

Position ID

L17-1

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Mike Thompson
California

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

House Committee on Ways and Means

Portfolio Summary

Senior Northern California Democrat seeks legislative fellow who will be responsible for a legislative portfolio including a variety of key issues important to the Congressman, including Natural Resources and water-related issues. The office will try to match the fellow's experience and interests to his/her assignments.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, advancing legislation, preparing the Member for committee hearings, writing and editing correspondence, and drafting statements for the Congressman. Successful candidate will build upon the previous work of past Sea Grant fellows.

Note: Rep. Thompson is currently a senior member of the House Committee on Ways & Means.

Expertise Desired

Successful Fellows will have excellent time management skills, ability to work in a demanding, but rewarding setting and a sense of humor to face the challenges of the Hill. Portfolio would be built around Fellow's interests and expertise.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-2

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Minority)

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

The Senate Commerce Committee has broad jurisdiction over oceans issues, including the Coast Guard; coastal zone management; inland waterways (except construction); marine and ocean navigation; marine fisheries; aeronautical and space sciences; oceans, weather, and atmospheric activities; and science, engineering, and technology research and development policy. Primarily, the fellow will work on issues related to ocean and coastal science and policy, including oversight of laws implemented by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Next year, we anticipate this would include working on reauthorizing and amending the Coastal Zone Management Act, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and the Coral Reef Conservation Act; a Coast Guard Authorization bill; and other issues related to fisheries, living marine resources, the weather, and climate.

Expertise Desired

In our office, we primarily communicate with our bosses via written memos. It is important for a fellow to be comfortable translating sometimes complex technical issues into simple and concise terms. It is also critical that a fellow be discreet. Though we work individually, we like to think through issues as a team.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-3

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Madeleine Bordallo

Guam

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

House Natural Resources Committee & House Armed Services Committee

Portfolio Summary

Seafood security; watershed and coral reef management; fisheries; environment

Expertise Desired

Knowledge of Indo-Asia-Pacific issues including, but not limited to, coral reef issues; fisheries management and seafood security. Basic understanding of legislative and political processes. Able to write quickly and effectively under tight timelines for multiple audiences. Able to have flexible schedule to meet changing needs for demanding Member of Congress. Good humor and work well in a team-oriented and collaborative environment.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-4

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker

Mississippi

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

In the current Congress, Senator Wicker is a senior member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. This includes a position on the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard. Currently, Senator Wicker is also a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee as well as the Budget Committee. In addition, the Senator serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Seapower. Senator Wicker is also honorary co-chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus.

Portfolio Summary

Senator Wicker seeks a fellow who will continue to manage and grow a broad portfolio of marine and coastal legislative issues. The fellow will advise the Senator on an array of legislative activities related to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, stakeholders in the Gulf of Mexico, and national oceans issues. The fellow also will staff the Senator in meetings, hearings, and committee markups. The selected individual should expect significant interaction with university researchers in Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico recreational and commercial fishing industry, federal agencies, and a number of non-profit organizations. With serious matters facing the Gulf Coast, the fellow placed in this position will have a significant issue base. A successful fellow will master the concerns facing one of the most productive ecosystems in the United States and draft legislation and amendments by the end of his or her fellowship. The fellow will gain a personal understanding of the legislative process and rules of the Senate.

Expertise Desired

We are seeking a fellow with excellent writing skills and an enthusiasm about working on bipartisan legislation. Meeting deadlines, critical thinking, and working well under pressure are important. In addition, our fellow must be able to see multiple perspectives on an issue and work to best resolve pressing problems for our nation's oceans and coasts.

The appropriate candidate should have a broad background in marine and coastal issues, preferably from both a policy-making as well as a scientific perspective. Strong organizational skills and communication abilities are required. Applicants should also be able to critically analyze legislative proposals and be interested in developing common-sense coastal management policies while working with various constituent groups, state and local agencies, and public and private organizations. Senator Wicker is seeking a dependable professional who desires real responsibility and the opportunity to develop policies and strategies that will have a tangible effect on the environment and economy. He has had a number of fellows in the past and values their input and unique perspectives.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

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

No

Position ID

L17-6

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Jared Huffman

California

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

House Natural Resources, Ranking Democratic Member of Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee (Additional Natural Resources subcommittees: Federal Lands, Oversight). House Transportation & Infrastructure (Subcommittees: Water Resources & the Environment, Highways & Transit).

