

Position ID

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Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

House Committee on Natural Resources (Minority)

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)**Portfolio Summary**

The Committee on Natural Resources has jurisdiction over the Department of Interior, the fisheries, ocean and coastal programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Fellow will be involved in all aspects of the office's work including interacting with and briefing Members and staff, and developing legislation in response to requests from a variety of Member offices. The Fellow will work with the staff of the Committee, offices of Members who sit on the Committee, a variety of executive agency personnel, private sector stakeholders including commercial and recreational fishing interests, the environmental community, academic institutions, scientists, and other interested constituents.

The Fellow will be involved in developing background information for hearings, recruiting and prepping witnesses, drafting statements, talking points, and questions for members, staffing Members at hearings, and helping with follow-up requests to witnesses. The Fellow will also be involved in developing concepts for legislation, drafting legislation, and following the legislation through the process to potential enactment.

The Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee also has jurisdiction over all international fisheries agreements and conventions, so the Fellow will have the opportunity to work on issues affecting the world's oceans and fisheries. Our staff attends a number of international meetings and the Fellow will be encouraged to join us.

While the Fellow will have the same duties as the rest of the legislative staff, this year is expected to be a learning experience for the Fellow. Our experienced staff will work with the Fellow and the amount and type of work will depend on the abilities and comfort level of the Fellow. Some key issues before the Committee that the Fellow may work on include mitigation of and adaptation to global climate change, protection of endangered species of fish and wildlife, and reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Expertise Desired

The Committee seeks a Fellow who has a strong academic background in science, law, and/or public policy. Practical experience is a plus. We work in a fast-paced, pressure-filled environment, and are always interested in Fellows who can write well, learn quickly, and clearly articulate complex concepts to people who have only a general familiarity with the issues. Fellows who serve on the Committee work hard and are rewarded with an unparalleled learning experience and a springboard to career opportunities in government, academia, and the private and non-profit sectors.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes