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BREAKING NEWS

Upcoming Deadlines

See our new **online calendar**:

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

- **June 11 and 12: Review of state alignment plans** and documents will take place
- **August 28: Annual Reports** due. Structure will remain the same as last year
- **November 6: 2010 Omnibus proposals due** for all programs

Sea Grant Gets "Social" on the Web: Join Our Networks

The Sustainable Coastal Community Development Network and the Climate Change Network, have created social networking websites for professional interactions. The sites offer a wealth of information, including forums for discussion and Q&A's, video capability, news releases, information by region, member networking opportunities, and much more. The sites expand on the traditional Sea Grant listserves, providing a venue for posting resources, sharing ideas, and further coordinating our activities. Anyone with an interest in these topics is encouraged to join. Please check them out!

Visit the Sea Grant Climate Change Network at:

<http://sgccnetwork.ning.com>

Visit the Sustainable Coastal Community Development Network at:

<http://sgsccdn.ning.com>

Sea Grant Network Invited on "Second Life" Tour: Bringing Science to Life

Monday, June 22, 2009

3 p.m. EST

Teleconference (number to come)

NOAA is creating tomorrow's virtual world for today's classroom through a 3-D online world known as Second Life. Please join us for a special Sea Grant tour of the Agency's Second Life, "Meteora" island site. The virtual tour will be led by NOAA's Virtual Worlds Program Manager, Eric Hackathorn. Details to come.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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Priorities

1. June 11-12 Alignment Review
2. Senior Research Council Meeting
3. Meet with Deputy Undersecretary Lubchenco

Alignment Review (June 11 & 12)

All alignment materials submitted on May 8th have now been sent to the alignment review committee. The review committee includes three National Sea Grant College Program Advisory Board Members: Dick West, John Byrne and John Woeste. Nineteen programs have submitted their plans and alignment documents for final approval, and five programs have submitted draft plans and alignment documents. On June 11-12, 2009, the alignment review committee will recommend acceptance of the state plan or the need for modifications to the plan. The committee will also give programs feedback on the plan (for those programs only submitting draft versions, the committee will only give feedback). The recommendations and feedback will be given to the NSGCP Director, who has final say of the approval of all state Sea Grant program plans. If your plan is not approved, then the program will need to resubmit the plan for the next alignment review.

Coming Soon... NOAA Sea Grant/Regional Collaboration Team Partnership Opportunity for Climate Engagement FY10 Request for Mini Grant Proposals

My office and members of our network are working hard to ensure that Sea Grant will play a key role within NOAA on priority climate issues. To this end, NOAA will soon announce a request for FY10 proposals to develop climate engagement projects. These projects will couple Sea Grant's longstanding relationships with stakeholders with NOAA's climate service capabilities, focusing on enhancing both engagement and the efficient delivery of climate services. The projects will serve to catalyze collaboration and cooperation between Sea Grant and the NOAA regional teams and jumpstart NOAA's ability to provide climate services to key stakeholders. The climate engagement mini-grants will be awarded only to proposals endorsed jointly by the NOAA Regional Teams and the Sea Grant programs in the region. Eight mini-grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded through a competitive

process, subject to the availability of funds, with no more than \$25,000 being awarded to any one region. Projects that span across multiple teams and/or Sea Grant programs that benefit all regions are encouraged, and budgets in two or more regions can be combined to address a multi-region issue(s). The FY2010 Program Announcement is expected to be posted in early July, and proposals will be due September 1, 2009. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jim Murray in NOAA's National Sea Grant Office (jim.d.murray@noaa.gov, 301-734-1070)

Social Scientist Position Announcement: Please Forward to All Interested Parties

NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program has re-opened advertisement for a Social Scientist/Program Officer to work in the Silver Spring, MD, headquarters office. The position will serve as both a Program Officer and the National Sea Grant Social Science Specialist.