Portfolio Summary

Jared Huffman represents California's 2nd Congressional District, made up of six counties that stretch from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border. Boasting a third of the California coastline, the district includes National Forests, marine sanctuaries, pristine rivers, and protected fish and wildlife, presenting a wide array of natural resources issues that the Fellow will work on. Congressman Huffman is the Ranking Member on the Water, Power, and Oceans subcommittee and an active member of the Natural Resources Committee. Working on environmental issues is a priority for the Congressman and the office, and we have pursued a very successful legislative agenda, having successfully expanded a coastal National Monument and completed an expansion of two National Marine Sanctuaries. The Legislative Fellow will work with the Legislative Director and the rest of the team in handling a portfolio that includes natural resources, ocean protections, fisheries management including Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization, and the Endangered Species Act. The Fellow will also work as the lead for the Wild Salmon Caucus, which the Congressman is co-chair of.

The Fellow will be responsible for preparing for some committee hearings and markups, working with committee staff and agencies, and attending committee meetings with Congressman Huffman. The Fellow will develop and move forward legislation, monitor legislative developments, and provide vote recommendations. The Fellow will also assist in the drafting of floor speeches and press releases, and compose constituent and other correspondence for the Congressman. Finally, the Fellow will meet with constituents, interest groups, and others -- with the Congressman and independently.

Expertise Desired

A successful candidate will be creative, demonstrate strong communication skills, and be capable of learning quickly while working as part of a team. The candidate should possess a desire to work on a wide array of issues within the environment and natural resources portfolio, as described above. In addition, the candidate will have excellent organizational skills, a professional manner, and most importantly a sense of humor.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-7

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (Majority)

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

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

Legislation to authorize funding for the Coast Guard, the Federal Maritime Commission and the non-national defense program at the Maritime Administration; Shipping and Navigation Laws

Expertise Desired

Ability to research and write in preparation for hearings, and do background work to support legislative initiatives.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

No

Position ID

L17-8

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

Senate Commerce Committee (Majority)

Oceans, atmosphere, fisheries, and coast guard

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

The fellow on the Majority Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard will have the opportunity to work on all oceans bills that pass through this committee, ranging from weather, to fisheries, to satellites, and ocean policy. With this wide range of possibilities, our fellow will be encouraged to focus on those areas that interest them most. We also work closely with the agencies with the goal of producing effective legislation. The fellow will have ample opportunity to engage with NOAA lines office assistant administrators and all line office legislative affairs specialists.

This office is extremely collaborative, and as a fellow on the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee you will often work with the Committee's Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee when a given project's subject matter overlaps, i.e. maritime administration issues. We also pride ourselves on working very well with our minority colleagues, and often take meetings together.

We consider fellows to be equal players with the same roles and responsibilities as the rest of the professional legislative staff. The fellow will attend meetings and briefings; do background research; prepare memos, talking points, and questions for hearings; and draft and edit legislation. Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about the federal budget process during briefings from agency leadership during the first part of the year.

Expertise Desired

Mandatory Skills: The ability to contribute to a positive work environment.

Desired Background Skills: We welcome a diversity of ideas and viewpoints and value the ability to objectively analyze problems and develop simple, common sense solutions. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, are preferred. An ability to concisely explain complex ideas is very useful. Goal-oriented and motivated individuals with the ability to be flexible and creative tend to do well in this position.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-9

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

Position ID

L17-10

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

Hawaii

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Commerce, Appropriations, Indian Affairs, Ethics

Portfolio Summary

Climate change (international negotiations and national policy), oceans and fisheries, coastal infrastructure resilience, and the environment broadly. Opportunities to work on energy and science topics depending on interest.

Expertise Desired

The Schatz office's Team Environment is looking for a new recruit! We seek someone who's willing to pitch in across a broad array of environmental issue areas. Flexibility, good humor, confidence, and analytical skills will serve you well here. We expect the fellow to contribute to speeches and letters, so strong writing and strategic communication skills are particularly prized.

In return, we offer professional development and mentoring through a broad array of tasks: memos to analyze issues and recommend action, speech drafting, and opportunities to staff the Senator in the Commerce Committee and Appropriations Committee processes. You will undertake these tasks to support a principled, practical, and highly intelligent member with a long history of prioritizing climate action and environmental protection.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-11

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta

California

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Applying to the Appropriations and Agriculture committees

Portfolio Summary

Working for Congressman Panetta and California's 20th district will offer excellent opportunities to become involved in a broad range of ocean policy issues. The position comes with a highly developed portfolio of issues and contacts. The Panetta office welcomes the Fellow as a full member of the staff with the complete set of responsibilities and benefits that come with working for a member of Congress. Congressman Panetta will rely on the initiative of his Sea Grant Fellow to draft and guide legislation through the process, advise him on marine policy issues, and be involved with staff from the House Oceans Caucus.

Congressman Panetta is actively involved in advocating for the funding of marine programs and activities (e.g., research, education, exploration, protection). The Fellow will get first-hand experience with the annual appropriations request process and funding flagship ocean programs within National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

There will also be ample opportunity for involvement with specific marine issues, including ocean acidification, ocean governance, ocean mapping, national security, the ocean economy, marine sanctuaries, marine debris, fisheries management, catch shares, shark finning, and marine mammals. In all of these efforts the Fellow will have the benefit of mentoring and oversight from an extraordinarily experienced legislative staff and a legacy of Sea Grant Fellows.

The Fellow will be given the opportunity to develop invaluable policy-related skills and deliverables during the year in the Panetta office. In years past, the Fellow has managed the CA-20 flagship ocean governance legislation (The Oceans Act of 2000 and HR 21), as well as reauthorization of the Marine Debris Act, the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act. The Fellow will prepare speeches on ocean and environmental topics, draft letters on pertinent marine-related issues, write talking points for floor statements and hearings, and keep up-to-date with marine science and policy issues impacting our oceans and CA-20's Congressional district. The Fellow will hone an ability to communicate effectively, develop expertise in analyzing policy issues, gain an understanding of a wide array of Congressional processes, and leave with a variety of writing samples. Perhaps most importantly, the Fellow will carry a large amount of responsibility, work closely with Rep. Panetta's constituents and other staffers, and with Rep. Panetta himself.

Expertise Desired

Strong written/oral communication skills; outgoing and creative; comfortable taking a lot of initiative; willingness to work independently with minimal supervision; ability to work productively with a range of people (e.g. constituents, lobbyists, other staffers, agency officials, state and local officials, etc.). The Fellow will be Congressman Panetta's primary policy advisor for all ocean and science related appropriations requests and marine environmental issues, and will share responsibility for climate change issues and endangered species. S/he will work closely with the House Natural Resources Committee staff, House Appropriations Committee staff, California House and Senate offices, and other ocean champions on both sides of the aisle to advance the federal government's ocean science, policy, and management programs.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-12

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Oregon

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Energy and Natural Resources, Finance

Portfolio Summary

Senator Wyden is seeking a Fellow to join his natural resources team and work on an array of policy issues to help move the Senator's fisheries and coastal agenda forward. A Sea Grant Fellow would have the opportunity to work on a number of policy issues related to the health and vitality of Oregon's coast, waterways and ports. Some specific issue areas that the Fellow could work on include: ocean acidification, salmon habitat health, fisheries management, drought impacts on fisheries and aquatic ecosystems, climate change, marine energy, maritime transportation, climate change and ports. The Sea Grant Fellow will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with fish processors, fishers, environmental groups, port representatives, tribes, representatives from NOAA, and students and faculty from Oregon State University to learn about specific issues and develop targeted policy goals. The Fellow can expect to gain a strong foundation in policymaking, because they will be immersed in all parts of the process and considered a member of the senior staff.

