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Hi everyone,

Headlines in this week's newsletter include:

- **National Sea Grant Office Deputy Director, Jim Murray to Retire in June**
- **Planning, Implementation and Evaluation Resources (PIER) System to Debut Next Week**
- See below for details & much more.

## ***NOAA's National Sea Grant Office***

### **News in Brief**

***June 11 - 24, 2011***



## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

### **National Sea Grant Office Deputy Director, Jim Murray to Retire in June**

This month, we bid Jim Murray, who will retire on June 30th, a fond farewell. Jim ends an impressive 35-year career with Sea Grant in order to depart for the warm waters of Florida. Some of you may remember that Jim began his Sea Grant career as a graduate research trainee and research technician with New York Sea Grant before becoming Minnesota Sea Grant's first Lake Superior extension agent.

He then served as Extension Leader at the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium and later, the North Carolina Sea Grant Program. During this period, Jim was twice elected national chair of the Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders. In 1998, our office had the good fortune to hire Jim as the national Director for Sea Grant's Extension Program. In 2006, he was named Deputy Director of the National Sea Grant College Program. Throughout his career, Jim has been recognized across the network for his balanced viewpoint and thoughtful leadership. Sea Grant is a better program today as a result of Jim's many contributions. We are sorry to see him go, but I'm sure you join me in wishing him the very best in a well-deserved retirement.

As we move ahead, I am pleased to announce that Nikola Garber will be stepping in as Acting Deputy Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, effective July 1. We look forward to making a smooth transition during this critical time.

### **Planning, Implementation and Evaluation Resources (PIER) System to Debut Next Week**

Beta testing is now complete. Thank you to each tester who worked with us for seven weeks to test and help us enhance this new system. PIER will go live mid-next week with a training video and user manual. PIER replaces the former National Information Management System. More information coming soon.

## **Newsletter Archive**

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

## **Online Calendar**

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

- Sea Grant In the News
- Awards

## WEEKLY UPDATES

- **2012 Sea Grant Knauss Finalists Announced**

To learn more about the finalists, please visit:

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/knauss/FY12%20Class/2012%20Finalists.pdf>

- **NOAA Coastal Storms Program to Transition to Great Lakes** (possibly as early as FY12)

The NOAA Coastal Storms Program (<http://coastalstorms.noaa.gov>) is a \$2.8M program focused on coastal resilience--making communities safer by reducing the loss of life and negative impacts caused by coastal storms. Each funded regional effort lasts three to five years and brings additional manpower, focus, and funding. When the program is active in a region, a local outreach coordinator is hired to oversee the implementation in the region. In the past, the coordinators have been hired through a cooperative agreement with a local NOAA Sea Grant partner. The Program results often include new data/observations, hazard and climate assessments; visualizations and predictive tools; risk communication; new ways of keeping the public informed and trained; and new partnerships that strengthen existing resilience efforts. The program also supports a small grant competition (\$1M over two years) to support local projects that build coastal hazard resilience. To prepare for the Program transition to the Great Lakes Region, Coastal Storms Program will be hosting a Café Conversation Session at Coastal Zone Conference 2011 in Chicago, IL. The interactive session is designed to introduce local stakeholders to the capabilities of Coastal Storms, understand regional needs, and gather feedback to shape the focus of the program. It will be held Wednesday, July 20th from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.

- **BOEMRE, NOAA and USGS Maritime Science Expedition Off Mid-Atlantic Coast**

The Bureau of Ocean Energy, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), NOAA, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) launched an expedition using sonar to map deepwater canyons, and to identify sensitive biological habitats, coral communities and archeological sites such as shipwrecks and other historically significant sites. The team sailed on June 4 from Charleston, S.C., aboard NOAA Ship Nancy Foster to an area about 100 miles off the coast of Virginia and Maryland where the canyons are located. The expedition ended on June 17, and is the first of several in a joint-agency partnership over the next three years. For information on the expedition: <http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/11midatlantic/welcome.html>

- **National Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Workshop, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.**

This week marked a new stage of implementation of the National Ocean Policy with the National Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Workshop at the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. The Agenda is available online: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ceq/cmstp\\_national\\_workshop\\_draft\\_agenda\\_final.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ceq/cmstp_national_workshop_draft_agenda_final.pdf)

For more information on the National CMSP workshop, please visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/cmstp-workshop>

