

2020 Legislative Host office Position Descriptions

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Position ID

L20-01

Office

U.S. Representative Gwen Moore

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Wisconsin

Relevant Committee Membership

Ways and Means

Portfolio Summary

The Office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore has a cordial work atmosphere that welcomes input from all levels, with the belief that everyone has something valuable to contribute. The fellow would be responsible with drafting legislation, making voting recommendations on relevant bills, meeting with constituents, writing memos, staffing the Congresswoman, and special projects. Joining our team would allow a fellow to make a large and lasting impact in a relatively short period of time. The fellow would report to Chris Goldson, the Legislative Director.

Expertise Desired

We would prefer someone that has experience with water issues related to water quality, technology, levels, and/or clean water. It would also be preferred if they have knowledge or experience with agriculture.

Position ID

L20-02

Office

U.S. Representative Jefferson Van Drew

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

New Jersey

Relevant Committee Membership

Natural Resources Committee (Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife)

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Jefferson Van Drew (NJ02) represents large portions of Southern New Jersey and the New Jersey coastline and is seeking a legislative fellow who will be responsible for a variety of key science and environmental issues critically important to the Congressman and his district, including managing his work on the Natural Resources Committee.

Primary responsibilities will include developing policy in the oceans, environment, natural resources, climate change, and other issues impacting oceans, environment, and the state of New Jersey. The fellow will meet with constituents and advise the office on issues raised by constituents, assist in drafting and guiding legislation, drafting letters on portfolio-related issues, staff and write memos for committee hearings and other related briefings.

Expertise Desired

Ideal candidates will have excellent research and writing skills, and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines. This is not an entry-level position and a minimum of 2 years of legislative or equivalent experience is required. 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

L20-03

Office

U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Washington

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations; Science and Technology

Portfolio Summary

This person will be asked to assist in working to improve salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest. WA-03's southern border is made up by the Columbia River. The congresswoman is working to improve restoration projects, reduce predation, and reform hatchery programs on the Columbia River and its tributaries. A fellow will be asked to assist in these efforts.

Expertise Desired

Someone who isn't opposed to working on legislation that affects hatcheries and possibly marine mammals.

Position ID

L20-04

Office

U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Ohio

Relevant Committee Membership

Chairwoman of the Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee

Portfolio Summary

Office: Hardworking and industrious House Congressional personal office. 7 fulltime staffers, several interns, and a military fellow.

Expected Duties: Assist in legislative and policy duties such as research, letter and memo writing, attend briefings and hearings, assist with committee duties. Other projects as assigned. The fellow can expect to be busy and fully mentally and intellectually engaged.

Past Fellow Projects: Assist with Energy and Water subcommittee

Supervisor: Jenny Perrino; Deputy Chief/Legislative Director

Expertise Desired

Have serious professional experiences, multifaceted, able to conduct themselves in a professional/adult manner, have a passion for science and energy, multifaceted.

Position ID

L20-05

Office

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Oregon

Relevant Committee Membership

Energy & Natural Resources, Finance (ranking), Intelligence, and Budget

Portfolio Summary

Senator Wyden is seeking a Fellow to get to know Oregon's coast and the array of issues and policy opportunities that coastal states present, and to help move the Senator's fisheries and coastal agenda forward. A Sea Grant Fellow would have the opportunity to work on issues related to the health and vitality of Oregon's coast, waterways, and ports. Some of these issues include ocean acidification, the health of salmon habitat, fisheries and fishery management, the impact of drought on aquatic ecosystems, the management of invasive species, climate change, coastal energy, maritime transportation, and ports. The Sea Grant Fellow will meet with fish processors, fishers, environmental groups, port representatives, tribes, representatives from NOAA, and students and faculty from Oregon State University to gain a full understanding of the issues, respond to their needs, and develop policy goals. The Fellow will gain significant experience in writing, negotiating, and presenting ideas. The Fellow can expect to gain a strong foundation in policymaking because they will be immersed in all parts of the process and is considered a member of the senior staff.

Expertise Desired

Background in issues related to fisheries, ocean and coastal health, environment and natural resources, transportation, clean water, energy, and climate. A Fellow should feel comfortable and confident working independently on policy ideas and proposals but also be able to work within a strong team environment with other members of the staff as well as staff from other Congressional offices.

