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Biennial Report 2012: National Topics for Consideration

This document includes several of the major highlights from late 2010 to present.

Budget Update

FY11 Final: \$61,556

FY 12 Spend Plan: \$62,162

FY 13 President's Budget: \$61,648

1. **National Statistics (2010 data): Jobs Created/Retained, Performance Measures, Metrics (2011 data will be ready by mid-June)**

Economic (market and non-market) benefits derived from Sea Grant activities:

Economic benefit \$ 78,652,850

Businesses created 73

Businesses retained 691

Jobs created 621

Jobs retained 3754

Patents/Licenses 2

See all measures and metrics online:

http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/other/2010_pm_metrics_posted_website_011312.pdf

National Activities:

Focus Area Overviews

http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/leadership/members_only/biennialreport.html

2. **Economic Health: Local Branding, Marketing, and Community Supported Fisheries Efforts Retain Jobs and Keep Communities Vibrant (SCD, SSSS Focus Areas)**

- a. **Working Waterfronts Congressional Briefing Hosted by U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree (D-ME), June 2011**

In June 2011, Sea Grant, NMFS and NOS co-organized a NOAA seminar followed by a Congressional briefing on working waterfronts, a topic of increasing national importance as waterfronts along our coasts experience increased pressure from population growth, development and other competing demands. Both events drew large crowds and provided an opportunity for our six speakers to make a case for the vital role working waterfronts play in sustaining our Nation's local economies. The speakers provided eloquent testament to the value of multiple-use waterfronts that support water-dependent businesses, provide public access to the water, and contribute to economic vitality and quality of life, helping to build and maintain vibrant, livable communities. U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree (D-ME) sponsored the June 1st briefing. For more: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs004/1104089983529/archive/1105696952144.html>

- b. **Working Waterfronts Resources Development Funded by Department of Commerce**

The U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced a \$297,643 grant to the Island Institute of Rockland, Maine, to identify and

disseminate best practices to help Working Waterfronts achieve long-term economic prosperity. The research will identify strategies, practical methods, and finance mechanisms to address current economic challenges and maintain the economic resilience and diversity of coastal communities. Among the factors considered will be desire to preserve water-dependent uses, opportunities to leverage the skills and abilities of the existing labor force and preservation of community cultural norms. This project is a collaborative effort among the Island Institute, the **Maine, Virginia, and Florida Sea Grant College Programs, the National Sea Grant Law Center**, the Urban Harbors Institute, and Coastal Enterprises, Inc. EDA is collaborating with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to ensure that this study leverages their previous work and research in this area.

c. Local Catch Congressional Briefing and Roundtable, Planned for May 2012

The National Sea Grant Office is working with several Sea Grant programs to bring together fishermen and other seafood industry representatives from several coastal states to talk about their efforts to promote innovative approaches to local marketing as a way of mitigating the impact of the downturned economy on coastal fishing communities. The roundtable and Congressional briefing will be modeled after the Working Waterfronts briefing last June and will be held in May. Sea Grant programs are using a variety of innovative approaches to keep fishermen in business by:

- **creating new marketing enterprises for seafood products,**
- **offering training and technical assistance to increase profitability and improve efficiency, and,**
- **educating consumers about safe, local, sustainable seafood choices.**

These efforts are creating competitive advantages over foreign producers, preserving valuable fishing jobs and maintaining a proud cultural heritage and way of life in coastal communities throughout the country.

Draft Local Catch Briefing Document:

http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/leadership/members_only/documents/economic_local_catch_oar_hill_visits031912.pdf

- i. **Community Supported Fisheries:** Sea Grant programs across the nation are working with fishermen and industry in order to establish Community Supported Fisheries (CSFs) and brand identities for locally-caught fish. These programs help fishermen sell their catch directly to consumers. Riding on the wave of the local food movement, CSFs are bringing more income to struggling fishing communities while educating their urban customers on the quality and diversity of affordable, local seafood. More info:

<http://www.oar.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/2011/articles/seafood-branding.html>

d. Sea Grant Roundtables

- i. **NOAA Partnered with EPA to Host Smart Growth, Hazards, and Adaptation Experts Roundtable, August 24-25**

Sea Grant partnered with the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, the NOAA Coastal Services Center, EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities, and Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Texas Sea Grant to hold a Smart Growth, Hazards, and Adaptation roundtable on August 24-25th in Silver Spring, MD. The roundtable brought together over 20 government, academia, NGOs, and private sector experts from hazard mitigation, smart growth and coastal management fields to exchange viewpoints and ideas on where and how coastal communities can develop or redevelop to achieve smart growth goals while minimizing risks from natural hazards, including climate change impacts.

Significance: The roundtable furthered the goals of an April 2011 MOA NOAA and EPA signed to strengthen cooperation and enhance efforts to assist state and local governments in becoming sustainable and resilient coastal and

waterfront communities, protecting healthy coastal ecosystems, restoring degraded coastal ecosystems and adapting to climate change. The meeting helped inform future activities NOAA and EPA conduct under the MOA to make coastal communities more sustainable and resilient.

ii. **Sustainable Tourism Roundtable**

This event brought together Sea Grant coastal/marine tourism researchers extension personnel, and other interested colleagues (NOAA offices) to discuss and share ideas about Sea Grant's role in coastal and marine tourism. Sea Grant is engaged in sustainable tourism efforts in each of its regions. The event provided an opportunity for tourism leaders to share success stories and to discuss future planning efforts.

iii. **Sea Grant-Land Grant Climate Extension Summit, March 13-14, 2012**

The NOAA Sea Grant and USDA-NIFA Land Grant Climate Extension (Extension) Summit will convene selected experts from both national networks to provide leadership and devise broad strategies and approaches to address the nation's climate variability and change issue. The Summit's primary focus will be on Extension's efforts to improve overall understanding of climate variability and change topic and its potential effects on natural resources and communities; the climate extension capacity-building needs of agents and specialists; and considerations for better preparing the next generation of Sea Grant and Land Grant professionals to address needs as regards this developing issue. The experts will include subject-matter specialists (Panelists) in climate science, environment and natural resources, agriculture and fisheries, and community and economic development, as well as Delegates selected from Extension leaders representing both networks and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). Objectives:

- Better understand the intersection of the climate variability and change issue with the role of Extension;
- Identify and devise strategies to address the professional development needs of Extension's workforce;
- Identify resources and partnerships needed to strengthen climate-related programming in Extension;
- Explore new technologies as they may affect interactions with constituent groups regarding climate variability and change;
- Discuss subject-matter needs and universities' curricula to better prepare Extension's future workforce.

A report, with recommended actions, will be prepared by mid-May 2012. It will also contain summaries of the subject-matter experts' presentations and the ensuing deliberations involving the Delegates and Panelists. The report's intended audiences are Sea Grant and Land Grant Extension leadership, as well as the state and federal partners who support, or can potentially support, university-based extension programming in this field.

iv. **Local Catch Roundable, May 2012** (see info., above)

2. **Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning**

(HCE, SCD Focus Areas)

- a. **Sea Grant integral to development of first federally-approved Ocean SAMP**
Rhode Island Sea Grant worked with the state's Coastal Resources Management Council to develop and implement a coastal and marine spatial planning tool known as Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs). SAMPs are scientific ecosystem-based management plans that comprehensively review ecosystems, regulatory environments and social structures, and propose guidance on

regulations to be adopted by the state. Rhode Island's 7th SAMP is the largest to date, covering nearly 1,500 square miles. On July 22nd, NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco joined national and state leaders to recognize the pioneering Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan (Ocean SAMP). The SAMP incorporates extensive research and input from state, federal, tribal and local agencies that address healthy habitats, commercial and recreational fishing, cultural heritage, recreation and tourism, renewable offshore wind energy, and global climate change. **(Rhode Island, HCE, SCD)**

In addition, news articles on this historic event are below, under "Sea Grant in the News," or see the NOAA news release:

<http://www.oar.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/2011/articles/spatial-planning.html>

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110722_rhodeisland.html

3. **40th Anniversary Celebrations**

Texas, New York and Oregon Sea Grant Receive Proclamations/Resolutions & Celebrate 40 Years

- Rhode Island Celebrates 40 Years (2011)

- Wisconsin Celebrates 40 Years (2010)

- Minnesota Plans 40th Event and Book to Honor Spilhaus for 2012 AFS Meeting

i. ***May 25th Texas House of Representatives passes resolution commending the Texas Sea Grant College Program***

House Resolution 2163, introduced by District 14 Rep. Fred Brown (R-Bryan), praised Texas Sea Grant for its body of work that "has helped foster the wise use and conservation of the marine environment of the Lone Star State, helping to ensure that the Texas coast will remain a valuable resource for future generations.