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events/Call for Abstracts

- **Sea Grant Education Network (SGEN) Annual Meeting, June 27, MIT Sea Grant**  
The SGEN will convene in MA to begin preparations for a new strategic plan.
- **Coastal Zone 2011 Conference (CZ11), July 17-21, 2011, Chicago, IL**  
The Coastal Zone Conferences are biennial international symposiums on coastal, ocean and Great Lakes issues that have been held since 1978. This will be the first time the conference has been held in Illinois and only the second time that it has been held on the Great Lakes. It is the largest gathering of coastal professionals of its kind, drawing 800-1000 persons. For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/CZ11/index.htm>.
- **AMS Summer Community Meeting, August 8-11, 2011, Boulder, Colorado**  
The Nationwide Network of Networks (NNoN) initiative has laid out a path forward in the United States to harness the power of multiple observing systems serving a multitude of users. This meeting will provide insight toward the next steps of coordinated, effective action and cooperation across all sectors of the enterprise to address these issues. Brief one page or less abstracts of proposed presentations or short talks (the latter could be part of a panel discussion) that support the meeting theme are welcome. Please direct any questions you may have, and send your abstract to: [scm@ametsocmail.org](mailto:scm@ametsocmail.org)
- **Extension Disaster Education Network Meeting, October 11-14, Portland, Oregon**  
A pre-conference will be offered on Tuesday, October 11, and a post-conference workshop will be offered on Friday, October 14. More details will be available at a later date.  
<http://eden.lsu.edu/Conferences/EDENAM/2011/Pages/default.aspx> (Meeting)  
<http://eden.lsu.edu/Pages/default.aspx> (EDEN site)
- **American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) Conference, October 19-21, New Orleans**  
The 2011 national coastal conference will be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, Oct. 19-21. The theme of the conference is Expanding Coastal Horizons, recognizing that coastal issues extend beyond the narrow strip where waves wash ashore. Coastal protection also includes inland marshes, bays and estuaries, offshore areas (including offshore energy), and is governed and funded by an expanding array of stakeholders. Technical and policy oriented PowerPoint presentations or posters are invited for coastal issues. Additional information can be found at <http://www.asbpa.org>.

**Available on the web:**

- **Hurricane Awareness Highlights**

This information features highlights from several programs engaged in hurricane research and outreach efforts. The page includes recent updates from the Louisiana and New York Sea Grant programs.

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/focus/documents/HRCC/Sea%20Grant%20Hurricane%20Projects.pdf>

- **2011 Focus Area Fact Sheets Available Online**

The fact sheets present information on Sea Grant's work in each of the four focus areas as well as climate. A national fact sheet presents a general overview of the program. The fact sheets are available for download as is, (and include impact highlights on the back page). Or, they may be customized for your own use in their Power Point format (enabling programs to add their own impacts). To view or download the fact sheets, please visit:

<http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/focus/index.html> (for PDF and Power Point versions)

- **Volunteer with Sea Grant: Opportunities for the Public**

Thanks to each of the Sea Grant programs who contributed information on your volunteer programs and opportunities. Please visit:

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

[http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/SeaGrant\\_Volunteer\\_Opps\\_web.pdf](http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/SeaGrant_Volunteer_Opps_web.pdf)

- **On the OAR News page, see these Sea Grant "Meet Our Scientists" Features:**

1. GA SG: Meet Samantha Joye, Ph.D, 'Extreme' Curiosity and a Love of the Ocean Made her Career Choice

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

2. NC SG: Meet Spencer Rogers, Helping Communities Cope with Shifting Shorelines

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

3. SC SG: Meet Wei Chaing Pang, Hurricane Ready - Sea Grant Researcher Seeks Stability in Chaos

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

4. LA SG: Meet Martin O'Connell - For Sea Grant Research, Oil Spill is Just the Latest Disaster In Gulf of Mexico Habitats

<http://researchmatters.noaa.gov/news/Pages/martin-oconnell.aspx>

5. FL SG: Meet Arindam Gan Chowdhury - Using the 'Wall of Wind' Lab to Simulate a Hurricane

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

To submit a "Meet Our Scientists" form, please contact Linda Joy ([Linda.Joy@noaa.gov](mailto:Linda.Joy@noaa.gov)) and Elizabeth Ban ([oar.sg.news@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.sg.news@noaa.gov))

**NOAA Photo Library on Flickr**

Check out this new resource for NOAA photos and information:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/noaaphotolib>

**NOAA Events Calendar**

<http://www.externalaffairs.noaa.gov/exhibits.html>

held in Gautier - Thursday, June 23. Environmental professionals and researchers will speak about methods for integrating community sustainability, resilience, natural-resource conservation, agri-tourism, and nature-based tourism into coastal development practices. The workshop will be geared toward city planners, local officials, natural resource managers, ecotourism operators, scientists, state and federal regulators and more.)

