

Position ID

L19-01

Position Title

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office

U.S. Representative Mike Thompson

Portfolio Summary

Natural Resources, Oceans, Fisheries, Energy. Member leads the following Caucuses and fellow would staff: Shellfish Caucus, Salmon Caucus, Invasive Species Caucus, Wildlife Refuge Caucus

Expertise Desired

We are a fast-paced office with a long track record with Sea Grant Fellows. We craft the portfolio and work to match the interests and experience of the fellow who chooses our office.

Position ID

L19-02

Position Title

Professional Staff

Office

House Natural Resources (Minority)

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, the U.S. Forest Service, and Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native affairs. The Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee also has jurisdiction over international fisheries agreements and conventions.

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 preparing 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.

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: protection of endangered species of fish and wildlife, marine sanctuaries and monuments, and commercial and recreational fisheries legislation.

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.

Position ID

L19-03

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

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.

Position ID

L19-04

Position Title

Legislative Director

Office

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

Portfolio Summary

Aquaculture, ocean conservation strategies, climate change mitigation, coastal zone management

Expertise Desired

Educational or working background in marine biology, oceanography, NOAA, marine fisheries, oceans policy or Coast Guard

Position ID

L19-05

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal

Portfolio Summary

Assist office with oceans and environment portfolio. This is a priority issue for the Congressman so it include helping reintroduce legislation, writing meeting memos, policy recommendations and helping represent the office with stakeholders.

Expertise Desired

Fast learner and proactive, understanding of energy and environment and impacts to our national defense.

Position ID

L19-06

Position Title

Senior Legislative Counsel

Office

U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Portfolio Summary

Working for an active Senator with a strong constituency on environmental issues will afford an incoming Fellow in our office with his or her pick of a wide variety of legislative and oversight issues. My (staff) team covers the Senator's Oceans Subcommittee & Science Subcommittee portfolio w/in the Commerce Committee, and more broadly his energy/climate, environmental, and agriculture portfolios (which transcend several committees of jurisdiction). I want our 2019 Fellow to be able to learn the general legislative process and pitch in where needed, while also having leadership on specific issues that are of interest to the Fellow, including having the opportunity to staff the Senator directly. In 2019, ideally our Fellow would spend about half his/her time on Oceans Subcommittee hearings and related legislation, and the other half of his/her time would be spent on 2-4 other priorities of personal/professional interest to the Fellow, chosen to afford him/her exposure to other Senate Committees and outside stakeholders. Top issues that our Senator will continue to focus on: water quality (drinking water, groundwater, and Great Lakes writ large); and advancing innovations in a lower carbon economy/vehicle electrification. This year (2018) based on our current Fellow's background and professional interests, she and I have selected a portfolio for her that emphasizes a strong connection to Michigan stakeholders, including work across a wide variety of parks, recreation and wildlife issues. Her top work objective has been to elevate the Senator's work relating to an emerging contaminant (PFAS chemicals), and she's done an excellent job. Because she personally did not have a strong oceans/marine coastal interest or background, I've assigned very little work for her relating to the Oceans Subcommittee.

Expertise Desired

I tend to draw on the scientific expertise brought by Knauss Fellows, as my own training is as an attorney. That isn't to suggest that we require our Fellow to have a particular degree; rather that I'll use the Fellow to make sure I've got my facts and my understanding of the science on a particular subject matter straight! As for preferred working styles...I tend to look for three things: a high level of professionalism, a team-based mentality, and respectful service to constituents and stakeholders.

Position ID

L19-07

Position Title

Senior Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard

Portfolio Summary

We are a fun office. We enjoy working. We enjoy achieving. We enjoy victories and share pride in the successes of everyone. The Gabbard Policy team is a cohesive, high energy, high output team comprised of two attorneys by practice, an active duty Navy officer, a technology wizard, and myself with 19 years in Congress (Senate/13 and House/six.) The Team also includes at least one military Fellow and four quality Interns at any given time.

