

2015 Knauss Positions - Selection

120 - Sea Grant Fellow

U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, Democratic Staff

Must be US Citizen:

Travel *within* DC: Flexible Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Flexible, depending on Fellow's travel stipend Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation possesses broad jurisdiction over a variety of matters related to the oceans and atmosphere. Specifically, Senate Rule 25.1(f) states that the Committee possesses jurisdiction over, among other things: Coast Guard; coastal zone management; interstate commerce; marine and ocean navigation, safety, and transportation, including navigational aspects of deepwater ports; marine fisheries; oceans; weather; and atmospheric activities; science, engineering, and technology research and development and policy; and transportation and commerce aspects of Outer Continental Shelf lands. The ideal Fellow candidate will be an integral part of the Committee's Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee staff, all of whom work under the leadership and direction of Senator Nelson, and at the service of Democratic Members of the Committee. For more information about Senator Nelson and his long career in public service, please visit:

<http://www.billnelson.senate.gov/> The Oceans Subcommittee under Democratic leadership has traditionally covered all "wet" and "dry" aspects of NOAA, with the "wet" side encompassing oceans and coastal issues, including fisheries, marine mammals, and other marine natural resources, and the "dry" side encompassing climate science and research, weather, and earth observation satellite programs and installations. The Subcommittee has responsibility over ocean governance and policy, as well as the environmental aspects of maritime activities, e.g., oil pollution, vessel pollution, invasive species spread through maritime transport, and offshore development. The Subcommittee also has oversight responsibility for the Coast Guard. Daily responsibilities for the Fellow are both diverse and dynamic including: preparation of background documents for hearings and executive sessions (mark-ups); attending briefings, hearings, meetings and conferences; development, review, and analysis of legislation; researching topics of interest to Committee members; and preparing memos and statements for members. The Fellow will additionally participate in staff meetings with the Subcommittee leader's office in preparation for hearings and executive sessions.

Mandatory Skills: Flexibility, sense of humor, and a recognition of the importance of public service.

Desired Background Skills: Strong writing and verbal communication skills. Knowledge of marine fisheries, marine natural resources, and/or weather and climate science and policy issues. Ability to work in collaborative environment as well as independently. Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment and on diverse marine science and policy portfolio. Background in biological or physical science particularly helpful.

Committees: Senator Nelson, leader of the Democratic staff of the Committee on Commerce Science & Transportation, also serves as the lead Democratic Senator on the Special Committee on Aging and a Senior Member on the Committee on Armed Services, the Budget Committee, and the Committee on Finance.

Website: <http://commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=OceansAtmosphereFisheriesandCoastGuard>

142 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, Republican Staff

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Occasional Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has a broad jurisdiction, including oversight of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Coast Guard, the National Science Foundation, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The fellow would primarily work on the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard and would focus on all issues within NOAA's jurisdiction, such as weather, fisheries, satellites, and ocean and coastal policy. Additionally, if the fellow has interest in any of the other topics covered by the Committee, he or she will be encouraged to pursue them. The role of Congressional Committees is to foster the ideas of our members and help turn the ideas into mature pieces of legislation. We will work on every NOAA bill that moves through the Senate. Thus, in this position you will be exposed to a wide range of oversight and legislative ideas. In order to pass legislation on "minor" issues, such as reauthorizing NOAA programs, consensus is required. A large part of our job involves talking with our members' staff and our Democratic counterparts in order to determine common ground and a path forward for legislation. The fellow will have the same roles and responsibilities as the rest of the 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. The fellow will also be encouraged to take advantage of the numerous educational opportunities that exist while working on Capitol Hill including briefings, conferences, and education field trips. The work pace on a Senate Committee is variable. While there are some "all hands on deck" times, there will also be quieter periods. During these times, the fellow will be encouraged to take on an independent research project, attend conferences, finish papers from graduate school, or otherwise constructively use his or her time. The fellow will be joining a team of thoughtful, hardworking coworkers. We strive to create an enjoyable work environment, and will do all that we can to ensure you have a fulfilling fellowship year.