- June 8: **Louisiana Sea Grant article, *Lumcon News*** (Ph.D. Candidate Helps EnvironMentors Program Have Successful First Year - For years, Melissa Baustian was a familiar face at LUMCON as she worked toward her Ph.D. in Dr. Nancy Rabalais' lab. Baustian, with two other LSU student coordinators, managed and organized activities, field trips and other aspects of the LSU EnvironMentors program. EnvironMentors is a national college access initiative that prepares high school students from under-represented backgrounds for college degree programs in environmental and related science fields. LSU partnered with GEAR UP, Scotlandville Magnet High School and Louisiana Sea Grant to establish the LSU chapter, which is housed in the LSU School of the Coast and Environment. Fifteen Louisiana high school students participated in LSU EnvironMentors this year. As part of the program, the students spent one-on-one time with professors, graduate students and others to develop and conduct research projects.)  
<http://www.lumcon.edu/Information/news/default.asp?XMLFilename=201106080910.xml>
- June 9: **New York Sea Grant video, *YouTube*** (Students learn about native species at Southwick Beach State Park.)  
<http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/lodune/article.asp?ArticleID=648>
- June 9: **Oregon Sea Grant announcement, *Breaking Waves*** (Interviewing to Understand the Mental Models of Others - All professionals conduct interviews, often to determine what another person understands, feels, believes, or is willing to discuss about topics of interest. The new Sea Grant publication, *Mental Models Interviewing*, is intended to help professionals such as agency officials, university outreach/extension specialists, and social science researchers interview more effectively by providing a structure grounded in behavioral and communication research.)  
[https://admtncat.ucsadm.oregonstate.edu/ustores/web/store\\_cat.jsp?STOREID=1&CATID=43](https://admtncat.ucsadm.oregonstate.edu/ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=1&CATID=43)
- June 9: **Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant announcement** (Volunteers help create habitat on Deer Island - Volunteers with the Mississippi Master Naturalist and Master Gardener programs recently took part in a two-day planting of dune and marsh grasses on Deer Island. The volunteers planted 2,260 plants in record-high temperatures.)
- June 9: **Alaska Sea Grant newsletter, *Fishlines*, June 2011** (Features include: Kate Wynne Trains Liberian Fishery Observers in Monrovia, Liberia, Sea Week Held in Dillingham and Unalaska, and Master's Research Supports Crab Rehabilitation.)  
<http://seagrants.uaf.edu/news/fishlines/2011/june.php>
- June 10: **Louisiana Sea Grant article, *The Daily Iberian*** (Direct Approach Delcambre project touted at IDF meeting - Delcambre Direct has made it possible for consumers to easily access information about what Delcambre fishermen have and when. Now, that technology is moving across Louisiana. Thomas Hymel, LSU AgCenter agent, visited the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation board Thursday to fill members in on the project and its future counterparts. Delcambre Direct is integrated into the Port of Delcambre website ([www.portofdelcambre.com](http://www.portofdelcambre.com)) and has 23 shrimp, 10 crab, seven fish and four crawfish fishermen profiles with phone numbers, packaging information, pricing, size of product and whether they offer more than one type of product.)
- June 10: **Rhode Island Sea Grant press release** (Rhode Island lessons in ocean planning front and center at

- June 12: **New Jersey Sea Grant article, *The Star-Ledger*** (Marina owner finds 'clean' assessment pays off - After moving trash cans, modifying fuel docks and cleaning the motor covers on his boats for years, running a "clean marina" has become second nature for Ray Fernandez. Most marinas experience something similar after earning their certification, according to Michael Danko, a marina recreation agent at the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium.)  
[http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2011/06/marina\\_owner\\_finds\\_clean\\_asses.html](http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2011/06/marina_owner_finds_clean_asses.html)
- June 13: **Ohio Sea Grant press release** (Miami University Student Receives Knauss Fellowship - The National Sea Grant Office has awarded Miami University graduate student Erin Sams a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. She will spend a year in Washington, D.C. learning about public policy and stewardship of our coasts and oceans.)
- June 13: **New York Sea Grant press release** (Safety & Survival at Sea Training for Commercial Fishermen on June 23, 2011 in Montauk.)  
<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/marinefish/article.asp?ArticleID=646>
- June 13: **Florida Sea Grant press release** (Florida Sea Grant Specialist Receives Fellowship to Travel to Colombia - Thomas Ruppert, a coastal planning specialist with the Florida Sea Grant College Program, has been awarded an international fellowship to advance climate change mitigation issues with counterparts in the country of Colombia. The competitive fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and awarded through the Climate Change Fellows program of Partners of the Americas, an international network of individuals, businesses and institutions that promotes economic and professional growth in the Western Hemisphere. Ruppert will visit Colombia's Caribbean coast to learn about sea-level rise vulnerabilities and actions, work to understand local needs and identify potential partners for cooperative projects related to climate change and sea-level rise.)
- June 13: **Florida Sea Grant press release** (Florida Sea Grant director to chair Dutch review of lake research - Karl Havens, director of the Florida Sea Grant College Program, will chair a scientific review panel on large lake ecosystem research in Delft, Netherlands. The panel will evaluate an ongoing multi-million Euro research program that seeks to explain a 20-year decline in the number of migratory waterbirds in large Dutch lakes. Havens was asked to chair the review based on his expertise in the ecology, management and restoration of shallow lakes and wetlands, and his past work and familiarity with those ecosystems in northwestern Europe. He is a professor of aquatic ecology in the Program for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at the University of Florida.)
- June 14: **New York Sea Grant press releases:**
  - NYSG's NY Coastlines Wins an ACE Award  
 NYSG has won a Gold Award for New York Coastlines in the 2011 ACE Critique and Awards Program in the category for writing with a specialized publication. See "Awards," below for details.  
<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/article.asp?ArticleID=661>
  - Environmentally-Friendly Senior Volunteers Wanted for Summer Citizen-Scientist Program  
<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/lodune/article.asp?ArticleID=662>
- June 15: **Minnesota Sea Grant announcement** (Lake Superior Fish Recipe Contest  
 Lake herring pâté, anyone? Minnesota Sea Grant wants your best hors d'oeuvre recipe involving commercially caught fish from Lake Superior.)  
<http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/fisheries/recipecontest>
- June 15: **Rhode Island Sea Grant announcements, *Coastal and Ocean News and Events*** (Features include: Rhode Island Ocean SAMP model for future uses of the oceans, Survey says local seafood has market