My issue portfolio includes agriculture, natural resources, environment, oceans, and energy with an emphasis on integrated pest management, biocontrols, marine biology, and clean energy. Since 2008, I've mentored and trained numerous Interns and Fellows on the legislative and appropriations process. In 2017, I began a policy program for our Interns to provide them with hands-on experience in taking an idea through the plan, design, and implementation stages.

The Fellow will be required to develop an idea(s) and take it through the various stages. The Fellow also will be in charge of the Interior-Environment appropriations bill. He/she will receive hands-on guidance on the appropriations, budgetary, and legislative process. In addition, the Fellow will be required to craft letters to appropriate federal agencies, establish relationships with counterparts in other offices, and reach out to appropriate interest groups aligned with work projects. The Fellow also will be tasked with developing a marine biology folder for the Congresswoman.

Expertise Desired

Desired Fellow would have knowledge and experience in environmental and other issues facing Hawaii, Pacific Territories, and the Caribbeans. Requisite skill sets include the ability to think out-of-the-box, keep a cool head in a high-energy, deadline oriented environment, and share knowledge freely. Exposure to other cultures, countries, languages, and lifestyles are a plus.

Position ID

L19-08

Position Title

Counsel

Office

U.S. Senator Cory Booker

Portfolio Summary

2019 Sea Grant Knauss Fellow Job Description

Primary Responsibilities

- A. Work with constituents
 - a. Meet with constituents and advise the Senator/staff on issues raised by constituents.
 - b. Support office activities related to the coast, estuaries, natural resources, sustainable development and water resources.
 - c. Support activities of the office as they relate to marine resources such as fisheries, marine mammals and sustainable marine practices.
 - d. Liaising with constituents, trade groups, industry and NGOs.
- B. Develop policy in the oceans, environment, food and agriculture, and animal welfare portfolio
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Responsible for assistance with speeches on ocean, environment, food and agriculture, 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.
- C. Committee Assignments and Senate Ocean Caucus
 - a. 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

Mandatory Skills: 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.

Position ID

L19-09

Position Title

Policy Director

Office

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

Portfolio Summary

The fellow on the Majority Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard will have the opportunity to work on oceans bills that are referred to this committee, including legislation on weather, fisheries, satellites, and marine policy. The fellow will have the opportunity to develop experience in a wide range of ocean policy topics. We also work closely with the agencies with the goal of producing effective legislation.

The fellow will have ample opportunity to engage with every NOAA line office through the legislative affairs specialists. We expect the fellow to contribute meaningfully and consider the fellow to be an equal player with similar responsibilities as the rest of the professional legislative staff. The fellow will attend meetings and briefings; conduct background research; prepare memos, talking points, and questions for hearings; and draft and edit legislation. Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for professional development that exist, including travel related to relevant topics in the portfolio.

Expertise Desired

The Subcommittee 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. Meeting deadlines, critical thinking, and working well under pressure are important. In addition, we are seeking a fellow with excellent writing skills and an enthusiasm about working on bipartisan legislation. 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. Strong organizational skills and communication abilities are required. A successful fellow would be interested in developing common-sense coastal and marine management policies while working with constituent groups, state agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Position ID

L19-10

Position Title

Legislative Director

Office

U.S. Representative Jared Huffman

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 and wilderness, 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 a senior member of the Natural Resources Committee, was Ranking Member of the Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee in the 115th Congress, and will likely be the Chair of the same subcommittee next year. 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.

Additionally, tackling climate change in all aspects of natural resources and environmental policy will be a priority in the 116th Congress.

The Legislative Fellow will work with the Legislative Director and the rest of the team in handling a portfolio that may include natural resources, ocean and fisheries management including reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (Huffman was the lead Democratic author in the 115th Congress), the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act, and climate and/or energy. The Fellow will also work as the lead for the Wild Salmon Caucus, which Congressman Huffman co-chairs and which will have an emphasis on the International Year of the Salmon in 2019. 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. Examples of topics covered in committee hearings and markups from the 115th Congress include Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization, marine monuments and sanctuaries, public lands legislation, and wildlife protection. The Fellow will develop and move forward legislation, monitor legislative developments, and provide vote recommendations. Examples of legislative work from the 115th Congress include reauthorization of the Sea Grant program, a Northern California public lands bill, and bills to increase the transparency around carbon pollution and fossil fuel use. The Fellow will also assist in drafting 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.

Position ID

L19-11

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

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

Portfolio Summary

Under the standing rules of the Senate, the Commerce Committee has broad jurisdiction over oceanic and atmospheric issues. Most of the time, our subcommittee focuses on legislation, oversight, and investigations that relate to the activities of the six line offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard. But as oceans issues crosscut several federal agencies, we also work with the Army Corps of Engineers, NSF, NASA, FEMA, Department of the Interior, EPA, and others; and sometimes we work collaboratively with committees that have overlapping jurisdiction in both the House and the Senate. Generally every year, we work on (and pass) a reauthorization of the Coast Guard bill, which includes provisions related to the service's environmental enforcement missions, oil spill response missions, and fishery enforcement missions. In addition, we work to reauthorize and amend any number of ocean and atmospheric laws-- including the Coral Reef Conservation Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act, the Sanctuaries Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Weather Act-- just to name a few. We generally have at least one hearing within our subject matter each month, and we either staff them at the full committee level or within the smaller subcommittee. Under our rules, minority selects one witness for each hearing. We work to research and write the Committee staff memo in advance of those hearings; and memos, statements, and questions for the Ranking Member of both the full committee and the subcommittee. We expect that our fellows make the most of their fellowship year to first learn about Senate procedure, secondly to make relationships in the field, and thirdly to determine whether they want to further pursue a career in policy, and if so, find an excellent post-fellowship position. To do that, we recommend that our fellows pursue Congressional Research Service trainings, attend briefings and networking events, and generally, attend at least one international conference to help discern the differences between international law making and the federal legislative process. This year, the fellow will report to Angela Brown, Legislative Assistant. Angela works on all issues within the subcommittee office, and she is responsible for submitting all final memos and hearing materials to our leadership.

Expertise Desired

We have hosted many different fellows with widely varied backgrounds, experiences, interests, and working styles. At the end of the day, there are only two essential characteristics of a fellow in our suite: (1) effective writing skills and (2) discretion.

Position ID

L19-12

Position Title

Democratic Staff Director, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

Office

House Transportation and Infrastructure (Majority)

Portfolio Summary

Democrats will assume the majority for the first time in 8 years. As the agenda has yet to be developed it is expected that we will contribute to Chairman DeFazio's initiative to pass major infrastructure legislation. Additionally, we will continue our oversight of Coast Guard budget priorities, major system acquisitions, mission balance and performance, and major rulemaking. We will also examine maritime financial support programs administered by the Maritime Administration to assess potential changes and likely look into the status of Marine Highways. Oversight of the Jones Act is a certainty, including resolving credential requirements for non-maritime workers on vessels and tracking the administration's actions regarding Jones Act letter rulings in the Gulf of Mexico. Finally, we will likely follow-up to evaluate the Federal Maritime Commission's oversight of ocean carrier agreements and enforcement of anti-trade protections

Expertise Desired

Good communication skills, especially writing skills. Able to synthesize and distill information. Desired that candidates have at least interest in maritime transportation, if not hands on knowledge. Best to have someone who can work independently.