[http://texas-sea-](http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/online%20publications/Media/press11/40years.html)

[grant.tamu.edu/online%20publications/Media/press11/40years.html](http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/online%20publications/Media/press11/40years.html)

ii. ***September 9th New York Proclamation Commemorates 40 Years of Research and Outreach***

Assemblymen Robert Sweeney (D-Lindenhurst) and Fred Thiele, Jr. (I-Sag Harbor) presented New York Sea Grant with a New York State Assembly proclamation at the group's 40th anniversary celebration at the Long Island Maritime Museum (LIMM) in West Sayville. The proclamation was signed by every member of the Suffolk County State Assembly to commemorate 40 years of research and outreach regarding many of the most pressing coastal issues facing Long Island.

<http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/articles/t/new-york-sea-grant-celebrates-40-years-at-limm-in-sayville-nysg-40-news>

iii. ***September 17th Proclaimed "Oregon Sea Grant Day"***

Oregon Sea Grant celebrated its 40th anniversary Sept. 17th. To honor the day, Gov. John Kitzhaber proclaimed the date "Oregon Sea Grant Day." The proclamation recognizes the program for forging a "dynamic partnership" with the Oregon University System, the State of Oregon, Oregon coastal communities and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) since September 1971. "Oregon Sea Grant funds top-quality research with high relevance to society," the proclamation reads, "as part of an integrated program of research, education, Extension, and public science communication." Although Sea Grant had begun in Oregon in 1968, in 1971, the program was officially designated a "college program" under NOAA. For more:

http://www.northwestmagazines.com/Epubs/Oregon-Coast-Magazine_September_October-2011/#?page=48

iv. ***2011 Rhode Island Sea Grant Celebrated 40***

<http://digital.turn-page.com/issue/35154>

v. ***2010 Wisconsin Sea Grant Celebrated 40***

<http://aqua.wisc.edu/publications/PDFs/SG40thAnniversaryReport.pdf>

- vi. **Related: Minnesota Sea Grant Planning to Honor Athelstan Spilhaus**
Spilhaus's 100th birthday would have been Nov. 25. Sharon Moen, communications manager for Minnesota Sea Grant, is completing the book "With Tomorrow in Mind: Athelstan Spilhaus (Dreamer of Satellites, Cities and Sea Grant)." She hopes to have her book published in time for the August 2012 meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The last time the AFS met in the Twin Cities—a mere 49 years ago—Spilhaus delivered the Sea Grant speech that began it all.

3. **Sea Grant/American Veterinary Medical Association Partner to Raise Awareness About Safe Medicine Disposal** **(HCE Focus Area)**

- a. The National Sea Grant College Program and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) forged a formal partnership to raise awareness about the need for proper storage and disposal of unused medicines. Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant is, on behalf of the National Sea Grant College Program, leading this joint outreach and education effort aimed at ensuring that leftover or unused medications for animals are disposed of properly so they cannot harm people, the animals or the environment. Learn more:

<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/oarmultimedia.aspx>

NOAA Facebook Tag:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NOAA-Office-of-Oceanic-and-Atmospheric-Research/219115788142859>

NOAA Research/OAR News Story "Sea Grant, veterinarians join forces to raise awareness on medicine disposal."