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

Desired Background Skills: The successful Fellow in our office will be collegial, an excellent communicator, a critical thinker, and eager to learn about a diverse set of issues. Writing and editing skills are vital, as is an ability to collaborate with congressional and agency staff as well as a diverse group of stakeholders. The Fellow will work as part of a team and be adaptable to a dynamic pace of work, as the needs of the moment will change quickly. Perhaps most importantly, the Fellow needs to be able to ingest, distill, and summarize large amounts of information about a diverse collection of topics in a relatively short period of time.

Committees: We seek to accomplish our work in a bipartisan fashion, so we actively work with Committee members of both parties and their staffs. We also maintain working relationships with staff of the House Committees on Natural Resources, Science & Technology, and Transportation & Infrastructure to coordinate legislative action. In carrying out our oversight of NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard, we also maintain close relationships with NOAA and Coast Guard

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Website: <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/>

168 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow - Minority Staff

U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources - Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: Yes Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Yes Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The Committee on Natural Resources has jurisdiction over the Department of the Interior, the ocean and coastal programs in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Fellow will likely work on a broad range of issues that includes fisheries management, wildlife conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, ocean and coastal policy, and protection of endangered species and ecosystems. 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 closely with the staff of the Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs Subcommittee, the staff of the Full Committee, staff and Members who sit on the Committee, a variety of agency personnel, interested representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing communities, the environmental community, academic institutions, scientists, and other interested stakeholders. Working with the Committee will offer the Fellow the unique opportunity to directly engage in the policy and political dynamics of current national environmental issues. The Fellow will be involved in developing background information for and staffing legislative and oversight hearings, drafting statements, talking points, and questions, and helping with follow-up requests after the hearing. The Fellow will also be involved in developing concepts for legislation, drafting legislation, and following the legislation through the process to potential enactment. The Fisheries 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.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: Strong verbal and written communication skills are critical. It is very helpful to be able to explain scientific concepts to those who do not have a scientific background, and to be able to explain complex issues in one or two pages.

Committees:

Website: <http://democrats.naturalresources.house.gov/>

171 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

U.S. Representative Mike Thompson - California

Must be US Citizen:

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: 1-3 Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA) has represented Northern California for more than 20 years. Northern California's landscapes and natural resources are the economic and cultural cornerstone of the region. With the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast, the 5th Congressional District is home to a diverse and unique ecosystem, including 750 species of fish, birds and other animals. Congressman Thompson is committed to protecting and preserving these natural resources in a fair and equitable way, and the Sea Grant Legislative Fellow should share that same passion and commitment. The Fellow will concentrate on estuary, ocean, environmental, green jobs, sea level rise, and energy issues. The fellow will also have the opportunity to assist with a wide array of natural resources issues before the office, including protection, management, and water use. The Fellow would also work with the Natural Resources Legislative Assistant to manage the Congressional Shellfish Caucus, the Sportsmen's Caucus, and the Invasive Species Caucus. Additionally, the Fellow would have hands-on experience to draft and introduce legislation; cultivate and manage relationships with related State and Federal Agencies, interest groups, Natural Resources committee and other congressional staff; attend conferences; and update/brief the Congressman on important issues pertaining to ocean and fishery policy.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: The successful candidate will be a self-starter, hard working, highly dependable, organized, and be a cooperative team member. The candidate must possess strong oral and written communication skills and the ability to work well under pressure. Knowledge of the public policy process and the ability to master new issues quickly are preferred.

Committees: House Committee on Ways and Means; House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Website: <http://mikethompson.house.gov/>

231 - Sea Grant Fellow

U.S. Representative Sam Farr - California

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Working for Congressman Farr will offer excellent opportunities to become involved in a broad range of ocean policy issues. Sam Farr co-chairs the House Oceans Caucus and is recognized as the leader on ocean policy within the House of Representatives, so the position comes with a highly developed portfolio of issues and contacts. The Farr 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 Farr has hosted a Sea Grant Fellow since 1997 and relies on the initiative of his Sea Grant Fellow to draft and guide legislation through the process, advise him on marine policy issues,

and manage House Oceans Caucus activities in conjunction with staff from the office of Caucus Co-Chair, Rep. Don Young. Congressman Farr serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is actively involved in advocating for the

teaching. Congressman Farr serves on the House Appropriations Committee and 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 process and the 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 Farr office. In years past, the Fellow has managed Mr. Farr's 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, more recently, 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 California's 20th 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 be an integral part of Team Farr. The Fellow carries a large amount of responsibility, works closely with Rep. Farr's constituents and other staffers, and with Rep. Farr himself.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: 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.).

Committees: The Fellow will be Congressman Farr'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. Additionally, s/he will work with his/her counterpart from the office of the co-chair of the House Oceans Caucus to inform Members and staff about matters related to ocean science and policy.

Website: <http://www.farr.house.gov/>

287 - Senator Sheldon Whitehouse U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse - Rhode Island

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Yes, if the fellow has funding. Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The fellow will support Senator Whitehouse's ocean and coastal policy portfolio. The fellow will have the opportunity to work on issues directly related to Rhode Island as well as issues with a national and international focus. This will include domestic fisheries, IUU fishing, National Ocean Policy, marine pollution, ocean acidification, and coastal resilience. The fellow will directly support the work of the Senate Oceans Caucus, which Senator Whitehouse Co-Chairs.

The priorities of the Senate Oceans Caucus are IUU fishing, marine debris, and ocean monitoring. The fellow may also work on other environmental topics as part of the Senator's Environment and Public Works Committee assignment, including climate change. The fellow will be expected to meet with constituents and NGOs, attend hearings and briefings, and draft talking points, background memos, and briefing documents. There will be opportunities to travel to the State if the fellow has travel funds.

Mandatory Skills: Ability to work in a fast-paced, team oriented environment. Fellow will be given responsibility over issues and projects while working closely with environmental staff and office leadership to achieve goals, complete tasks, and gain experience.

Desired Background Skills: Ability to write in a clear and succinct manner. Experience writing for both academic and non-academic audiences. Ability to coordinate and lead group discussions. Experience planning or hosting workshops, lecture series, or panels.

Committees: Senate Oceans Caucus; Environment and Public Works Committee

Website: <http://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/>

290 - Legislative Fellow U.S. Representative Lois Capps - California

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: 0 Days Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The Legislative Fellow will be Rep. Capps' primary policy advisor on all oceans, fisheries management, and coastal issues, working closely with Senior Legislative Assistant to develop and implement Rep. Capps' legislative goals in these and other key environmental policy areas, including climate change and conservation. The Fellow will also work closely with Natural Resources Committee, Energy and Commerce Committee, other congressional staff, and outside groups to develop and advance Rep. Capps' legislative agenda. Primary responsibilities of the Fellow will include:

researching and formulating policy positions and drafting legislation; writing speeches, floor statements, and memoranda for Rep. Capps; drafting and coordinating letters to federal agencies; meeting with constituents and advocacy groups on behalf of Rep. Capps; developing and managing relationships with stakeholders, advocates, and other Congressional offices; helping with Rep. Capps' work on the Energy and Commerce Committee, including preparing witness questions and statements for hearings; helping plan and execute communication strategies, including constituent outreach, coalition building, and digital media; and organizing and attending briefings, meetings and conferences. Congresswoman Capps represents California's Central Coast, which includes San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, and incorporates several coastal cities, including Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. Rep. Capps has championed many ocean issues during her 16 years in office, with her staff and five Knauss Fellows playing an integral role in developing and advancing this legacy. The Fellow will monitor policy developments and work on legislation addressing a variety of marine issues, including ocean acidification, National Marine Sanctuaries, aquaculture /fisheries management, National Ocean Policy, and the Coastal Zone Management Act, among others. The Fellow will also manage the

National Ocean Policy, and the Coastal Zone Management Act, among others. The Fellow will also manage the bipartisan National Marine Sanctuary Caucus, including registering the Caucus for the 114th Congress, building Caucus membership, and organizing briefings and other outreach initiatives. In past years, fellows have managed many of Rep. Capps' key legislative efforts, including reauthorization of the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act (FOARAM), the National Sustainable Offshore Aquaculture Act, the Integrated Coastal Ocean Observation System Act, the Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act, and reauthorization of NOAA education programs. The Fellow will also be expected to develop new legislative initiatives for Rep. Capps. The Fellow will have the benefit of working closely with a highly respected and senior Member of Congress and her legislative staff in a team-oriented environment. At the end of the fellowship, the Fellow will have developed strong legislative, political, analytical, and communication skills.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: The ideal candidate has some policy or management experience, solid knowledge of environmental policy issues, and an appreciation of the role that both policy and politics play on Capitol Hill. The candidate must be proactive, have strong organizational, writing and oral communication skills, an interest in planning and executing a legislative agenda, and an outgoing and creative personality. California ties are a plus.

Committees: Congresswoman Capps is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, sitting on the Energy and Power, Environment and the Economy, and Health Subcommittees. She is also the founder and co-chair of the National Marine Sanctuary Caucus, an active leader in the House Oceans Caucus, and a member of the Shellfish Caucus.

Website: <http://capps.house.gov/>

318 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow U.S. Senator Roger Wicker - Mississippi

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: 1-3 Days Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Senator Wicker seeks a fellow who will continue to manage and build 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. Oversight and implementation of the RESTORE Act continues to be a top priority for Senator Wicker. Senator Wicker has also been a leader in hurricane and flood mitigation for resilient coastal communities. 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.

Mandatory Skills: 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.

Desired Background Skills: 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 also should 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 with strong writing skills who desires real responsibility and the opportunity to develop policies and strategies that will have a tangible effect on the environment and economy.

Committees: 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 and the Subcommittee on Science and Space. Currently, Senator Wicker is also a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee. In addition, the Senator also serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Seapower.

Website: <http://wicker.senate.gov/public/>

390 - Sea Grant Fellow U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree - Maine

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: 5-6 **TRIPS/ANNUALLY** Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Congresswoman Chellie Pingree is seeking a Fellow to support her active role in national ocean, environmental, and fisheries policy conversations and to give her constituents a strong voice in federal regulations impacting Maine's coastal communities. The Knauss Fellow will work closely with Kimber Colton (DC Office) and Kyle Molton (Portland Office), and other staff as necessary, in developing and building support for oceans-related legislative initiatives. Past fellows have been active in drafting and introducing legislation like HR 4692, the Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act (113th Congress) and the Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act (112th Congress). The Fellow will also work extensively with DC-based non-profits (i.e. Ocean Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, Pew) and other Congressional offices to support efforts that protect our oceans; including the National Ocean Policy, the reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Act, and ocean acidification related legislation. The Fellow will also help draft floor statements, letters to federal agencies and the Administration, constituent mail, and internal memos. Additionally, the Fellow will monitor pending legislation and committee activities. Chellie serves on the Appropriations Committee and is on both the Interior and Environment Subcommittee and Agriculture Subcommittee. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, she is a strong advocate for environmental and oceans issues. The Fellow will have the chance to provide support for Chellie's work on the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, as well as serve as an expert for the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill and work closely with Kimber in advising the Congresswoman. The Fellow will also have the opportunity to meet with constituents and organizations while working to building strategic relationships in Maine and DC. The Congresswoman considers staff, and Fellow, travel to and around the district a vital component of being effective in Washington. Because our office is very district-focused, the Fellow is encouraged to

component of being effective in Washington. Because our office is very district focused, the Fellow is encouraged to travel to Maine throughout the year to meet with constituents and organizations and attend community events. Maine's First Congressional District includes southern and mid-coast Maine, including communities like Portland and Rockland, as well as a number of coastal islands. Congresswoman Pingree is an offshore island resident, living 12 miles off the coast in a community of 300 year-around residents – many of them fishermen. Chellie's unique community and personal background make her a compelling voice in environmental, fisheries, and ocean policy discussions.

Mandatory Skills: The ideal candidate will be a team player and work on the coastal, oceans, and fisheries portfolio with Kimber and Kyle. The candidate should be proactive and willing to work independently on projects when necessary. The Fellow should have strong verbal and written communication skills, think strategically, and be a self-motivated learner.

Desired Background Skills: A strong interest in environmental and marine policy issues, including fisheries management, ocean acidification, invasive species, working waterfronts, and flood insurance. We would also like the Fellow to be able to effectively communicate policy with diverse groups in DC and the district.

Committees: Congresswoman Pingree is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, serving on both the Interior and Environment Subcommittee and the Agriculture Subcommittee. On the Interior and Environment Subcommittee she champions vigorous funding for critical climate, air, water, fisheries, wildlife and forest-related programs. On the Agriculture Subcommittee she serves as a strong voice for sustainable agriculture and local food policy.

Website: <http://pingree.house.gov/>

396 - Legislative Fellow

U.S. Representative Don Young - Alaska

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 days/month Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Occasional Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Congressman Young has represented Alaska for over 40 years. Alaska's geographical location and natural resources based economy means that policies related to fisheries, marine mammals, and ocean health are priorities of for the Congressman. Primary duties include researching, drafting, and introducing legislation and amendments, drafting questions and testimony for Committee hearings and mark-ups, cultivating and managing relationships with related State and Federal Agencies, interest groups, Natural Resources committee and other congressional staff, and updating/briefing the Congressman on important issues pertaining to ocean and fishery policy. In addition, the Fellow would manage the Congressional Wild Salmon Caucus and House Oceans Caucus, which Congressman Young co-chairs.

Mandatory Skills: Candidates are expected to be highly committed, and able to work with limited supervision. 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.

Desired Background Skills: A strong background in fisheries and marine mammals is preferred.

Committees: House Committee on Natural Resources and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Website: <http://donyoung.house.gov/>

407 - Sea Grant Fellow

U.S. Representative Jared Huffman - California

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: yes Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: 1-2 trips to California / year Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: 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. Working on environmental issues is a priority for the Congressman and the office, and we have had a very successful first term, having successfully expanded a coastal National Monument and nearly completed a National Marine Sanctuary expansion. The Legislative Fellow will work with the Legislative Director and the rest of the team in handling a portfolio that includes natural resources, environment, science, and tribal affairs. Congressman Huffman is an active member of the Natural Resources Committee, and the Fellow will be responsible for preparing him for some committee hearings and markups, working with committee staff and agencies, and attending committee meetings with him. 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.

Mandatory Skills: 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. In addition, the candidate will have excellent organizational skills, a professional manner, and most importantly a sense of humor.

Desired Background Skills:

Committees: House Committee on Natural Resources (Subcommittees: Water & Power, Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, Energy and Mineral Resources), House Budget Committee

Website: <http://huffman.house.gov>

414 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

U.S. Senator Edward Markey - Massachusetts

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Occasional Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: The Sea Grant Legislative Fellow working in Sen. Markey's office will have responsibility for all ocean and fisheries issues across his committee assignments and of concern in Massachusetts. In addition, the Fellow will likely help cover other coastal issues, climate change, environmental, and general science topics. Over his 38 year career,

Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey has consistently championed clean energy and environmental protection. Sen. Markey was one of the main architects of the 2009 Waxman-Markey climate bill and climate remains a central focus of his policy

was one of the main architects of the 2007 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 14 years in a row, 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 Sen. Markey. Sen. 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 the right candidate many opportunities to work on a range of environmental issues, including fisheries, climate change, and wildlife. 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, pollinator health, and funding and other support for science research. Sen. Markey has a long history of hosting fellows and looks forward to having a 2015 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.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: The ideal candidate will be an excellent writer and verbal communicator, with a great sense of humor. S/he 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.

Committees: Senator Markey serves on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps. He also serves on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Website: <http://www.markey.senate.gov/>

440 - Policy Advisor, Marine and Atmospheric Policy

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz - Hawaii

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Spending a year with Senator Schatz will put you in the driver's seat on major issues in the Pacific—recovering bigeye tuna stocks; drafting legislation for weather resilience and aquaculture; and developing Senator Schatz's appropriations requests for the coming fiscal year. Whether it's legislation, preparation for committee business, or meetings with national or local stakeholders, you'll be front and center. Senator's membership on the Senate's Commerce, Science, and Transportation will tap into your expertise on bread-and-butter issues like fisheries management and habitat stewardship. We hope, however, that you'll take advantage of his other committee assignments—Energy and Natural Resources and Indian Affairs—to look at cross-cutting issues that push the envelope. For example: climate change could alter Hawai'i's visitor-friendly climate...what steps can we take in Washington, DC, to empower local action? Best of all, you'll be a key member of a team. Senator Schatz started off as a Sea Grant. Andy Winer, his Chief of Staff, was the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships at NOAA. With their connections, you will plug into the policy arena at the highest levels of federal agencies, environmental organizations, and private industry. And through it all, we will help you grow into a professional skill set of problem resolution that will serve you, whatever the context.

Mandatory Skills: Clear and succinct expository writing; keen analysis of substantive issues, and stakeholder interests.

Desired Background Skills: Strong listening and communication skills; acumen with building and maintaining professional relationships; confidence to fly in formation or solo as needed.

Committees: Energy and Natural Resources; Subcommittees on Water and Power (Chair), National Parks, Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Commerce, Science and Transportation; Subcommittees on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation (Chair); Aviation Operations, Safety and Security; Communications, Technology, and the Internet; Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance; Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard; Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security. Indian Affairs.

Website: <http://www.schatz.senate.gov/>

444 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow - Rep. Alan Lowenthal

U.S. Representative Alan Lowenthal - California

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: Yes Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Possible Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Congressman Alan Lowenthal is a member of the Natural Resources Committee and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs (FWOIA). He has spent decades of his life and career representing a coastal community in Southern California and working on oceans issues. In particular, the Congressman has focused on climate change, California fisheries, LA River effluent into the ocean, marine mammals, and the interaction of the Port of Long Beach with the surrounding environment and community. A Sea Grant Fellow would have two primary responsibility areas if selected. The first is leading the Congressman's work on the FWOIA Natural Resources Subcommittee, and the second is performing the role of director for the very active House Safe Climate Caucus. The Fellow's FWOIA Natural Resources Subcommittee work will consist of research on topics in the committee's jurisdiction; briefing and advising the Congressman before hearings and markups, including drafting questions for witnesses and vote recommendations for markups; attending the hearings and markups to support the Congressman; providing analysis of other legislation before the committee; and drafting amendments and legislation. Based on the Fellow's interests and strength, other related fisheries and oceans work outside of the committee may include, organizing stakeholder meetings and public briefings, drafting floor speeches, and drafting other media statements. The House Safe Climate Caucus (SCC) will be chaired by Congressman Alan Lowenthal in the 114th Congress. The SCC was created and led by Rep. Henry Waxman, who will be retiring at the end of the 113th Congress. The SCC is comprised of over 40 Members of Congress who have made a commitment to raise the profile of climate change in Congress. The Fellow's SCC work as

Congress who have made a commitment to raise the profile of climate change in Congress. The Fellow's SCC work as caucus director will consist of staying abreast of the latest science, policy, and politics regarding climate change; researching and communicating climate change developments to the Congressman and other SCC Members; coordinating with other SCC offices and planning content briefings and strategy meetings; analyzing legislation; and developing amendments and legislation. In addition, the Fellow will coordinate with other SCC Member offices and help create content for three ongoing caucus activities to elevate the issue of climate change that occur while Congress is in session. Those three activities are: drafting and placing op-eds, drafting a House floor speeches, and helping develop short videos that tell a particular facet of the climate change story.

Mandatory Skills: Good verbal communication skills, ability to work under tight deadlines, and an ability to take complex scientific concepts and developments and write about them concisely for a general audience.

Desired Background Skills: Interest and background in climate change, ability to consider the social-political and economic aspects of ocean issues, and California connections.

Committees: Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, Subcommittee on Water and Power, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Foreign Affairs Committee

Website: <http://lowenthal.house.gov/>

445 - Legislative Fellow

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin - Wisconsin

Must be US Citizen: NO

Travel *within* DC: Yes Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Yes Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Senator Tammy Baldwin is seeking a highly motivated legislative fellow to contribute to her coastal legislative agenda. 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 Energy and Natural Resources 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.