Position ID

L19-13

Position Title

Legislative Director

Office

U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Jimmy Panetta represents California's 20th congressional district. This coastal district is home to unique marine features such as Monterey Bay, Elkhorn Slough, Big Sur, and the Davidson Seamount. The coastal features and biodiversity of this marine ecosystem have propelled CA-20 to the forefront of marine research. This district hosts renowned research entities such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institution, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Hopkins Marine Station, and Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Prospective fellows would work with Congressman Panetta on climate change mitigation and adaptation policy, specifically focusing on sea-level rise and ocean acidification. Fellows would also have the opportunity to contribute to Congressman Panetta's work on the House Agriculture and House Armed Services Committees by proposing policy initiatives related to water quality/nutrient runoff management and implications of climate change on national security. Fellows would also have the opportunity to engage with various research entities in the district to develop proposals to further advance marine research initiatives. A previous fellow worked on policy initiatives related to flood resiliency and adaptations to sea-level rise. Fellows would report to Matt Manning, Congressman Panetta's Legislative Director.

Expertise Desired

An ideal fellow would be a self-starter who is open to working in a collaborate environmental with other policy staff. Those with interdisciplinary research and/or policy experience would be preferred for exploring policy issues where marine interest intersect with agriculture and national security issues. Additionally, a passion for working with diverse stakeholders to address climate change mitigation and adaptation is necessary.

Position ID

L19-14

Position Title

Policy Advisor

Office

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

Portfolio Summary

The Senator is looking for a candidate with expertise in environmental and/or agricultural issues. The Senator is a senior member of the Environment and public works committee and is highly active in all aspects of that committee.

Maryland ties also a plus, but not required.

The successful candidate will be treated as a full member of the team, working directly with senior staff. They will be expected to write and introduce bills, advise and staff the Senator at meetings and Congressional hearings, write speeches, and represent the Senator in meetings with stakeholders, constituents, and other Senate offices.

Expertise Desired

Expertise in environment or agriculture required. Sen. Cardin's top priority in the portfolio is protecting the Chesapeake Bay, so any experience relating to any of the many issues affecting the Bay would be appreciated.

Position ID

L19-15

Position Title

Policy Advisor

Office

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

Portfolio Summary

Develop and advocate for Senator Schatz's funding priorities. Development of ocean/coastal legislation—focus areas include aquaculture, coral, sanctuaries, and fisheries. Engagement with other congressional offices, environmental groups, fishing industry, and Hawaii constituents. Legislative planning with the Senator, and staffing the Senator during Committee meetings (hearings and markups).

Expertise Desired

The Schatz office would like to collaborate with a fellow to: assist with NOAA, NSF, and NASA appropriations; analyze ocean and science legislation; engage the stakeholder communities in DC and Hawai'i. We expect the fellow to take ownership of select projects, so self-starters with strong writing and strategic communication skills will have an advantage. In return, we offer professional development and mentoring through a broad array of tasks: analysis of complex issues and development of recommended course of action; discussions/negotiations with other Congressional offices; and opportunities to staff the Senator in the Commerce Committee and Appropriations Committee meetings. 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.

Position ID

L19-16

Position Title

Senior LA

Office

U.S. Representative Dan Kildee

Portfolio Summary

We are looking for a fellow to help create a comprehensive bill to address PFAS contamination in the U.S. Right now, PFAS is an emerging and unregulated contaminant and we have taken on the role of developing a wide ranging bill that would address PFAS in our society. In addition to developing legislation, the fellow will be tasked with finding creative ways to direct funding to our district to clean up PFAS contamination at military and industrial sites, fund health studies and other funding opportunities to address PFAS.

A fellow would be treated as a full member of the team, equivalent to a legislative assistant position. They would be tasked with being the point person on developing legislation on PFAS. They would work in conjunction with the legislative team on finding funding opportunities and address issues in the district related to PFAS. Addressing PFAS contamination is a top priority for the office and the person will have ample opportunity to work with the entire team, including the Congressman, on this issue.

Expertise Desired

We would like someone who has expertise in chemicals and/or health care related to health care exposure. However, a working style fit is more important than their expertise. We need someone who is a self-starter and can work independently without much micro-managing. That being said, we are a supportive office who works together to solve hard problems and find ways to push legislation into law.

