

**Position ID**

L17-5

**Position Title**

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

**Office Name**

U.S. Senator Edward Markey

Massachusetts

**Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)**

Senator Markey serves on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He is also on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, where he serves as the Ranking Member of Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight. For the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, he is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy.

**Portfolio Summary**

The Sea Grant Legislative Fellow working in Senator Markey's office will have responsibility for all ocean, marine animal, and fisheries issues across his committee assignments and of concern in Massachusetts. In addition, the Fellow will likely help cover other issues pertaining to coastal communities, climate change, clean air and water, wildlife and endangered species, and general science topics.

Over his 40-year career, Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey has consistently championed clean energy and environmental protection. Senator Markey was one of the main architects of the 2009 Waxman-Markey climate bill, and climate remains a central focus of his policy work. As a senator from a coastal state where the fishing industry plays an important role in the economy and the culture, fisheries and oceans issues are a critical policy area for him. For more than a decade, Massachusetts has had the port with the highest commercial value of landed fish, but at the same time is facing challenges to its iconic cod stock. Finding approaches to revive the Massachusetts fishing industry in ways that insure the long-term economic health of coastal communities and the long-term health of fisheries and the oceans—even as climate change impacts take their toll—is a top priority for Senator Markey. Senator Markey will play an active role in oceans and fisheries issues as a member of the Senate Commerce Committee's ocean and fisheries subcommittee. His interests and other committee assignments will provide a Fellow many opportunities to work on a range of environmental issues, including fisheries, climate change, and wildlife protection. The Fellow would also have the option to work on other related issues, which may be adjusted based on the Fellow's interests. Past fellows have covered issues including seafood fraud, international fisheries treaties, the Magnuson Stevens Act, international wildlife trafficking, the Clean Water Act, and funding and other support for science research. Senator Markey has a long history of hosting fellows and looks forward to having a 2017 Sea Grant Legislative Fellow work with him and his staff.

The Fellow would support the Senator's fisheries, ocean, and climate objectives by evaluating proposed legislation, researching current issues, writing memos and letters, preparing for and attending relevant hearings, and liaising with constituents, trade groups, and NGOs. The Fellow will also attend briefings, Senate committee meetings, and staff meetings, and would have the option to attend relevant conferences, as well as work with constituents in Massachusetts.

**Expertise Desired**

The ideal candidate will be a self-starter with excellent writer and verbal skills, and a great sense of humor. They will have strong research skills, and will be able to assimilate and prioritize large quantities of information quickly. Experience with New England fisheries issues is a plus, but not required.

**Accepts Foreign Nationals**

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