Position ID

L20-06

Office

U.S. Senator Chris Coons

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Delaware

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations, Foreign Relations

Portfolio Summary

We are seeking a fellow to be an integral member of the team that covers energy, environment, natural resources, agriculture, and science and technology. The fellow will be involved in all aspects of the team's work, including taking constituent meetings, developing strategic policy proposals, and getting involved in the budget and appropriations process. While we have not previously hosted a Knauss Fellow, our team has hosted several AAAS Congressional Fellows (including one currently). We also have several fellows working with other policy teams in the office and our office has a strong focus on fellow mentorship and professional development. Previous energy & environment fellows have gone on to roles in the Senate, the House of Representatives, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, Department of State, National Science Foundation, and think tanks in the DC region. The primary mentor for this role is also a former fellow.

The fellow in this position will assist generally with energy, environment, natural resources, agriculture, and science and technology issues, including leading on certain topics depending on interest. The Senator has strong interests in marine debris, coastal resiliency, and combating illegal fishing, and the fellow would be able to take the lead on one or more of these issues. Potential other topics include: resilient communities and infrastructure, offshore wind, international water management, wildlife trafficking, pesticides, bipartisan climate policies, carbon pricing, and other oceans, coastal, and natural resource issues relevant to Delaware. Previous fellows on the team have written legislation on many of the above topics, planned corresponding events, and worked to advance bills through the Senate. Opportunities would also be available to work directly with and advise the Senator, including staffing him for relevant issues on the Appropriations Committee. The fellow is strongly encouraged to propose and take ownership of new ideas consistent with the Senator's priorities, as well as to collaborate with other legislative teams within the office.

This position will report to Leah Rubin Shen, the Senator's energy & environment policy advisor.

Expertise Desired

Our office is seeking a creative, enthusiastic, and engaged fellow with strong writing, communication, and analytical skills. A good fit is someone who is highly motivated, able to take initiative, and enthusiastic about working in a Democratic Senate office with strong bipartisan interests. No specific disciplinary background is necessary, although we are looking for someone interested in working on a range of oceans, coastal, natural resource, water, and climate issues. We try to foster independence in our fellows and give them as much autonomy as possible, as long as it fits into the larger strategy for the portfolio and the Senator's priorities.

Position ID

L20-07

Office

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Minority) Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather (Minority)

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

Under the standing rules of the Senate, the Commerce Committee has broad jurisdiction over oceanic and atmospheric issues. Under Ranking Member Maria Cantwell of Washington state, we have particular focus on issues that impact the Pacific Northwest such as salmon conservation, sustainable fisheries management, improvements to weather forecasts, Arctic policy, oil spill prevention and response, among other priorities. Most of our time is spent working on drafting and reviewing legislation, conducting oversight, and leading 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.

In addition to legislation and oversight, we staff Ranking Member Cantwell and other members at the full committee level or within the smaller subcommittees. 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 use PD funds to travel. We also strongly encourage our fellows to get their feet wet in Washington state.

In addition to the policy areas mentioned above, we also focus on issues important to the Ranking Member of the subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather. That role is currently held by Senator Baldwin of Wisconsin. Finally, we provide staffing and assistance to all democratic members of the Committee, so we get involved on a broad array of national issues. The previous fellow focused on fish and marine mammal issues, among other things. The fellow will report to Nikky Teutschel and Sara Gonzalez-Rothi.

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 three essential characteristics of a fellow in our suite: (1) an effective writer (2) able to work in a team setting that is at times high-pressure and at other times requires self-initiation, and (3) discreet.

Position ID

L20-08

Office

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
(Majority)

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is the largest Committee in the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over all modes of transportation, including maritime and waterborne transportation, bridges, and other aspects of our national infrastructure, such as clean water and waste water management, the transport of resources by pipeline, flood damage reduction, disaster preparedness and response, and hazardous materials transportation.