Position ID

L19-17

Position Title

Senior Policy Advisor

Office

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Portfolio Summary

MSA and other related fisheries, Oil Spill Response, Aqua Culture, Critical Habitat, Marine Mammals.

Expertise Desired

Oceans/Fisheries experience. MSA and other related information. Experience in the Pacific Northwest or West Coast is preferable.

Position ID

L19-18

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

Portfolio Summary

Lead staff supporting the Senator's work on the Ocean's Caucus, support team's appropriations committee work, strategy and requests, engagement with constituents - including review or composition of correspondence, may include work on legislation. The fellow will be part of a legislative team responsible for Fisheries, Oceans, Army Corp., EPA, NOAA, Marine Mammals, Arctic Policy, Seafood related Trade, Labor and Economic Development issues, and general science and space policy.

Expertise Desired

Experience with Alaska preferred, focus on portfolio related issue areas required.

Position ID

L19-19

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Representative Don Young

Portfolio Summary

Rep. Don Young is the sole Congressman for the State of Alaska. A fellow in this office will have an excellent opportunity to understand all aspects of the legislative process. They will be granted tremendous autonomy to handle issues within their issue areas. Alaska is rich in natural resources, so we can create a portfolio to match the fellow's interests. Potential focus areas include energy development, federal lands management, wildlife and fisheries, oceans, minerals, Coast Guard, infrastructure, as well as any other topics of interest.

Additionally, the fellow will be responsible for handling the bipartisan House Oceans Caucus and Congressional Arctic Working Group, both of which Rep. Young co-chairs. The fellow will draft legislation, staff the Congressman in meetings, take individual constituent meetings, and move the Congressman's sponsored and cosponsored bills through committee. A fellow in this office will be considered a full member of the team and will work closely with staff to advance the Congressman's legislative priorities.

Expertise Desired

A successful fellow should have strong communication skills and be comfortable working under short deadlines. This is a fast-paced office that introduced over 80 bills in the 115th Congress, so time management is critical. The fellow should have an interest in Alaska and learning about the unique challenges the state faces. While portfolios are individual, we work collaboratively on many issues so you should have the ability to work both alone and in a group.

Position ID

L19-20

Position Title

Senior Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur

Portfolio Summary

Ms. Kaptur is the longest serving woman in the history of the US House of Representatives and is the second highest ranking Democrat on the Committee on Appropriations. Ohio's 9th district includes nearly 200 miles of Ohio's Lake Erie coastline and as such the health of the Lake has always been one of her top priorities. She is very active in this issue area, including serving for many years as a co-Chair of the Great Lakes Task Force.

The fellow's primary responsibility will be to cover the Great Lakes portfolio with a focus on two key environmental issues: Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and Asian carp. This portfolio would include all or at least a substantial portion of: NOAA, USGS, EPA, USDA, and USFWS. Working for a Senior Appropriator means the fellow will spend a great deal of time digging into these budgets as they relate to the Lakes and making recommendations about how we might redirect funding for relevant programs.

The fellow's responsibilities will also include: tracking legislation, making vote recommendations, researching issues and writing briefing memos, representing the member in constituent meetings, staffing the member in meetings and Committee hearings, drafting legislation, and drafting letters to agencies.

The fellow will report to TJ Lowdermilk, the Senior Legislative Assistant.

Expertise Desired

The ideal candidate will already have a strong knowledge of environmental policy and the impact of human activity on marine, estuarine, and freshwater environments. The fellow should be a strong writer and a quick learner who is committed to protecting the environment, with big bonus points for knowledge and an affinity for the Great Lakes. The fellow should also work well under pressure, have a positive attitude, and thrive in a fast paced environment.

Position ID

L19-21

Position Title

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office

U.S. Representative Thomas Suozzi

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Tom Suozzi (NY-3) represents the North Shore of Long Island, New York and is seeking a legislative fellow who will be responsible for a variety of key environmental issues critically important to the Congressman and his district.

The Congressman has a significant pro-environmental protection record. The League of Conservation Voters gave the Congressman a 97% rating for his first term. In 2008, as Nassau County Executive, the New York State League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) named him "Environmentalism of the Year." In the late 1990s, as Mayor of Glen Cove, the Congressman spearheaded a nationally recognized Superfund and Brownfield site cleanup that was formally recognized by then Vice President Al Gore and implemented the first 50% nitrogen effluent reduction of a waste water treatment plant on the Long Island Sound. As a freshman member, the Congressman was asked by his colleagues to give an environmental response to President Trump's joint address. He currently serves as the co-chair of the bipartisan Long Island Sound Caucus and is a member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus and National Estuary Caucus.

Last year, Congressman Suozzi hosted "Orchestrating Both Coasts For A Better Sound 2.0," a bipartisan environmental conference where attendees signed a pledge to preserve and protect the Long Island Sound. They also discussed the progress in reducing nitrogen levels in the Sound by more than 50 percent over the past 20 years. Please see the press release for the conference (<https://suozzi.house.gov/media/press-releases/suozzi-leads-bipartisan-conference-protect-long-island-sound-reps-lee-zeldin>).

The fellow will work on the pressing environmental issues in Congress, including the threat of climate change, sea level rise and increasing volatile storm to coastal regions, the impact of high nitrogen levels to sea life and water quality and the infrastructure solutions available to reduce nitrogen release, and drinking water contamination caused by existing and emerging contaminants. In addition to trying to match the fellow's experience and interest to his/her assignment, the office will also encourage the fellow to develop, propose and pitch policy positions for the Congressman's environmental agenda. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, developing the Congressman's environmental agenda, tracking and advancing legislation, preparing statements and talking points for the Congressman, and writing and editing Congressional correspondence related to the fellow's portfolio.

Expertise Desired

A successful fellow should have an ability to work in a fast paced, demanding environment by exercising excellent time management skills. The fellow will also be a self-starter with the ability and initiative to handle long-term projects. Familiarity with environmental issues related to estuaries generally. Knowledge specific to the Long Island Sound is a plus. Flexibility and a sense of humor also encouraged.

Position ID

L19-22

Position Title

Legislative Assistant

Office

U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith

Portfolio Summary

Senator Hyde-Smith seeks a fellow to work on issues related to oceans, fisheries, aquaculture, infrastructure, and weather. The fellow will have an active role in advising the Senator on a variety of legislation and issues pertaining to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and other coastal regions. Responsibilities will range from staffing the Senator in meetings, hearings, and committee markups to maintaining productive relationships with relevant committee staff.

Expertise Desired

Strong written and oral communication skills; research skills; time management skills; close attention to detail; self-starter; and team-oriented

Position ID

L19-23

Position Title

Legislative Director

Office

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

Portfolio Summary

Senator Baldwin is seeking a fellow to join her environment-natural resources-agriculture team to help advance her agenda on Great Lakes and water quality issues, and to assist with her work as Ranking Member of the Commerce Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee.

The fellow would have the opportunity to work on a range of issues related to the Great Lakes, water quality, harmful algal blooms, invasive species, climate change and adaptation, and the impacts of agriculture runoff and other pollutants on water systems. This role provides ample opportunity for a fellow to focus on areas of particular interest and also to experience a range of issues, as well as work on issues in various stages of the legislative process and implementation. In addition, the fellow would play a significant role in staffing the Senator on issues before the Commerce Committee, including on the range of NOAA responsibilities, saltwater fisheries management, and oceans policy. The fellow would work with agency staff, committee staff, other Hill offices, Wisconsin and national stakeholders, and national and international policy and subject-matter experts.