[and-fukushima-radiation/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+BreakingWaves+%28Breaking+waves%29](#)

- June 15: **Ohio Sea Grant press release** (Stone Laboratory Guest Lectures Series Available via Webinar - Ohio State University's island campus on Lake Erie, will kick off its summer lecture series tomorrow, June 16. Dr. Amanda Rodewald, Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources will discuss, "Bird Conservation in an Urbanizing World: Are We Winging It?" The public can view the lectures and research briefs via a live web seminar from any computer with internet access.)  
<http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/news/?article=305>
- June 16: **Rhode Island Sea Grant press release** (For Chef, Farm-Raised Salmon Can Be "Sustainable" Chef Chris Aerni will discuss this topic at the 2011 Baird Symposium on sustainable seafood June 26-28 in Providence, R.I. Can a restaurant that creates a daily menu featuring fresh, local, organic ingredients include farm-raised salmon? According to Chef Chris Aerni, owner of the Rossmount Inn in New Brunswick, the answer is a qualified yes.)  
[http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/baird/2011\\_seafood.html](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/baird/2011_seafood.html)
- June 16: **New York Sea Grant video, YouTube** (After More Than 40 Years, Hempstead Harbor Reopens Shellfish Areas.)  
<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/article.asp?ArticleID=663>
- June 17: **Ohio Sea Grant newsletter, *Twine Line*** (Features include: Fighting Harmful Algal Blooms by Finding Where They Start, Everyone Plays a Role in Ecosystem Management, Using Bubbles to Break Down Medicines in Water and Scientists Explain Lake Erie Issues and Research in Video.)  
<http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/publications/twineline/>
- June 17: **New Hampshire Sea Grant announcement** (Ken La Valley is the new Associate Director and Extension Program Leader of N.H. Sea Grant and the Program Leader for the UNH Cooperative Extension Sea Grant and Water Resources Program. La Valley previously served as assistant director for extension and as commercial fisheries/aquaculture technology specialist for N.H. Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension. His promotion will become effective July 1, 2011. La Valley's new position will include representing N.H. Sea Grant in regional and national levels, identifying partners and external funding to address priorities in the N.H. Sea Grant strategic plan, providing fiscal management, and ensuring strong collaboration and communication within and outside the program. La Valley will also continue to be directly engaged in commercial and fisheries/aquaculture technology initiatives.)  
<http://seagrant.unh.edu/newsprogramleader.html>
- June 17: **Wisconsin Sea Grant announcement** (Phil Moy has been appointed Assistant Director for Outreach and Research for the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute. Phil has a wealth of experience with fisheries and AIS issues and served as Acting Director of Outreach when Jim Hurley was in DC. Phil also served as Acting Assistant Director after Jim left for the UW Laboratory of hygiene position.)
- June 17: **Hawai'i Sea Grant interview, KITV4** (Gavin Iwai, UH Sea Grant Hanauma Bay Education Program Education Assistant, will discuss a new youth stewardship program that was developed at the bay. The program, titled E Malama Hanauma Youth Stewardship Volunteer Program, is designed to teach students between the ages of 16 and 21 how to care for this unique and precious natural resource and then share the information with the nearly one million visitors who come to the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve each year.)
- June 17: **Florida Sea Grant article, TCPalm** (Lionfish in the Lagoon: Look out, another invader becomes established - LeRoy Creswell, a Treasure Coast-based marine extension agent with the University of

Boating Campaign a Hit with Industry, and more.)