<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/AVMA2011.aspx>

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant press release

<http://www.iiseagrant.org/newsroom/archive/112811.html>

Times Square Super Screen "Safe Disposal" Message

As part of the MOU, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant worked with Neutron Media (a contractor for CBS) to produce a 15-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) for the CBS "Super Screen" positioned at 42nd St. between 7th and 8th Ave. in Times Square Plaza. The PSA communicates the MOU's pet safety/water quality message aired for 91 days. The MOU calls for several communications products that deliver information about the importance of safe drug disposal. With over 450 million passing through Times Square annually, the CBS "Super Screen" provides a "star-studded stage" for this important educational message. To view the PSA and to learn more, visit:

<http://www.iiseagrant.org/gros/meddisposal.html>

4. **Fellowship Highlights: Survey, Knauss video and statistics, NMFS fellow profile** **(Education cross-cut)**

- a. **Survey (Gordon Grau):** A Sea Grant survey confirms Sea Grant programs are the training grounds for many who go on to serve our nation as government and academic scientists. Over 1500 employees of NOAA, the agency tasked with the management and stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources, responded to a survey asking about their training and education. Sea Grant is NOAA's primary university-based program in support of coastal resource use and conservation through competitive research, community-based extension, and innovative educational activities. Here are some highlights: 22% of the 1,500 respondents had received training through Sea Grant in the form of fellowships, internships or research positions. In addition, 94% of NOAA Sea Grant alumni said Sea Grant training or support positively influenced their professional development and achievements, and 82% claimed that their Sea Grant experience helped them get their NOAA job.

http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/sites/seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/files/publications/noaa_s

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- b. **Knauss Video:** The Sea Grant Knauss video is available Sea Grant's YouTube channel, A hearty congratulations to Alaska Sea Grant (and to all who contributed) on this exceptional piece. <http://www.youtube.com/user/AlaskaSeaGrant>
 - c. **Possible profile (Sea Grant-NOAA Fisheries Fellow):** A California Sea Grant fellow made national news in spring 2011. Sea Grant-NOAA Fisheries fellow Taylor Chapple, a graduate student at the University of California, Davis, discovered that fewer great white sharks reside in the northeast Pacific Ocean than previously thought. The study, published in the journal *Biology Letters*, is the first rigorous scientific estimate of white shark numbers in the northeast Pacific Ocean, and represents one of the best estimates among the world's three known white-shark populations. Chapple's work, in addition to its significant contribution to the body of knowledge about this elusive species, speaks to the value of Sea Grant fellowships (and the many other opportunities we provide to students). Now in its 12th year, this and the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship program have introduced scores of bright, talented researchers and policy specialists into the workforce. For more, see *E-Currents*:
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs004/1104089983529/archive/1105336489663.html>
 - d. **NOAA Hollings Scholar (MIT Sea Grant), Jesse Thornburg Wins First Place**
This study took place during the spring and summer of 2010 and aimed to observe eelgrass in multiple sites along the Massachusetts coast, especially focusing on the effects of boat mooring chains in naturally grown shallow-water eelgrass beds. In collaboration with dive teams from the EPA and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, a hybrid Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) was used along with a standard ROV to monitor Atlantic eelgrass by recording color video, taking GPS coordinates of the bed edges and mooring scars, and measuring the depth and temperature of the vehicle's current location. Jesse's poster presentation was awarded first place in the ecosystems division.
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs078/1103223012237/archive/1103601368482.html#LETTER.BLOCK12>
5. **2011 Hurricane Awareness** [\(HRCC Focus Area\)](#)
See how Sea Grant programs around the country are building Hazard Resilient Coastal Communities through hurricane research, outreach and technical support.
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/2011-Hurricane%20AwarenessR2.pdf>
6. **Renewable Energy Highlights** [\(SSSS, SCD Focus Areas\)](#)
- a. **Symposium: Energy in Use Fisheries Symposium with NOAA Fisheries**
NOAA Sea Grant is investing in renewable energy solutions to support our nation's fisheries and seafood consumers. This is why, in partnership with NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Sea Grant co-hosted the *Energy Use in Fisheries: Improving Efficiency and Technological Innovations from a Global Perspective Symposium*, November 14-17, 2010 in Seattle, WA. [Presentation](#) topics included "Peace Through Grease," a boat powered from Margaritaville Restaurant waste vegetable oil, a solar powered wild salmon fishery fleet, biofuel made from algae, direct sale seafood marketing opportunities for fishers, and gear and vessel enhancements that are saving money and increasing efficiency, including a green re-fit of the *Time Bandit* fishing vessel, and more. To learn more:
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs004/1104089983529/archive/1104407182523.html>
 - b. **Coming: Renewable energy overview for Sea Grant programs and link to Sea Grant impacts/accomplishments**

7. Coastal Tourism White Paper Highlights

(SCD Focus Area)

Draft copy available. Will post when approved.