The fellow would work in a close team environment with the Senior Policy Advisor who covers these issues, and who has hosted and provided mentorship to two Sea Grant Fellows previously. The fellow would be part of decision-making, briefing the Senator, and the process of advancing a range of priorities. The work environment is professional and focused, but also collegial, and fun. The fellow's work-life balance would be respected.

Expertise Desired

A positive, solutions-oriented, self-driven work ethic will enable a fellow to accomplish a great deal during the fellowship. Experience working in environmental consulting, and/or research or professional experience with fresh water science, groundwater, and watersheds would be particularly valuable. We are particularly eager to work with individuals who have an appreciation for the reality that good policy can only advance with stakeholder support; and therefore we seek a fellow who has a respect for stakeholders and their diverse perspectives, and a desire to work pragmatically to address their issues. Ideal candidates will possess the ability to translate and convey technical information; undertake multiple tasks; produce quality work under deadlines in a fast-paced office environment; and work collaboratively with good humor.

Position ID

L19-24

Position Title

Legislative Director

Office

U.S. Senator Edward Markey

Portfolio Summary

Senator Edward J. Markey is looking for a legislative fellow to support his work on the Environment and Public Works and Commerce Committees. The fellow will support the Senator's work on fisheries, oceans and climate policy both in Committee and on legislation before the full Senate. The fellow will work with the Energy and Environment Legislative Assistant and report to the Legislative Director, Morgan Gray.

Expertise Desired

The ideal candidate will have excellent research, writing, analytical, and interpersonal skills, with a proven ability to prioritize, multi-task, and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced office. The successful candidate will be a self-starter and detail oriented.

Position ID

L19-25

Position Title

Professional Staff Member

Office

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (Minority)

Portfolio Summary

The Knauss Sea Grant Legislative Fellow will be a key member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee minority staff. The Fellow will have the opportunity to help preserve the National Environmental Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, protect the nation's watersheds and estuaries, and ensure the resilience of our coasts, communities, and ecosystems in the face of changing climate and a host of other challenges. The Fellow will also be able to advise the development of a trillion dollar infrastructure package, the majority of which flows through the EPW Committee. In addition to Committee-specific issues, the Fellow will help advise Ranking Member Tom Carper on a range of non-EPW issues including ocean and coastal, living marine resource, and other NOAA/Commerce-related issues he will face as a U.S. Senator.

The Committee's jurisdiction includes: policy and budget oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including advice and consent on nominations for its senior political leadership; oversight of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) including reviewing its nominees and its responsibilities under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA); the Clean Water Act; the Safe Drinking Water Act; environmental justice; fish and wildlife issues including oversight of the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Outer Continental Shelf issues including energy development and its impacts on marine ecosystems; the Clean Air Act and related climate issues; toxic substances (including the Toxic Substances Control Act – TSCA); remediation of contaminated lands; nuclear energy issues and oversight of the Nuclear Energy Commission; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers including navigation and ensuring the protection and resilience of coastal and riverine areas; and transportation issues.

As a full-fledged member of our professional team, the Fellow will: investigate hot-button issues; draft legislation; find and prepare witnesses for hearings; organize roundtables; prepare memos, questions, and statements for hearings; draft Floor statements, participate in meetings and briefings; and directly advise Ranking Member Carper. This experience will give the Fellow an opportunity to work closely with professional staff in other Congressional offices, EPW majority colleagues, federal and state experts in multiple agencies, and the wide variety of stakeholders and other parties interested in the work of this Committee.

Our staff is replete with former Fellows: Sea Grant, AAAS and Presidential Management. So, we understand the responsibilities of and opportunities for Fellows and hosts. Given that sensitivity and the wide range of possibilities, we will encourage our Fellow to find and focus on issues of particular interest to them.

Expertise Desired

The ability to contribute to a positive work environment. The Committee seeks a Fellow who has a strong background in science, law, and/or public policy. We work in a fast-paced 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.