<http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/article.asp?ArticleID=649>

- June 20: **Michigan Sea Grant newsletter, Upwellings, June 2011** (Features include: Rip Currents? Again?, What is Monofilament and Why Recycle It?, Featured Publications, and more.)  
<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/upwellings/>
- June 20: **Florida Sea Grant article and blog**
  - *Academia.edu* - The Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the University of Florida Levin College Of Law has been increasing its offering of “field courses” where students can confront the biophysical realities that shape the law, and the issues that arise as a result of human interaction with those realities. Supported by Florida Sea Grant.)  
[http://florida.academia.edu/BrandonHueber/Papers/687853/Wielding\\_the\\_Stick\\_Enforceability\\_of\\_Basin\\_Management\\_Action\\_Plans\\_in\\_Florida](http://florida.academia.edu/BrandonHueber/Papers/687853/Wielding_the_Stick_Enforceability_of_Basin_Management_Action_Plans_in_Florida)
  - *Collier County Sea Grant Extension Program Blog* - Features upcoming workshops and webinars.
- June 20: **Michigan Sea Grant video premier, *Out of the Blue*** ("The Michigan Sea Grant" episode will premiere at 12 noon on June 24 on BTN. It will re-broadcast on July 1 at 12:30 PM.)  
<http://www.ootb.tv/>
- June 20: **Maine Sea Grant press release** (Scallop aquaculture focus of July 7 presentation - The top quality and premium price of Maine sea scallops has some people interested in starting a cultured scallop industry in Maine. Dana Morse will present information on the advancing technology of scallop aquaculture to shellfish producers, chefs, fishermen, and others. Morse, who has visited scallop farms in Canada and Japan, will present details of various scallop production methods, market information, and business models.)  
<http://www.seagrants.umaine.edu/resources-for-shellfish-growers/industry-overview>.
- June 21: **Puerto Rico Sea Grant video** (Puerto Rico Sea Grant videos are transmitted by *Channel 31.4*, a local channel in Puerto Rico, and also, via Internet, through *Pet TV*: <http://playtvpr.com/pettv.htm>. Also, you can access our videos through our *YouTube* channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/programaseagrantpr>.)
- June 21: **Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant press release** (Students win scholarships to attend science camp in Alaska - The Prince William Sound Science Center has selected four high-school students from Mississippi and Alabama to receive Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium scholarships to help them attend the science center’s Ocean Science and Leadership Expedition in Cordova, Alaska, on July 14-23.)  
<http://www.pwssc.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/OSLE-brochure-20111.pdf>
- June 21: **Rhode Island Sea Grant announcement** (The planning is now complete for our 10th Sea Grant Science Symposium to be held in Providence, R.I. 26 to 28 June 2011 that will also celebrate the 40th year of Sea Grant in the Ocean State.)
- June 21: **North Carolina Sea Grant press releases:**
  - Wendy Cox, administrative support specialist, is North Carolina Sea Grant's newest staff member. Based in Raleigh, Cox provides fiscal, purchasing, project management and contracts support to Sea Grant. She divides her time between Sea Grant and the Water Resources Research Institute of the University of North Carolina.  
<http://www.ncseagrant.org/home/about-ncsg/news-events?task=showArticle&id=977&category=news&limitstart=>
  - Boaters Reminded About Inlet Hazards - North Carolina Sea Grant stresses this safety message:

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/CoastS>

- June 22: **Connecticut Sea Grant press release** (Connecticut Sea Grant announced today that Jeff Slomba, an artist from West Haven, Connecticut has been selected as winner of the competitive Connecticut Sea Grant Arts Grant for 2011. Slomba's proposed project for the coming year will be to create several new sculptures that overlap Long Island Sound's ecology and commerce, using large Styrofoam pieces found floating in the Sound. Slomba will receive an award of \$1000 from Connecticut Sea Grant to do the work.)
- June 23: **Oregon Sea Grant announcements, *Breaking Waves*** (Features include: Sea Grant community assistance on climate changes: new article, OSG Specialist Named to Important Role in Fishery Management, Sea Grant's Jeff Feldner on seafood and Fukushima radiation, and more.)
- June 24: **Texas Sea Grant announcement** (Heather Wade has joined the Sea Grant sustainable coastal community development network. Heather is based at the Mission-Aransas NERR office in Port Aransas (on the UTMSI campus), and will be working in the MANERR service area that includes Rockport Texas. Her placement at the NERR office represents a real partnership between two NOAA branches that both have an interest in resilient coastal communities.)
- June 24: **Rhode Island Sea Grant press release** (Rhode Island Sea Grant presents Dr. Theodore Smayda with "Recognition of Outstanding Service Award" recognizing 50 years of research on water quality in Narragansett Bay. Dr. Theodore Smayda, research professor of oceanography at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, has been studying these tiny marine plants in Narragansett Bay for 50 years.)