Expertise Desired

Strong writing skills and a willingness to work on a number of issues related to coastal health and comfort working independently as well as within a strong team environment. Background in issues related to fisheries, ocean and coastal health, environment and natural resources, transportation, clean water, energy and/or climate desired.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-13

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Don Young

Alaska

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

House Committee on Natural Resource

Portfolio Summary

The fellow would be given tremendous autonomy to handle the Congressman's Fisheries portfolio which will include his Co-Chairing of the House Ocean's Caucus, Shellfish Caucus work, and all matters pertaining to marine mammals. It should also be made clear the fellow will have the opportunity to work with the Natural Resources Legislative Assistant in drafting the MSA Re-authorization bill as well as a dozen or pieces of legislation.

Expertise Desired

We need a team player who is not afraid to ask questions.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-14

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Rhode Island

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Environment and Public Works, Budget

Portfolio Summary

Since joining the Senate in 2006, Senator Whitehouse has been a national leader on marine issues. The Fellow will work closely with other members of the Senator's environment and energy team in DC and Rhode Island to protect, conserve, and manage our oceans and coasts, with special attention paid towards how climate change will affect these resources. The Fellow's responsibilities will include: helping manage the Senate Oceans Caucus (events, legislation, staff coordination); drafting floor speeches and other public remarks; shepherding legislation and "Dear Colleague" letters; reviewing NOAA's proposed FY18 budget and making recommendations on appropriations requests; taking stakeholder meetings; monitoring fisheries regulations and policies; contributing to background memos, witness biographies, and questions for hearings and markups in the Environment and Public Works Committee; and attending scientific and policy briefings. Though it is difficult to predict what exact issues may come up next year, Senator Whitehouse will remain focused on taking action on climate change, addressing marine debris, protecting wildlife and clean water, supporting sustainable fisheries, building coastal resiliency, and championing strong investments in ocean and coastal research.

Expertise Desired

The Senator works hard and has high expectations for his staff. The Fellow is expected to be diligent, responsible, enthusiastic, efficient, and organized. The environment and energy team is a high energy, collaborative team. Though we often work together on projects, the Fellow should also be comfortable working independently. Particular expertise in fisheries management, small dam removal, and/or advanced monitoring technologies (AUV/drone/satellite) is a plus.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-15

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Michigan

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee (Ranking Member--Science, Space and Competitiveness Subcommittee, member of Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee); Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, Small Business Committee

Portfolio Summary

There is room for the fellow to explore and work on a wide variety of issues including air and water quality (including lead contamination in drinking water), Great Lakes restoration, fisheries research, federal fisheries management, invasive species, maritime transportation, harbor maintenance, Coast Guard activities, energy policy and infrastructure, pipeline safety, oil spill response, harmful algae blooms, national ocean policy, STEM education, and more.

Expertise Desired

Ability to work on a team and under deadlines. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Enthusiasm for natural resource conservation is a must!

Familiar with the Great Lakes. An understanding of the legislative process. A sense of humor and a passion for the outdoors is always desirable.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-16

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Cory Booker

New Jersey

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

114th Congress; Ranking Member of Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard; Member of Environment and Public Works Committee

Portfolio Summary

Primary Responsibilities

- Work with constituents
 - Meet with constituents and advise the Senator/staff on issues raised by constituents.
 - Support office activities related to the coast, estuaries, natural resources, sustainable development and water resources.
 - Support activities of the office as they relate to marine resources such as fisheries, marine mammals and sustainable marine practices.
 - Liaising with constituents, trade groups, industry and NGOs.
- Develop policy in the oceans, environment, and animal welfare portfolio
 - Assist in drafting and guiding legislation. Advise on marine policy issues including marine spatial planning, the ocean economy, marine sanctuaries, marine debris, fisheries management, shark finning, marine wildlife protection, and potential re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
 - Assist in the annual appropriations process and be actively involved in advocating for funding flagship programs within NOAA, EPA, DOI, or other agencies relating to committee and subcommittee assignments.
 - Responsible for assistance with speeches on ocean, environment and animal welfare topics, drafting letters on portfolio-related issues, writing talking points for floor statements and hearings, and keeping up-to-date with science and policy issues impacting oceans, environment, and the state of New Jersey.
- Committee Assignments and Senate Ocean Caucus
- Assist in preparation of background documents for hearings and executive sessions (mark-ups); attend briefings, hearings, meetings and conferences; development, review, and analysis of legislation and research topics of interest to the Senator as they relate to the Senator's committee assignments and membership on the Senate Ocean Caucus.