The Fellow will work directly with the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and as such should have at least an interest in maritime transportation, if not hands on knowledge of the marine transportation system. Fellows with an interest in shipping, oil spill and pollution prevention and response, port infrastructure and coastal development, the blue economy, and maritime law enforcement will find ample opportunity to engage with legislation in those areas. The jurisdiction of the Committee and Subcommittee are expansive, and working with the Subcommittee will provide the following experiences for the Fellow:

- Agency oversight of the Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, and NOAA's Marine Debris and Oil Spill offices. We will continue our oversight of Coast Guard budget priorities, major system acquisitions, mission balance and performance, and major rulemaking,
- The drafting of major legislation, including the Coast Guard Authorization Act, a piece of bipartisan legislation that moves on a bi-annual basis,
- Oversight of the Jones Act is a certainty, including resolving credential requirements for aquaculture or non-maritime workers on vessels and tracking the administration's actions regarding Jones Act letter rulings in the Gulf of Mexico.

In the past, Fellows have taken point on several Subcommittee hearings, handled components of the Subcommittee's environmental portfolio, and drafted legislation related to sustainable shipping, derelict vessels, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Fellow should expect to support Chairman

DeFazio's stated goal to address climate change issues in transportation and infrastructure. The Fellow will report to Dave Jansen, Staff Director.

Expertise Desired

An ideal fellow would be a self-starter who is open to working in a collaborative environment with other policy staff. Those with interdisciplinary research and/or policy experience would be preferred for exploring policy issues where maritime interests intersect with environmental and national security issues and identifying conflicts in marine spatial planning.

Position ID

L20-09

Office

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Mississippi

Relevant Committee Membership

Senator Wicker is chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. He is a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, including a position on the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife.

Portfolio Summary

Senator Roger Wicker seeks a fellow who will continue to build upon a broad portfolio of marine and coastal legislative issues. With serious matters facing the Gulf Coast and a growing blue economy in Mississippi, the fellow placed in this position will have a significant issue base. The fellow will advise the Senator on an array of legislative activities which currently include fisheries management, ocean exploration technologies, disaster preparedness, illegal fishing enforcement, and seafood trade. In addition, the fellow may work on issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Environment and Public Works Committee, such as wildlife management and water infrastructure.

The fellow will staff the Senator in meetings, hearings, and committee markups. It is expected that he or she will draft bipartisan legislation and amendments during the fellowship. 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. A successful fellow will master the concerns facing one of the most productive ecosystems in the United States while gaining a valuable understanding of the legislative process and rules of the Senate.

Expertise Desired

The Senator 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 and local agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Position ID

L20-10

Office

House Natural Resources Committee Water, Oceans, and Wildlife (Majority)

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

The Oceans and Wildlife team focuses on policy and oversight related to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes our bedrock conservation and wildlife management laws, such as the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Act. The subcommittee also has jurisdiction over international fisheries agreements and conventions. Some of our priorities this Congress are addressing climate change, increasing the resilience and adaptation potential of our oceans, coasts, wildlife, and wildlife habitats, protecting the ocean and coastal economy, and preserving the integrity of our conservation laws.

As a member of the oceans and wildlife team, the Fellow would become the resident expert on a few issues based on their interests and the needs of the subcommittee. The Fellow would also chip in along with the rest of the team on the full spectrum of issues as we plan and execute hearings, shepherd legislation through Congress, exercise oversight of the administration and its rule-makings, and assist Members of Congress in their duties as they relate to oceans and wildlife. The Fellow would draft memos and talking points for hearings, markups, and floor debates, identify and invite witnesses for hearings, research and draft legislation and oversight letters, attend briefings, meet with stakeholders, and brief Members of Congress and their staff.

Lora (Subcommittee Staff Director) and Rachel (Professional Staff, former Knauss fellow) are committed to ensuring that the Fellow experience every step of the legislative process, from drafting legislation, to holding hearings, marking up legislation, and bringing it to the floor. 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

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. An open mind, humility about what they know and don't know, and willingness to learn new things from scratch will help the Fellow succeed in this role. 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

L20-11

Office

U.S. Representative Filemon Vela

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Texas

Relevant Committee Membership

HASC and Agriculture

Portfolio Summary

TX-34 borders the Gulf of Mexico and includes South Padre Island, Padre Island National Seashore, the Laguna Madre, Laguna Atascosa NWR, Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor. The UT Rio Grande Valley is building coastal studies program. The community is seeking federal status for the Laguna Madre Estuary. Sea Turtle Inc. rescues and rehabilitates sea turtles. The fellow would help our office to understand all the needs of this area and ways in which we can provide assistance to support these and other coastal and ocean issues in our region, and other projects of interest to the fellow. Fellow would report to Perry Finney Brody, Chief Counsel.