<http://seagrants.gso.uri.edu/41N/>

## AWARDS

- **New York Sea Grant's *New York Coastlines* Earns ACE Award**  
New York Sea Grant won a Gold Award for *New York Coastlines*, the quarterly newsletter of New York Sea Grant, in the 2011 ACE Critique and Awards Program in the category for writing with a specialized publication. Association for Communication Excellence (ACE) President-elect Elaine Edwards said, "This is quite an accomplishment, considering that 233 entries were submitted in this year's program. You deserve much credit and recognition for your excellent work."
- **Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent Wins Independent Book Publishers Association's Benjamin Franklin Award**  
A book edited by Maia McGuire, agent for Florida Sea Grant Extension in St. Johns and Flagler counties, recently won the Independent Book Publishers Association's Benjamin Franklin Award. "Explore the Southeast National Marine Sanctuaries" is the first in a four-book series introducing the National Marine Sanctuary system. The book was selected as a category winner from more than 1,300 entries. The book's publisher, Ocean Publishing, accepted the award.
- **MIT Sea Grant's Adam Doroski wins 2011 Dean A. Horn Award for Undergraduate Study in Marine Research**  
Adam Doroski, a graduating senior in the MIT Mechanical Engineering Department received the Dean A.

Relations Programs and Projects for "Gulf Oil Spill: Leveraging Faculty Expertise into International Exposure." Highlights from the entry relevant to Georgia Sea Grant include:

- In 2010, the University of Georgia and its researchers were mentioned or quoted in nearly 4,500 news articles related to the spill, according to data from Vocus Public Relations.
- Georgia Sea Grant and UGA created a website that provided an overview of the University's research and response efforts.
- Georgia Sea Grant and UGA hosted a three-day symposium that examined the flow of communication during the spill. The event, titled Building Bridges in Times of Crisis brought more than 250 scientists, government officials, BP representatives, Gulf Coast community leaders and journalists from across the nation to campus.
- Following their media exposure, the expertise of faculty members has been sought by state officials, NOAA, the U.S. Congress and President Obama's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

According to the CASE website, the award "recognizes outstanding work in communications and marketing, alumni relations, advancement services, and fundraising as judged by peer professionals at schools, colleges and universities as well as by professionals from outside education."

- **Alaska Sea Grant Publications Receive Multiple Honors**

- The American Library Association "Notable Government Documents" awarded two awards to:
  - *Field Guide to Common Marine Fishes and Invertebrates of Alaska*, by Susan C. Byersdorfer & Leslie J. Watson
  - *Field Guide to Seaweeds of Alaska*, by Mandy R. Lindeberg & Sandra C. Lindstrom
 The Notable Government Documents List is selected by the Notable Documents Panel of the American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table to promote awareness and acquisition of government publications by libraries and use by library patrons. The list also is intended to recognize the individuals and agencies involved in producing these excellent sources of information and inspiration." [http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/home/890105-264/notable\\_government\\_documents\\_2011\\_.html.csp](http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/home/890105-264/notable_government_documents_2011_.html.csp)
- Silver Award, Four-color Popular Publication, Association for Communication Excellence (ACE) *Field Guide to Seaweeds of Alaska*
- Second Place, Soft/Hardcover Book, National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) *Field Guide to Seaweeds of Alaska*

- **Hawai'i Sea Grant's Jennifer Barrett Named Pacific Business News Forty Under 40 Class of 2011**

Jennifer Barrett, Sea Grant Waikiki Coastal Coordinator who was named one of Pacific Business News Forty Under 40 Class of 2011. One of these individuals will be awarded the 2011 American Savings Bank Community Leader of the Year award, and another will be named the 2011 Pacific Business News Young Business Leader of the Year at an event on June 16th.