Expertise Desired

Applicants must be able to work well as part of a team, possess sound judgement and excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicant must have strong background in the oceans, environment and natural resources subject area.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

No

Position ID

L17-17

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

Alaska

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Commerce, Science, Transportation; Environment and Public Works

Portfolio Summary

Primary duties will include assisting with the management of a legislative portfolio consisting of fisheries, marine environment, wildlife and other related issues, preparing for Committee hearings, approving and supervising the completion of relevant constituent correspondence, and assisting in the development of policy positions and legislative initiatives.

Expertise Desired

A strong interest in fisheries and marine mammals is preferred. Ideal candidates are detail-oriented self-starters, who have strong communication skills (both speaking and writing), are highly organized, and have a good sense of humor.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-18

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

Wisconsin

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Appropriations, including the Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee

Portfolio Summary

The Senator is very active on a wide variety of water issues. Wisconsin is home to vibrant coastlines along the Great Lakes which offer many opportunities and challenges for the state and region. Some of the Senator's coastal areas of focus includes: keeping bodies of water clean and healthy, making Wisconsin a global leader in water research and technology, eradicating invasive species, ensuring coastal communities throughout the nation are planning for the impacts of climate change, preserving coastal wildlife and fish habitats, and building sustainable coastal economies. Senator Baldwin is very active on these issues as a member of the Appropriations Committee and in her role on the Great Lakes Task Force. The Legislative Fellow would be a highly valued member of the legislative team and would be expected to make contributions to a very busy legislative portfolio. Specific responsibilities include: drafting legislation, writing talking points and memos, meeting with advocacy groups and key stakeholders, partnering with key Senate staff and committees, partnering with executive branch allies, and participating in briefings for the Senator.

Expertise Desired

The ideal candidate would have a background in water science and the implications of water issues on local communities.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-19

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Seth Moulton

Massachusetts

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

None

Portfolio Summary

The Office of Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06) is seeking a Knauss Fellow to co-lead the Congressman's fisheries portfolio. The fellow will be focusing primarily on fisheries management issues, improving stock assessment practices, and advising the Congressman on fisheries-related policy, legislation, and the potential reauthorization of MSA. The fellow will also be heavily involved in the Congressman's Cod Assessment Task Force, comprised of groundfishermen, the Gulf of Maine Institute, scientists from Northeastern University and UMass Dartmouth, and state and federal officials. The Task Force is currently analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the current trawl survey, and will be developing suggestions of ways to improve the science and data collected by NOAA when conducting stock assessments.

Expertise Desired

Preferred candidates are self-starters, able to work collaboratively as part of a team and with outside stakeholders in a fast-paced environment. A strong research background and familiarity with the American Lobster and Northeast groundfish fisheries are a plus.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-20

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Lee Zeldin

New York

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure; Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee

Portfolio Summary

The 1st Congressional district of New York is almost completely surrounded by saltwater so maritime and fisheries issues are a critical part of the work of Congressman Zeldin's legislative team. The fellow would manage Congressman Zeldin's spot on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee and all related issues including maritime security, Coast Guard regulations, recreational boating, and ferry transportation. S/he would also assist the legislative team in handling fisheries and water quality issues, both critical for the 1st Congressional district. Congressman Zeldin introduced multiple pieces of legislation within these issue areas in the 114th Congress and will continue that work in the 115th.