Expertise Desired

A background in coastal studies or environmental restoration would be helpful.

Position ID

L20-12

Office

House Majority Whip (Rep. Clyburn)

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

They will work a variety of policy matters related to House leadership, floor activity and the Congressman's district (SC-06)

Expertise Desired

Generalist skill set, flexibility, positive attitude, thinks well on feet

Position ID

L20-13

Office

U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Illinois

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations

Portfolio Summary

We are looking for a fellow to work on a wide range of Environment and Science issues. The fellow will work as a full staff member with others to handle legislative and appropriations issues. The fellow will work with other staff members on a projects pertaining to climate change mitigation strategies, science research funding, environmental pollutants, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The fellow will partner with other staff members and eventually lead projects. The amount of time the fellow spends on each of these policy areas will be dictated by the fellow's level of interest, external events, internal staff needs, and the broader legislative agenda.

Expertise Desired

Strong writing skills, strong commitment to social justice and willingness to learn are essential. Background knowledge in environment and science issues is helpful.

Position ID

L20-14

Office

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Alaska

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations, Energy & Natural Resources (Chair), HELP

Portfolio Summary

A Sea Grant fellow in Senator Murkowski's office will work on a mix of fisheries, ocean, environment, and climate-related issues that are relevant to Alaska and the nation. Much of the work in the office focuses on federal fisheries management, marine mammals & tribal subsistence, seafood trade and nutrition, and the blue economy. Senator Murkowski is also the Senate's leader on the Arctic, and an SG fellow in the our office will have the opportunity to work on all aspects of Arctic science and policy. Because of Senator Murkowski's role on the Appropriations Committee, a significant amount of the fellow's work will focus on the Appropriations process, specifically with regard to funding for NOAA. The fellow will assist with developing the Senator's funding priorities for fiscal year 2021, prepare and staff budget hearings, and work with Committee to formulate the FY21 spending package. A large part of the fellow's duties will involve staffing the Senator's meetings with fisheries or ocean-related constituent groups, including environmental organizations, seafood companies, commercial fishermen's associations, and Alaska Native tribes. The fellow will have opportunities to travel to Alaska and accompany the Senator on visits that are relevant to the oceans portfolio.

Expertise Desired

A SG fellow in the Murkowski office will be part of our Oceans Team, and should be able to work independently as well as within a group. The fellow will have the flexibility to determine which issues they would like to take greater ownership of over the course of their fellowship, and will be empowered to build a portfolio that is interesting and engaging to them. That said, the fellow will be expected to lend a hand on issues as needed, ask questions, think critically, and use good judgment in representing the Senator and the office. We value a fellow with Alaska-relevant knowledge of fisheries management, climate impacts on ocean chemistry and biology, co-management of marine mammals, and Arctic science & ecosystems. Additionally, we value fellows who have a familiarity with some of the issues that are unique to Alaska, like tribal subsistence and rural/remote communities. Any experience working or studying in Alaska is a plus, but not a requirement.

Position ID

L20-15

Office

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Hawaii

Relevant Committee Membership

Commerce, Science, and Transportation – Subcommittee on Oceans and Science
Appropriations – Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science
Indian Affairs

Portfolio Summary

Appropriations, Authorization, and External Engagement: Oceans, fisheries, and science, with an emphasis on coastal conservation, site-based management, ghost gear, and aquaculture. General environmental advocacy. Depending on interest: agriculture.

Expertise Desired

The Schatz office would like to collaborate with a fellow to: take action on sustainability and resilience; 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: memos to analyze issues and recommend action, discussions/negotiations with other Congressional offices, and opportunities to staff the Senator in the Commerce Committee and Appropriations Committee processes. You will undertake these tasks to support a principled, practical, and highly intelligent member with a long history of prioritizing climate action and environmental protection.

