing Tackle Trade Association
New York Power Authority, White Plains, New York
New York Sea Grant Program Advisory Council
New York Seafood Council, Hampton Bays, New York
Noisette Company, LLC, North Charleston, South Carolina
Norquest Seafoods, Seattle, Washington
North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterways Association, Oak Island, North Carolina
North Carolina Coastal Federation
North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Carteret County, North Carolina
North Carolina Fishermen's Association, Carteret County
North Carolina Sea Grant Advisory Board
North Carolina Shellfish Growers Association
North Carolina Watermen United, Hatteras, North Carolina
North Pacific Longline Association
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance
Northwest Marine Trade Association, Seattle Washington
Ocean Garden Products, Inc.
Ohio Bass Federation
Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders
Ohio Fish & Wildlife Management Association
Ohio Fish Producers Association
The Ohio Smallmouth Alliance
Ohio Wine Producers
Old Salt Fishing Foundation, St. Petersburg, Florida
Organized Seafood Association of Alabama
Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, Ohio
Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Olympia, Washington
Pamlico Packing Company, Grantsboro, North Carolina
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
PennAg Industries Association Aquaculture Council, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Penn State Philadelphia Outreach Center, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Water Department, Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center
Pollock Conservation Cooperative, Seattle, Washington
Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California
Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, California
Portsmouth Fishermen's Cooperative, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Proteus SeaFarms International, Inc.
Publix Supermarkets, Lakeland, Florida
R&B Aquatic Supply, Boerne, Texas
Reed Mariculture
Reveille and the Zande Companies
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, Wakefield, Rhode Island
Rhode Island Commercial Fisheries Center:
- Rhode Island Lobstermen's Association
- Ocean State Fishermen's Association
- R.I. Commercial Fishermen's Association
Riverside Kayak connection, LLC, Wyandotte, Michigan
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples, Florida
San Diego Oceans Foundation
San Diego Watermen's Association
Sandusky Charter Boat Association, Ohio
Sandusky/Erie County Visitors and Convention Bureau, Ohio
SaveOn Seafood, St. Petersburg, Florida
SCDHEC-Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Charleston, South Carolina
Scenic Galveston, Galveston, Texas
S.C. Shrimper's Association, St. Helena Island, South Carolina
Sea Food Suppliers
Seafood Products Association
Shoreline and Waterway Management Section Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Shrimp News International, San Diego, California
Sima Marine, Ohio
Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
South Cuyahoga Sportsman's Association (SCSA), Ohio
South Carolina Marine Educators Association (SCMEA), Charleston, South Carolina
South Carolina Seafood Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina
South Carolina State Ports Authority, Charleston, South Carolina
Southern Delaware Tourism
Southern New England Fishermen and Lobstermen's Association
Southern Ohio Marine Trades Association
Southern Shrimp Alliance
Southern Star, Inc., DBA Arroyo Aqua Faros, Rio Hondo, Texas
Southtowns Walleye Association of Western NY, Inc.
Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association
Stan Stephens Glacier and Wildlife Cruises, Valdez, Alaska
St Augustine Lighthouse & Museum, Inc., St. Augustine, Florida
Strom Thurmond Institute-Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina
Tank Hollow, Poteet, Texas
Taylor Shellfish, Shelton, Washington
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Texas Aquaculture Cooperative, Markum, Texas
Tierra Environmental Services, Inc.
TTI-Blakemore Fishing Group
Titusville Municipal Marina, Titusville, Florida
United Boatmen of NY
University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
U.S. Steel Corporation, Ecorse, Michigan
Virginia Seafood Council
Wanchese Fish Company, Wanchese, North Carolina
Town of Waterford, Connecticut
West Cleveland Walleye Association
West Coast Inland Navigation District, Venice, Florida
West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Western Basin Sportfishing Association, Ohio
Western Fishboat Owners Association
Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida, Pensacola, Florida
World Aquaculture Society Home Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Yacht Brokers of Sandusky, Ohio

* The above organizations and individuals represent the stakeholders and constituents of the National Sea Grant College Program via their local state Sea Grant programs and have expressed support for an annual appropriation of \$72 million for the program.