Expertise Desired

The fellow should have a general understanding of the legislative process within the House of Representatives and be prepared to quickly develop a strong understanding of parliamentary procedure, committee work, and the other basics of legislative work. Strong writing, policy analysis skills, and attention to detail are essential. A strong understanding of fisheries and maritime policy is preferred. The fellow must be ready for a fast pace and to stay late when it's necessary to cover important votes and meetings.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-21

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Representative Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
Northern Mariana Islands

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Natural Resources Committee; Education and the Workforce Committee

Portfolio Summary

As part of the legislative team, the Knaus Sea Grant Fellow would be the lead on ocean environment issues and be responsible for staffing Congressman Sablan on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. Congressman Sablan is the House author of legislation banning trade in shark fins and expects to reintroduce that bill in the next, 115th Congress, beginning in January. The Fellow will be responsible for developing legislative proposals; drafting testimony, committee statements and hearing questions; reviewing and making recommendations on the full range of national environmental and resource issues; working with Committee staff, other Congressional offices and organizations such as the House Oceans Caucus, as well as NOAA and other federal agencies; and, responding to Congressional requests.

The Northern Mariana Islands include 14 islands with a land area of 184 square miles, set in an exclusive economic zone of 300,000 square miles, larger than the state of Texas. The vast majority of the population resides on Saipan, with the remainder of the population mostly on the islands of Tinian and Rota. The Northern Marianas also incorporates the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, an area of unique geological and biological attributes such as volcanic seamounts, chemosynthetic life forms, and numerous threatened or endangered species. Congressman Sablan is actively pursuing the designation of the Monument area as a National Marine Sanctuary with the goal of establishing a facility in the Marianas for public education and for scientific research of the Monument area.

To date little federal oceans, fisheries, coastal, or climate change policy has been adopted with the specific concerns and conditions of the Northern Marianas in mind. The Knauss Sea Grant Fellow would, therefore, be in a position and responsible for assessing the full range of scientific, environmental, and economic circumstances in the islands and advising Congressman Sablan on policy changes and improvements that need to be adopted in order to preserve the distinctive characteristics of the islands and island cultures and set sustainable levels of use. Areas of particular immediate concern are the condition of coral reefs in the Marianas, which are now suffering from widespread bleaching, the possible increase in tropical storm frequency and intensity, drought, and other climatic changes associated with ocean warming, and the environmental impacts of proposed increased military training on the islands of Tinian, Pagan, and Farallon de Medinilla, as well as within the ocean areas surrounding the Marianas.

Expertise Desired

Broad knowledge of the environmental sciences and of national and international policies and laws designed to preserve and protect the natural environment. Commitment to assuming a leadership role in Congressman Sablan's office on issues of expertise. Possess a fine-tuned balance of urgency and tact in dealing with federal agencies and with individuals of varying viewpoints and persuasions. Fellow should be a self-starter who can work with guidance. Excellent written and oral communications skills, capability of explaining complex scientific and policy issues to the Congressman, other members of the congressional team, and constituents, and be adept at quickly producing letters, speeches and statements, or other forms of expression for the Congressman's use that are clear and precise. Ability to work in relatively cramped and public conditions and to stay focused on long-term goals, while responding to the unexpected needs of the moment. Some previous experience in the legislative and/or political milieu is welcome. Ties to or knowledge of the Pacific region and its cultures would be an asset.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes

Position ID

L17-22

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

Alaska

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Energy, HELP, Appropriations

Portfolio Summary

Arctic Caucus; Oceans Caucus (marine debris, ocean acidification, data collection, and more); Fisheries, Marine Transportation; NOAA; Seafood; Subsistence; EPA; USFWS; Climate Change.

Expertise Desired

Ability to work as a member of a large team; Some familiarity or understanding of Alaska's unique positioning with regard to environmental and ocean issues; Willingness to travel to Alaska if possible; Experience and ability to work with people of differing perspectives.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD

Position ID

L17-23

Position Title

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name

Dianne Feinstein

California

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)

Energy and Water Appropriations

Portfolio Summary

Energy, Transportation, and Climate Change

Expertise Desired

Strong analytical and communication skills (both in writing and verbally), willingness to work on a diversity of issues, ability to initiate and execute projects independently.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

TBD