Position ID

L20-16

Office

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Connecticut

Relevant Committee Membership

Senate Commerce, Science & Technology

Portfolio Summary

Senator Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, is looking for a legislative fellow to support his work on environmental, energy, oceans, fisheries, Coast Guard, and science related matters. The fellow will be part of a legislative team focused on aquaculture, ocean conservation strategies, climate change mitigation, and coastal zone management. While these issues will be the focus of the fellow's work generally, this is a unique opportunity as the fellow will have opportunities to set their own priorities and work on issues of interest to them personally. Our legislative staff work on policy initiatives as a team and coordination on projects of interest that overlap with other portfolios is encouraged.

As the senior Senator from a coastal state, Senator Blumenthal is active on issue the effect oceans, fisheries, and the maritime economy. Moreover, New London, Connecticut is home to the United States Coast Guard Academy, booming shellfish aquaculture operations, a storied commercial fishing industry, and passionate constituents who care deeply about the health and sustainability of their waterways.

Expertise Desired

Educational or working background in marine biology, oceanography, weather, marine fisheries, oceans policy, or the Coast Guard. Strong writing skills and the ability to handle multiple projects at once, while prioritizing tasks based upon deadlines. New England ties and knowledge for the issues facing the region are a plus.

Position ID

L20-17

Office

U.S. Senator Cory Booker

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

New Jersey

Relevant Committee Membership

Environment & Public Works

Portfolio Summary

1. Work with constituents
 - a. Meet with constituents and advise the Senator/staff on issues raised by constituents.
 - b. Support office activities related to the climate, environmental justice, natural resources, and oceans.
 - c. Liaise with constituents, grassroots groups, industry and NGOs.
2. Develop policy on climate, environmental justice, and other environmental topics
 - a. Assist in drafting legislation by researching, working with experts, and writing.
 - b. Support staff developing member requests during the annual appropriations process.
 - c. Draft letters on portfolio-related issues; write talking points for floor statements and hearings; and keep up-to-date with science and policy issues impacting the climate, environment, and the state of New Jersey.
3. Support work in the Environment & Public Works Committee and the Environmental Justice Caucus
 - a. Assist in preparation of background documents for hearings; attend briefings, hearings, meetings and conferences; review, and analyze legislation and research topics related to the Environment & Public Works Committee and leadership in the Environmental Justice Caucus.
 - b. Provide support to the newly established Senate Environmental Justice Caucus.

Expertise Desired

Applicants must be able to advance projects independently and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicants should hold a commitment to advancing environmental justice.

Position ID

L20-18

Office

U.S. Representative Daniel Lipinski

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Illinois

Relevant Committee Membership

Transportation and Infrastructure; Science and Technology

Portfolio Summary

Our office has hosted fellows through varied programs, including AAAS and APSA. Regardless of the specific program involved, we manage our fellows as full members of our legislative team, and give them ownership of their own issue portfolios. After a short introductory period, the fellow will manage their portfolio directly, under my supervision and with direct and frequent engagement with the Congressman.

We strive to give issue assignments to our fellows based on their experience and interests. However, we foresee that a fellow would have the opportunity to work on/be responsible for issues related to Great Lakes restoration, climate change and adaptation, clean energy, local environmental projects (including ecosystem restoration on the Chicago River), education/STEM, technology development/tech transfer, and innovation policy, among other issue areas. Many of our recent fellows have directly staffed the Congressman for hearings and legislative markups on his committees (Science & Technology and Transportation & Infrastructure). The fellow would also be responsible for helping to manage the STEM Caucus.

We encourage all staff, including fellows, to be creative and intrepid in their policy approaches. We strive for fellows to be able to develop some policy instrument - legislation, amendments, etc. - that they can shepherd from an idea through introduction/public release (and passage into law!). For instance, one of our previous fellows developed a wide-ranging bill on autonomous vehicle policy, parts of which were signed into law. A recent fellow wrote a broad bill on AI policy which positioned the Congressman as one of the first movers in this issue area.

This office has extensive experience hiring and managing fellows through various programs partnering with Congress, and we have consistently hired former fellows who wish to remain on the Hill as permanent staff (including one current legislative assistant). We are happy to connect you with fellows who have worked here in the past and can share their experiences as you consider your office options.