Mandatory Skills: Qualified candidates will possess strong writing skills, be able to excel in a fast-paced environment, have a basic understanding of the legislative process, and possess the ability to turn research into legislative action.

Desired Background Skills: A strong background in clean water and an understanding of the impact of water policy on local economies.

Committees: Energy and Natural Resources; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Budget; Special Committee on Aging. Also a member of the Great Lakes Task Force.

Website: <http://www.baldwin.senate.gov/>

446 - Legislative Fellow

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Must be US Citizen: Yes

Travel *within* DC: Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Yes Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: We are looking for a fellow to take on a full portfolio of issues for an active, policy-driven Senator. The fellow is expected to be an integral part of Senator Cantwell's legislative team as an emerging legislative assistant. The fellow will start out working closely with the Senator's policy advisor on oceans, fisheries, weather and Coast Guard. The portfolio will depend on the fellow's interests but will include work pertaining to the Senator's agenda for the Senate Commerce Committee, Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee. Duties will include developing and analyzing new policy proposals, preparing briefing and hearing materials, and advancing the Senator's priorities with Committee staff, other Members, and outside groups. Possible issue areas include ocean acidification, Pacific salmon conservation, fisheries, estuary restoration, marine debris, ocean observing, Arctic policy, subsistence fisheries and treaty rights, public lands, oil spill prevention, national ocean policy, marine mammal conservation, STEM education, water quality, weather monitoring and satellites. The Senator is also a leader in Alaskan fishing issues, as many Alaskan fishermen are home ported in Washington State.

Mandatory Skills:

Desired Background Skills: Ability to grasp, analyze, and work through the multiple positions and viewpoints generated by complex environmental legislation. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Understanding of (or interest in) political dynamics of legislative branch. Ability to work quickly and independently.

Committees: Senate Commerce Committee, Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Committee Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Chairwoman)

Website: <http://cantwell.senate.gov>

470 - Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

U.S. Representative Denny Heck - Washington

Must be US Citizen:

Travel *within* DC: 1-3 Days/Month Days/Month

Travel *outside* DC: Possible travel to district - TBD Days/Month

Job Responsibilities: Rep. Denny Heck (WA-10) represents Washington State's newest congressional district in the South Puget Sound. Team Heck is looking for a NOAA Sea Grant Fellow to take the lead on key environmental and oceans policy issues during the 114th Congress. The Fellow will be charged with updating/reintroducing current legislation like the Marine Disease Emergency Act (see below for more background), crafting new legislation, and advising the Congressman on environment and natural resources policy. The Fellow will concentrate on ecosystem recovery, marine environments, natural resources, green jobs, and energy issues. Additionally, the Fellow will assist in planning and executing any events

natural resources, green jobs, and energy issues. Additionally, the fellow will assist in planning and executing any events or actions for the Puget Sound Recovery Caucus. Last year, Rep. Heck co-founded the Congressional Puget Sound Caucus to help ensure ongoing attention and commitment to recovery efforts. During the 113th, we hosted EPA Administrator McCarthy for a tour of the Sound, held multiple roundtable events, and jointly advocated for increased attention and funding for the Sound. "Marine Disease Emergency Act" by Dr. Drew Harvell, <http://thehill.com/social-tags/marine-disease-emergency-act>) **More on the Caucus** "Freshmen Congressmen Convene Puget Sound Recovery Caucus" <http://www.kplu.org/post/freshmen-congressmen-convene-puget-sound-recovery-caucus> "Puget Sound Recovery Caucus Big Step Forward" <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/washington/newsroom/washington-puget-sound-recovery-caucus-big-step-forward.xml>

Mandatory Skills: A positive attitude and willingness to learn is a must!

Desired Background Skills: A ideal candidate will be a self-starter, able to work well under pressure, hard working, highly dependable, and a team player.

Committees: House Financial Services Committee (we are looking into green energy financing legislation) and Rep. Heck is also very involved with the Puget Sound Recovery Caucus.

Website: <http://dennyheck.house.gov/about/full-biography>