To learn more about the National Sea Grant Office, please go to:

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/index.html>

If you are interested, please apply by Wednesday, June 10, 2009

To learn more about the job, the qualifications, and to apply go to:

<http://www.usajobs.com/>

and search:

a) for Status Candidates: OAR-HQ-2009-0046

b) All U.S. Citizens: OAR-HQ-2009-0045

Sea Grant Hosts Regional Research and Information Planning Workshop, May 20-21 Silver Spring, MD

Participants from other Agencies and across NOAA convened to hear Sea Grant regional presentations, and to discuss collaborative efforts. This was a highly productive and successful meeting.

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/regional/workshop.html>

Coastal Integration

NOAA's coastal programs (Office of Coastal Resource Management, Coastal Services Center, Sea Grant, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, and Office of Habitat Conservation) are currently developing a coastal implementation plan for FY2010 and FY2011. The implementation plan is based on the three coastal priorities for NOAA: Coastal Hazards and Climate Change, Coastal Competing Uses and Habitat Loss, and Coastal Water Quality and Human Health Effects.

Focus Team Updates

Annual Meetings

Among other duties, the focus teams are tasked to facilitate planning, implementation, synthesis and reporting in each focus area. Each focus team will hold an annual meeting where the teams will review annual reports from the 32 Sea Grant programs to synthesize results, develop national impact stories, review the strategic plans of the Sea Grant programs, suggest mid-course corrections as needed, and

identify new opportunities within each focus area. From this meeting, the teams will generate an annual report for each focus area. Each team has scheduled, or is in the process of scheduling, an annual meeting for this fall (see updates below for each team).

Climate Change Initiative

The focus teams are organizing a multi-day National Climate Change Extension workshop this fall to link our extension agents with NOAA scientists and other experts to evaluate the state of the science and the tools needed to effectively help communities prepare for climate change.

Healthy Coastal Ecosystems (HCE)

This team is currently leading planning efforts for the 2010 Land Grant – Sea Grant National Water Conference to be held Feb 21 – 25 in Hilton Head, SC.

Judy Weis (SGAB), Dorn Carlson (NSGO), Darren Okimoto (HI SG), Jonathan Kramer (MD SG), and Darrell Herbert (Southeast Environmental Research Center, FIU) held a Sea Grant discussion section on ecosystem-based management at the International Marine Conservation Congress at George Mason University on May 22nd.

Sustainable Coastal Development (SCD)

Sea Grant's Sustainable Coastal Community Development extension network (SCCD) will gather in Boston in conjunction with Coastal Zone 09, July 18-23. Douglas Farr, a national expert on sustainable urbanism, will offer a one-day workshop for the SCCD on the "Techniques and Metrics of Sustainable Urbanism." Sea Grant coastal community development agents and specialists are strongly encouraged to attend this training. SCCD will also hold a business meeting to discuss future training and organizational issues, and is presenting a full session on how Sea Grant can engage its coastal partners in coastal community issues. For more information, contact Kristen Grant (ME) at kngrant@maine.edu or Vicky Carrasco (MD) at vcarrasco@arec.umd.edu

The Sustainable Coastal Development focus team is also preparing to provide the SGA with an introduction to sustainable coastal development as part of its meeting this October.

Safe and Sustainable Seafood Supply (SSSS)

This team is co-sponsoring a Symposium to Reduce Energy in Fisheries/Seafood to be held in late 2010. The symposium will address the direct and indirect effects of energy costs on the fishing industry and identify methods (i.e. management strategies, optimization of vessel operation and engineering, gear technology and harvesting

strategies, etc.) to reduce these costs. Chris Moore (NMFS) is leading planning efforts for the focus team. **We are seeking experts in this subject area.** If you know of anyone, please pass names of potential steering committee members and speakers for this symposium to Steve McMurray (Steven.McMurray@noaa.gov).

The team is also partnering with the Seafood Science and Technology Society of the Americas (SST) to hold a joint conference October 26th – 30th in New Orleans. Focus Team members Steve Otwell (FL) and Chuck Wilson (LA) are leading planning efforts. The conference will include a joint focus team/SST session where invited speakers will present and discuss the state of domestic fisheries and seafood industry, a focus team workshop/roundtable with the SST, and the Safe and Sustainable Seafood Supply annual meeting.

