

Sea Grant Responds to Hurricane Florence



In the days leading up to Hurricane Florence's landfall, North Carolina Sea Grant worked to [deploy data collection devices](#), connect communities to [assistance](#) coming from the Gulf of Mexico region, and educate residents on preparation measures ([Neighborhood Disaster Recovery: Count Your Assets](#), [Understanding River Basin Flooding in the Carolinas](#)).

Following the hurricane's landfall, Sea Grant has continued to provide useful resources to communities and residents as they recover ([Making Repairs from Wind Damage? Check for Insurance Incentives](#)).

New Directors, Board Members Join Sea Grant



[Austin Shelton](#) became the Director of Guam Sea Grant in June 2018. Austin previously served as the Associate Director of Guam Sea Grant.



[Russell Callender](#) is the new Director of Washington Sea Grant. Russell previously served as the Assistant Administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service in Silver Spring, MD.



Letise LaFeir is sworn in as a member of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board by Craig McLean, Assistant Administrator for NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.



Puerto Rico Sea Grant Addresses Sargassum Beaching

In response to a large, ongoing Sargassum beaching event in Puerto Rico, Sea Grant and partners are leading an educational campaign about causes and responses. Puerto Rico Sea Grant will host a conference on January 24, 2019 to discuss forecasting and management of these events.

At a Glance: Sea Grant Professionals Enjoy Networking and Professional Development at #SeaGrantWeek 2018 in Portland, OR



Sea Grant communicators learn about social media tools from Caitlin Coomber of California Sea Grant.



Goal! Alaska Sea Grant Director Heather Brandon cheers on the Portland Timbers during #SeaGrantWeek.



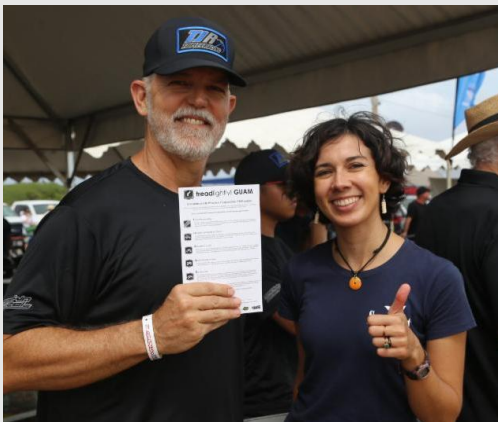
One of many field trips offered during #SeaGrantWeek was a tour of Oregon's north coast fisheries in Warrenton Harbor.



Woods Hole Sea Grant Project Connects Students with Visual Impairments to Science

A Sea Grant-funded project aims to make science accessible to visually impaired students. Carla Curran, professor of marine sciences at Savannah State University, and Laela Sayigh, a biologist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, worked with Kathy Patterson, the manager of WHOI's Ocean Science Discovery Center, to develop a classroom activity and a museum exhibit that uses sound to teach kids about marine mammals.

[Full Story](#)



"Drones and off-roading! Who says science isn't fun?"

Guam Sea Grant recently secured a grant to lead the Guam Restoration of Watersheds (GROW) Initiative, which aims to improve the health of Guam's watershed and coastal ecosystems. The GROW Initiative takes an interdisciplinary approach to testing and developing novel tools (including a partnership with the off-roading community!) to restore degraded watersheds, coral reefs, and fisheries.

[Full Story](#)

Funding and Career Opportunities

NERRS Science Collaborative Grant Program: The National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) Science Collaborative grant program is currently seeking project proposals. Letters of Intent due October 10, full proposals due December 3, 2018. [More Info](#)

NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program is currently seeking proposals to "create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources through on-the-ground marine debris removal activities, with priority for those targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium- and large-scale debris. Projects should also foster awareness of the effects of marine debris to further the conservation of living marine resource habitats, and contribute to the understanding of marine debris composition, distribution and impacts." Deadline is October 29, 2018. [More Info](#)

FEMA FY 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program: This program provides funding to states to reduce overall risks to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters. The application process closes January 31, 2019. [More info](#)

Virginia Sea Grant Graduate Research Fellowships: Virginia Sea Grant is accepting applications for fellowships that will begin in 2019. The deadline to apply is November 16, 2018. [More info](#)

New Opportunities Posted to the Sea Grant Careers Page: Check out the Sea Grant [careers page](#) and follow [Florida Sea Grant on Facebook](#) for their weekly Jobs Roundup.

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