- **New Hampshire Sea Grant's Ken La Valley Honored for his Innovative Work with Fishing Industry**

Ken La Valley is the recipient of the 2011 UNH Presidential Award of Excellence. La Valley, an extension professor of biological sciences and a commercial fisheries and aquaculture specialist, also serves as an assistant director for N.H. Sea Grant. Each year, the award is given to a staff member with a minimum of three years of service who has demonstrated excellence through outstanding performance in his or her

- **Oregon and Maine Sea Grant Climate Change DVD Receives AVA Award**

*Building a Resilient Coast: Maine Confronts Climate Change*, a companion DVD produced by Oregon Sea Grant (in cooperation with Maine Sea Grant), received an "Ava" gold award. Both DVDs were supported in part by a grant from the NOAA Climate Program Office. The approach to science communication ("education") taken in developing both video programs was to conduct research with the target coastal populations to learn what they wanted to know about so that they could understand the issues and make the decisions that matter to them. The videos then addressed key climate topics of interest to these coastal populations in an engaging format. Although the videos can stand as separate works, in their Sea Grant programs they are elements of an overall climate engagement strategy with coastal communities.

- **Virginia Sea Grant Extension Agent Receives Outstanding Employee in Advisory Services Award**

Tom Murray, Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension Program Leader and Associated Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Department of Advisory Services, was recognized for his work with Virginia's coastal communities. He received VIMS 2010 Outstanding Employee in Advisory Services award. Murray, an economist by training, has been instrumental in connecting VIMS to Virginia's fisheries, aquaculture, and marine trades businesses. During the award presentation, Dr. John Wells, VIMS Director, lauded Murray's reputation as a "source for reliable economic and business information." Within Virginia, Murray has played an important role in documenting the value of shellfish aquaculture, helping establish a marine trades training program through a community college, and supporting the development of new gear, methods, and knowledge through administering a competitive grant program for members of the fishing, aquaculture, and processing industries. Nationally, Murray has lead in national Sea Grant's Working Waterways and Waterfronts initiative and has been an active contributor for other initiatives as well.

- **North Carolina Sea Grant Extension Agent Receives Raleigh Environmental Laurel**

The Rocky Branch Stream Restoration and Greenway Project was one of three efforts at North Carolina State University to be honored Thursday, April 21, by the City of Raleigh Environmental Awards Program. Led by North Carolina Sea Grant's Barbara Doll, Rocky Branch was a co-winner in the Natural Resource Conservation category. Doll worked with the NC State Facilities Division and several disciplines and support functions within the university on the stream and greenway that runs a mile through campus. The third phase of the project, including "daylighting" a stretch, was completed last year.

- **North Carolina Sea Grant Extension Agent Receives Outstanding Extension Service Award**

Sea Grant's Gloria Putnam will receive an Outstanding Extension Service Award from North Carolina State University. The honor recognizes "dedication and demonstrated achievements in serving the people of North Carolina." As Sea Grant's water quality planning specialist, Putnam develops partnerships with state, federal and community organizations to help communities maintain or improve water quality and the coastal environment. Putnam's nomination cited varied projects, including collaborating with the Currituck County Goes Green campaign, coordinating coastal growth strategies training, working with communities to identify strategies to adapt to climate change, and developing Sea Grant fact sheets known as The Sustainability Series.

- **North Carolina Sea Grant's Fiscal Officer Receives Award for Excellence**

Mary Elizabeth Barrow, a fiscal officer for both the North Carolina Sea Grant Institute and the Water Resources Research Institute (WRI) was recognized in a recent ceremony at the university. The Awards for

credit for the success of this project and winning this award go to Marsha Samuel and Rory Joyce of the NJSJC Communications Department. Designed four years ago to promote stewardship and pride in New Jersey's beaches, the annual NJTTB survey has since become a highly competitive but still friendly and highly publicized event among New Jersey beachgoers and the tourism community.

- **Michigan Sea Grant Educator Steve Stewart Receives Award of Excellence**

Steve Stewart, senior educator for Michigan Sea Grant, recently received a Recognition for Excellence award. The award is the highest accolade Michigan State University Extension can give to an employee. Those who achieve the Recognition for Excellence demonstrate a record of excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and diversity. Stewart has been with Michigan Sea Grant since 1977 and has been instrumental in establishing many education initiatives, including the Great Lakes Education Program and the Summer Discovery Cruises.

- **South Carolina Sea Grant's *Coastal Heritage* Magazine Receives Award of Excellence**

The magazine recently won an Award of Excellence from the Society for Technical Communication (STC)—Carolina Chapter. According to the judges, *Coastal Heritage* is “a consistent, easy-to-read, engaging publication... That meets the needs of a varied audience in a technically competent fashion.” The entry now moves on to the STC International competition.

- **South Carolina Sea Grant Director and Assistant Director Receive SGA Awards**

The Sea Grant Association (SGA) recognized S.C. Sea Grant Consortium Executive Director Rick DeVoe and Assistant Director Elaine Knight during Sea Grant Week 2010. Rick received the SGA President's Award for providing special service to the SGA through his leadership on the External Relations Committee, serving as Chair from 2002-2008 and applying his legislative affairs skills to the benefit of the SGA and the entire Sea Grant Network. The Honorary Delegate Award was given to Elaine in recognition of her exemplary dedication and service to the SGA above and beyond what is expected. Elaine contributed toward the success of the SGA and the Sea Grant Network by serving as fiscal officer since 1998.