Hazard Resilient Coastal Communities (HRCC)

This team is partnering with NOAA in the Carolinas to co-sponsor an October 21-22 workshop in Charleston, "Understanding and Responding to Climate Change and Natural Hazards as They Relate to Oceans and Coasts." This conference will further the Coastal (Integration) Strategy and has many NOAA co-sponsors.

For more information on the focus teams, contact focus team coordinators Steve McMurray (SSSS, HCE teams; steven.mcmurray@noaa.gov) and Josh Brown (SCD, HRCC teams; joshua.brown@noaa.gov).

NOAA NEWS

Broad Agency Announcement

NOAA's 2008/2009 Broad Agency Announcement is out. The FFO on Grants.gov is NFA-NFA-2008-2001388

New Coastal Climate Adaptation Website Features Resources and Forum

States and communities wondering what others are doing to address climate change and looking for guidance on how to approach the topic can now access one website for resources and information. The NOAA Coastal Services Center has released the Coastal Climate Adaptation website, which focuses on adaptation-related resources, such as local and state plans, new policies, case studies, risk and vulnerability assessments, and decision-support tools. The site also provides access to basic climate science resources and has a forum where users can suggest new resources, engage in dialog on the issues, and submit comments and questions. Questions should be directed to Stephanie Fauver at Stephanie.Fauver@noaa.gov, or (843) 740-1287. To view the Coastal Climate Adaptation Website, go to: <http://community.csc.noaa.gov/climateadaptation/>

RESEARCH AND COMPETITIONS

Ship Time Funding

Requests for 2010 charter ship time were due on May 11th as per Dorn Carlson's May 4th e-mail to Sea Grant Directors and Research Coordinators. Twelve requests were submitted.

OUTREACH

Extension

NOAA Extension and Training Services

The recently revised NOAA Extension and Training Services NAO 216-102 is available on the NOAA web site. This Order defines NOAA's Extension and Training Services (NETS), outlines its organizational structure, and assigns related responsibilities:

http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/~ames/NAOs/Chap_216/naos_216_102.html

Sustainable Coastal Community Development Network Meeting— Coastal Zone 09

For details, see Focus Team Updates, above (p.4)

Sea Grant Water Resources Network

It may come as a surprise to some that 15 of the 32 agents and specialists who participated in the 2009 Academy are involved in watershed and water quality issues. If you are interested in helping Sea Grant plan for the February 2010 Land Grant and Sea Grant National Water Conference in Hilton Head, SC, planning will begin this spring and input is requested. Sea Grant's Land Grant colleagues have proposed that conference themes include "climate change, water availability, ecosystem services, and coastal resource management." For more information about establishing a water resources network and/or about conference planning, please contact the NSGO's Steven McMurray steven.mcmurray@noaa.gov

Ralph Rayburn Beltway Brown Bag (BBB) Series—2009

The NSGO will host three BBBs in the spring, summer and fall of this year. The first BBB will be June 18 at 12 p.m. EST at the NOAA Library, Silver Spring, MD. David B. MacNeill, (NY) and Paul R. Bowser, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Cornell University, will present their work on "NY Sea Grant's Proactive Research and Extension Responses to Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS)".

Marshall Islands Extension Agent

Please welcome Republic of the Marshall Islands extension agent, Murray Ford. To contact Murray:

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Communications

NOAA Home Page Features:

Sea Grant Clean Marinas Story

http://www.noaa.gov/features/resources_0509/marina.html

NWS/Sea Grant "Break the Grip of the Rip" Press Release

http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090603_ripcurrent.html

NOAA Research Home Page Features:

Vice President Biden Lauds Delaware Sea Grant's Wind Power Research

http://www.oar.noaa.gov/news/archive/2009/vp_biden.html

NOAA World Features:

Hawaii Sea Grant

"Award-winning Publication Donated to More Than 100 Schools Statewide"

http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/aroundnoaa/jul2008_around_2.html

"Two UH Sea Grant Publications Win Prestigious Book Awards"

http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/aroundnoaa/jun2008_around_2.html

North Carolina Sea Grant

"NC Sea Grant Receives State Conservation Honor"

http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/aroundnoaa/mar2008_around_4.html