8. Climate Engagement

(Climate cross-cut)

- a. CPO grants/partnerships
- b. CCCAI
- c. Climate Engagement Training Module with NWS
- d. Partnership/coordination with USDA (Louie Tupac) (see also **Sea Grant-Land Grant Climate Extension Summit**, under Roundtables, above)

9. Allocation Committee

- a. Recommendations/overview

10. Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (PIE)

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/other/admininfo.html>

- a. **Site Visits** (survey results and review)
 - i. **Team Manual:**
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/other/admininfo/ppe/SiteVisits/Site%20Review%20Team%20Manual%20-%20March%202010.pdf>
 - ii. **Survey:** Coming (distributed by SGA to programs)
- b. **2012 Performance Review Panel (PRP) October 2012**
Overview: Programs will be able to provide a Program Summary Report to discuss 2008 and 2009 impacts. 2010 impacts and accomplishments will be made available for editing by the programs until April 3, 2012. The PRP will have a fifth working group focused on Marine/Coastal Literacy (in addition to the Focus Areas) to cover the most common of the state-specific focus areas. All other state-specific focus areas will be reviewed by one of the PRP working groups for the four national focus areas. The 2011 Annual Report due date will be pushed back by 2 months to June 1, 2012. 2012 Performance Review Panel Guidance, including the new timeline and due dates, and a letter from Leon about this process is available online at:
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/other/admininfo/ppe/index.html> (under "Evaluation").

11. Partnerships & Social Science Projects

- a. NOAA/Sea Grant Regional Efforts
- b. NOAA: Coastal Storms Program, CI-Flow, Climate (see also above).....
 - i. National Ocean Policy?
 - ii. Coastal Integration?
- c. Other Agencies: USDA (climate?), EPA (AVMA; smart growth?), FEMA
- d. Sea Grant Programs: Highlights from PIER
- e. Leverage and jobs created/saved info. from PIER
- f. Social science project info. to come.

12. Impacts by Focus Area and Focus Team Priorities

- a. Focus Team Reports (including priorities and impacts)
http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/leadership/members_only/biennialreport.html

13. Sea Grant's Communications Visibility (NOAA, DOC) (communications highlights & news since January 2011)

- a. **NOAA News Highlights**
 - i. **NOAA Home Page Theme Story**
 - TX Sea Grant turtle rescue, 2/11

- ii. **OAR/NOAA Research News Page**
<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/default.aspx>
 - 1. **News Releases:** (six to date)
 - Two new NOAA Sea Grant studies will look at how new business models stand to benefit fishing communities in Washington, Oregon and California, 3/21/12 (coming)
 - Sea Grant, veterinarians join forces to raise awareness on medicine disposal, 12/1
 - New regional climate science collaborations announced, 10/17 (mentions Sea Grant collaborations)
 - Clean Marinas and Sea Grant, 7/27
 - MIT Sea Grant Ocean Engineering Experience high school training, 7/8
 - Sea Grant hurricane research/outreach, 5/23
 - Sea Grant DWH videos, scientist profiles and links, 4/19
 - 2. **“Meet the Scientist” Profiles** (six to date)
 - Grant experts featured
 - 3. **“In the Spotlight” Features** <http://www.oar.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/>
 - Virginia Sea Grant Taggers Volunteer to Help U.S. Veterans (VA Sea Grant), 2/23
 - *National* bycatch (Dan Williams), 12/19
 - NOAA Sea Grant helps fishermen with local seafood branding and marketing, 11/19
 - *National* combating invasive species (Moira Harrington), 9/30
 - Sea Grant and CMSP/RI Ocean SAMP featuring RI Sea Grant, 8/8
 - Tsunami featuring multiple programs, 5/13
 - *National* HACCP (Peg Van Patten), 3/28
 - 4. **Other stories:**
Virginia Sea Grant Taggers Volunteer to Help U.S. Veterans (Featured on NOAA Facebook)
<http://www.facebook.com/usnoaagov>
Sea Grant, veterinarians join forces to raise awareness on medicine disposal
<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/AVMA2011.aspx>
Hurricane Feature story
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/2011-Hurricane%20AwarenessR2.pdf>
Recalling Deepwater Horizon
<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/dwh.aspx>
 - 5. **Press Event and Media Advisory**
 - Sea Grant (CA, partnering with USC, WA and OR), 3/22/12, Santa Barbara, Dr. Lubchenco to announce in person
- b. **NOAA/DOC Leadership Reports** (internal, go to NOAA leadership and DOC Secretary) (placements since 1/11)
 - i. **Secretary’s Weekly & Week Ahead** (internal, high-level leadership) 9 Sea Grant items
 - **NOAA Sea Grant Great Lakes Network Climate Change Meeting**, February 6 Secretary’s Weekly
 - **Great Lakes Sea Grant/COSEE Shipboard and Shoreline Science Workshop** for teachers on EPA ship & **WA Sea Grant/NOAA Science Camp**, July 18 Secretary’s Weekly Report
 - **Sea Grant HACCP trainings**, July 4 Secretary’s Weekly