- **Virginia Sea Grant's Margaret Pizer and Lisa Lawrence Receive BoatUS Recreational Boating Access Award**

Both were awarded a BoatUS Recreational Boating Access Award on January 19 for their work on the website, "Accessing the Virginia Coast" (<http://www.virginiacoastalaccess.net>). The website provides a wealth of information on public access issues, rights and privileges, controls, benefits to communities, liability concerns, legislative and municipal planning assistance, technical resources, as well as the roles of land trusts and other conservation organizations who may be able to help.

- **MIT Sea Grant's Judith Pederson Receives Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Honors**

Dr. Judith Pederson, Ph.D., a marine ecologist at the MIT Sea Grant College Program, received a 2010 Visionary Award from the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment in a ceremony in Portland, Maine on December 7. According to the Council's announcement, the Visionary Award “recognizes innovation, creativity and commitment to protecting the marine environment.” The award citation emphasizes Dr. Pederson's success in “working to ensure that the best science has been incorporated” into environmental policies which impact the Gulf of Maine.

- **Hawai'i Sea Grant's Chip Fletcher Receives Environmental Hero Award**

Dr. Charles (Chip) Fletcher, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and professor of Geology and Geophysics at UH Manoa, was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one of this year's “environmental heroes.” At the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony today in Los Angeles, Chip was honored for his work in climate science with UH Sea Grant College Program's Center for Island Climate Adaptation and

grow in their understanding of our coastal communities and ecosystems.

<http://www.ncseagrant.org/home/about-ncsg/news-events?task=showArticle&id=863&category=news&limitstart=0>

- **California Sea Grant's Christina Johnson Wins Two Gold Awards for Feature Writing**

Christina Johnson won two gold awards for feature writing. The first award was bestowed by the League of American Communications Professionals for the tribute Johnson wrote to retired director, Dr. Russ Moll. The second award was for this same feature story and was given by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals.

<http://www.lacp.com/2010spotlight/c8.htm>

- **Delaware Sea Grant's Matthew Oliver Earns Presidential Honor**

Matthew Oliver, assistant professor of oceanography in the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, is also among 85 scientists who will receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. This is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on young professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

- **Texas Sea Grant Receives Honor for Oil Spill Work from Texas A&M University**

The Texas Sea Grant College Program was honored by Texas A&M University on Thursday with a Newsmaker Award, which recognized the program's response to media questions concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The award recognizes faculty or staff members who have made particularly noteworthy contributions in helping create a positive image of Texas A&M University. In addition, the criteria state, "Such contributions must clearly exceed expectations that go far beyond an individual's regular duties and unquestionably convey to the public the highest ideals and goals of the university."

- **Connecticut Sea Grant's Groton Syma Ebbin Receives Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Award**

The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District recognized Syma Ebbin, research coordinator of Connecticut Sea Grant, with its Professional Project Contributor Award for education and outreach efforts in the Niantic River Watershed. Ebbin's efforts supplemented the conservation district's efforts to implement a water quality improvement plan for the river, the district said in a news release. In addition to her position at Sea Grant.

<http://www.theday.com/article/20101108/NWS01/311089973/-1/NWS>

- **Texas Sea Grant Extension Team Receives SGA Award**

County Coastal Marine Resource Agents Terrie Looney, Rhonda Cummins and Julie Massey and Seafood Marketing Specialist Mike Haby received national recognition from their peers. The four have been named winners of the prestigious Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders' Superior Outreach Award. Looney accepted the award on Tuesday night during a banquet at the bi-annual Sea Grant Week meetings.)

<http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/online%20publications/Media/press11/national.html>

- **North Carolina Sea Grant Director and Staff Receive SGA Awards**

The Sea Grant Association (SGA) recognized North Carolina Sea Grant Executive Director Michael P. Voiland for his role in articulating, at the national level, not only the broad positive impacts of Sea Grant, but also the ongoing funding needs of the national network of 32 programs to continue its mission. Voiland was among several members of the North Carolina Sea Grant team to earn recent national awards. Jack Thigpen, North Carolina Sea Grant extension director, was cited by the Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders not only for his role as past chairman of the assembly, but also for his leadership of the SGA Networks Advisory Council. That council brings together the national leaders of Sea Grant's extension,

honor recognizes one researcher or research team for the successful and continued real-world application of a Sea Grant-funded research project conducted during the past 20 years.

<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/glsportfish/article.asp?ArticleID=546>

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