NOAA World Archive:

Delaware Sea Grant: OAR's Derek Parks wrote "'Citizen Scientists" in Delaware Sea Grant Program Work for Water Quality'

http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/people/may2009_people_3.html

NOS' Tim Osborn wrote "NOAA Celebrates New Gulf of Mexico Museum." The article mentions the new Sea Grant Extension/Outreach/Education program to reside at GulfQuest.

http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/aroundnoaa/may2009_around_4.html

Rhode Island Sea Grant's Barry Costa-Pierce wrote "A Grateful Salute to Senator Claiborne Pell: Hero to the Sea Grant Universities."
http://www.noaaworld.noaa.gov/people/feb2009_people_2.html

NOAA Research *In the Spotlight*

Melissa Schneider from MS-AL Sea Grant contributed Sea Grant's latest article titled, "Fire and water: Scientists study how fire may affect key functions in marshes." To read the story, visit:
http://www.oar.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/2009/articles/fire_water.html

E-Currents International Issue, Spring 2009 Now Online

<http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/newsletter/2009/spring/index.html>

OAR Photo Contest: Submissions Due June 30

The OAR Communications Team is sponsoring a Photography Contest to highlight NOAA science. The OAR Photo Contest is open to OAR employees, including OAR cooperative institute and Sea Grant program employees, contractors, fellows, and interns. All entries must be original work, taken by the submitting photographer in 2008 or 2009. Categories include:

NOAA Researchers at Work Images that depict OAR researcher doing what they do: collecting data, creating models, collaborating nationally and internationally, directing field experiments, working in labs, etc. The photos will illustrate the work of OAR that serves NOAA's mission and contributes to the health and vitality of our Nation.

Research Tools of the Trade

Images that show the many conveyances, settings, instruments and processes for conducting science around the world. Examples might be a balloon launch at the South Pole; a laser in operation in a lab; a submersible nose-to-nose with an ocean inhabitant; an instrument on the deck of a ship; a UAS in flight.

Natural Phenomena

Artistic and realistic photographs of our research subjects – the ocean and atmosphere. (Examples: clouds, storms, coasts, landscapes, snowscapes, coral reefs, sunrises and sunsets.)

Professional submission

Photos entered in this category have been taken by professional photographers, that is, anyone who receives remuneration for taking photographs, as part of their duties for NOAA or outside of their NOAA position. Professional entry subjects may be any of the above topics (NOAA Researchers at Work, Research Tools of the Trade, or Natural Phenomena.) OR e-mail questions to:

oar.communications@noaa.gov

The entry form was transmitted to the Communicators network. For further information, contact Amy.Painter@noaa.gov

Please Update the Online Sea Grant Address Book and Experts Guide

You are now free to search, update/edit and delete information for your program. Each Sea Grant program is responsible for managing the names and contact information of staff members and experts listed in both the Address Book and Experts Guide. We recommend that you register and begin making updates soon. Ideally, **please assign only one or two users from your program to make your staff entries and updates.** In the near future, **e-mails from the NSGO to the Sea Grant network will be generated from names/e-mail addresses in the online Address Book.** Please ensure that all Sea Grant staff members are included in the Address Book. Instructions for registering and using the system are below:

How to Update/Edit the Online Sea Grant Address Book & Experts Guide

To Add, Delete or Update Names and Addresses for Your Program:

1. **Visit:** <http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/database/AB/Default.aspx>
2. **Register/Login:** Click on the Login button (upper right hand corner of screen)
3. **Create a Username and Password** and click on Register
4. **Once registered**, you will see this message: Your registration is successful however your account will remain in-active until Sea Grant Admin has approved your account. You will receive an email once your account has been approved.
5. **Approval:** NSGO will approve your registration and e-mail you notification that you may access the system. You may not add or update names until you receive this e-mail notification that you are approved as a user.
6. **Login:** Once approved, you will login and make any updates, additions or changes you wish to make for your program in the Address Book and/or Experts Guide.
7. **Add, Delete or Update Names:** Once you are logged in, you will come to a screen that allows you to search by name, program, region, etc. Call up the name of an individual, or enter your program name to see a list of all staff. This will call up a screen with the name or names of staff members in your program. Click on an individual name to call up the specific record and then click the Edit/Update button (upper right-hand side of screen) to change or delete information in the record.