- **CA Sea Grant Coho Salmon Restoration Efforts**, *April 4 Secretary's Weekly and April 11 Week Ahead Report*
 - **RI Sea Grant and RWU symposium "Legal Legacy of the Deepwater Horizon" & MD Sea Grant partnership with Angie's List for Earth Day on green landscaping videos**, *April 11 Secretary's Weekly and April 18 Week Ahead Reports*
 - **WI Sea Grant researchers patented spawning method & AK Sea Grant's video on the 1964 tsunami**, *February 21 Secretary's Weekly and February 28 Week Ahead Report*
- ii. **OAR Updates** E-mail News Updates from Craig McLean to OAR staff
- **NC Sea Grant CI-Flow and Hurricane Irene; NSGO Science Advisory Board** (9/2)
 - **RI Sea Grant Ocean SAMP** (8/15)
 - **NY Sea Grant ACE Award for Coastlines** (7/27)
 - **MIT Sea Grant Launches Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for State's Lobster Industry** (6/16)
 - **OR Sea Grant Social Science Study by Sam Chan to be published in journal and Georgia Sea Grant earns National Gold Award from Council for Advancement and Support of Education** (6/6)
 - **GA Sea Grant CASE Award for Gulf Oil Spill: Leveraging Faculty Expertise into International Exposure projects** (6/6)
 - **OR Sea Grant Video Earns Gold Hermes Award for Preparing for Coastal Climate Change** (5/20)
 - **NSGO Sea Grant Climate Network is Award Finalist – You Can Vote!** (4/1)
 - **NSGO Sea Grant Program Reviews, Welcome Sea Grant Knauss Fellows** (2/4)
 - **RI SG Sea Grant Extension Leader, Jennifer McCann Featured as an "Amazing Woman"** (1/14)
- iii. **Sea Grant Social Media Statistics**
1. Coming.
- iv. **Other:**
1. **E-Currents Newsletter to 1,400 Sea Grant Stakeholders**
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/newsevents/index.html>
8 Issues, E-Currents newsletter to Sea Grant stakeholders:
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 8](#) (2/23/2012) National Sea Grant Law Center & Legal Resources
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 7](#) (11/17/2011) Great Lakes Climate Change
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 6](#) (7/19/2011) Citizen Science Efforts Make a Difference
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 5](#) (6/9/2011) Congressional briefing on working waterfronts
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 4](#) (5/3/2011) Sea Grant Fellow's Shark Research Makes Headlines
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 3](#) (3/15/2011) Sea Grant Quarterly Highlights
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 2](#) (2/15/2011) Energy Use in Fisheries Symposium
[Sea Grant E-Currents Issue 1](#) (1/7/2011) State of Sea Grant 2010 Biennial Report

2. New National Sea Grant Office Website (under development in 2012)

14. Looking Ahead:

- a. Reauthorization
- b. National Strategic Planning Efforts
- c. Budget/Funding Outlook
- d. Recommendations