DO NOT HIT THE ENTER BUTTON after making your entry or change. Instead, please use the buttons in the system, e.g. Search or Save, or you will receive an error message.

8. **Problems or Questions:** Write to amy.painter@noaa.gov

Hot Items: Thank you to all of those who have sent their news, articles and stories to oar.sg.news@noaa.gov (Note: Hot Items is not available to the public, but is read throughout NOAA Headquarters.) Programs whose stories have been featured over the past two months include: Alaska Sea Grant, California Sea Grant, Delaware Sea Grant, Hawai`i Sea Grant, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Louisiana Sea Grant, Maine Sea Grant, MIT Sea Grant, Michigan Sea Grant, Minnesota Sea Grant, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant, New Hampshire Sea Grant, New York Sea Grant, North Carolina Sea Grant,

Ohio Sea Grant, Oregon Sea Grant, Rhode Island Sea Grant, Washington Sea Grant and Wisconsin Sea Grant. Again, thank you for your stories. Your news and successes are shared with NOAA leadership and other decision-makers, and gain valuable recognition for our overall program.

Education

NOAA Education Implementation Plan

Sea Grant programs have been compiling information for the NOAA Education Implementation Plan Matrix. Information was due at the end of April.

National Science Teachers Association Conference

Several SGEN members presented at the National Science Teachers Association Conference in New Orleans, LA in March, either in the National Marine Educators Association "track," or the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence "track."

Alignment

SGEN members are aligning their respective program Outcomes and SMAART Objectives to the National Sea Grant College Program Plan.

FELLOWSHIPS

Sea Grant/National Marine Fisheries Service

Annual Meeting

The 2009 annual fellows meeting took place at the NEFSC in Woods Hole on 14-15 April.

Knauss

Applications to NSGO: Class of 2010

On April 3, 2009, the NSGO received 89 applications to be considered for the 2010 Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship.

Final Selection

Selection of the 2010 Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship finalists took place on May 12-14, 2009.

GRANTS, BUDGET & NATIONAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Reminder: Grants Web Site

The Acquisition and Grants Office launched a re-designed web site, <http://www.ago.noaa.gov>. The web site includes information about NOAA's acquisition and grants. Content is organized by type of user and subject. The web site will be regularly updated to keep information current and to make users aware of emerging changes in the acquisition and grants functions government-wide. This launch is the first phase of the re-design.

Reminder: New Financial Form: SF-425 now in effect (replaces SF-272 and SF-269 forms)

More details to come.

Reminder: Grants Online Help Desk

A toll free number for the Grants Online Helpdesk is available for users outside the Washington Metro region: The phone number is 1-877-NOAA-GRT or 1.877.662.2478.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS (involving NSGO staff)

June

- 8-11 Maine Aquaculture Visit (Kim)
- 10-12 Alignment meeting (All Program Officers)
- 18 NOAA's Restoration Day (Gene, Chelsea, Miguel, Melissa)
- 22-25 Louisiana Sea Grant Technical Review Panel (Kristin)
- 23-25 OAR Management Conference, Michigan (Murray, Lugo, Eigen)
- 30 All Grants due to GMD

July

- 4 Independence Day (All will take the 3rd of July off)
- 21-22 Texas Sea Grant Technical Review Panel (Garber)

August

- 10-12 Florida Sea Grant Technical Review Panel (Garber)
- 13-14ish Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Technical Review Panel (Garber)
- Fall Advisory Board Meeting - West Coast

November

- 2-6 NSGO Fall Review (All Program Officers)
- 15-20 Knauss Placement week (Lugo, Garber, etc.)

Phone Numbers at NSGO

Phone numbers: 301/734-1077 or 301/734-1066. Sea Grant Director:
301/734-1088 (phone); 301/713-1031 (fax). Online directory:
<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/other/sgofficestaffdirectory.html>

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