Expertise Desired

Specific tasks include overseeing legislative issue areas; drafting memos and background briefing materials, talking points/speeches, hearing questions; drafting legislation and amendments; meeting with constituents and stakeholders; briefing senior staff and the Congressman; and making recommendations on votes, policy concepts, and other matters.

An ideal fellow would have strong writing, communication and analytical skills, including ability to write concisely and distill technical and complex matters into digestible content. We have a team-oriented office, but staff are expected to be able to take on projects and manage them independently. Ability to work well with others, strong time management & organizational skills, flexibility to take on new issues in support of the office's work, and adaptability to an ever shifting political and news environment are essential. Ideally, a fellow would have some experience working in non-technical and/or policy environments (though this is not essential and will be part of our mentoring for a fellow).

Position ID

L20-19

Office

U.S. Representative Jared Huffman

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

Natural Resources (Chairman of the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee); Select Committee on the Climate Crisis; Transportation and Infrastructure

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, agriculture, fishing communities, and protected 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, and is the Chair of the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife (WOW) subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service. He is also a member of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Working on environmental issues is a priority for the Congressman and the office. The Fellow will handle a portfolio that may include natural resources, ocean and fisheries management, wildlife and endangered species, and climate and/or energy. The Fellow will be treated as a member of the staff and will be responsible for preparing for committee hearings and markups; working with committees, agencies, and outside groups; and staffing Congressman Huffman. The Fellow will also assist in drafting speeches, press releases, briefing memos, oversight letters, and other materials as needed. The Fellow will be involved in all steps of the legislative process including drafting legislation. Finally, the Fellow will meet with constituents, interest groups, and others.

The Fellow will be the staff lead for the Wild Salmon Caucus, which Congressman Huffman co-chairs, and legislation including the Salmon FISH Act. The Fellow may be responsible for other legislation such as reauthorization of the Sea Grant program, natural climate solutions, and establishing restrictions on oil and gas development on public lands.

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 and time management skills, a professional manner, and most importantly a sense of humor.

Position ID

L20-20

Office

U.S. Representative Alan Lowenthal

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

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

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Alan Lowenthal is Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, which has jurisdiction over all energy development and mineral extraction on federal public lands—including offshore oil and wind development. He is co-chair of the Safe Climate Caucus and serves on leadership on the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC). He also serves on the Water, Ocean, and Wildlife and National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands subcommittees on the Natural Resource Committee as well as the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and Water Resources and Environment subcommittees of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Congressman's committee and caucus placements, his long history of leadership on environmental issues in California, and the makeup of his Congressional district provide ample opportunities for transformative work in Congress on climate change, energy, environmental justice, and resilience. He represents coastal areas of Southern California, including Long Beach, Santa Catalina Island, and Orange County. The Port of Long Beach, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and the Wrigley Marine Science Center are all located in the Congressional district.

The fellow will be considered a full member of the Congressman's legislative team. As such, they will have a portfolio of relevant issue areas and will work directly with the Congressman in those areas. The fellow will be responsible for representing the Congressman in meetings and correspondence with the administration, with other congressional offices, advocates, organizations, and constituents. They will take a leading role in the development and tracking of legislation and preparation for relevant committee hearings, shepherding legislation through all aspects of the legislative process: researching and writing legislation and supporting materials, drafting talking points and questions for hearings and markups, developing amendments, writing floor speeches and debate talking points, reaching out to other congressional offices, and working with relevant committee staff and stakeholders throughout. The office and fellow will develop a policy portfolio together, based on the interests of the fellow and needs of the office. A core component will be work on Natural Resources Committee issues, possible legislative projects within that portfolio could include: aquaculture, national ocean policy, blue carbon,

plastic pollution, PFAS contamination, offshore energy development and decommissioning, migratory bird and endangered species protections, coastal community resiliency and climate change mitigation, port and marine sector emissions reduction, shoreline and aquatic ecosystem restoration, and the transition to a more renewable and sustainable energy sector.

The fellow will also serve as the lead legislative staffer for the Safe Climate Caucus. This caucus builds support within Congress and across the country for efforts to protect the planet for future generations and is comprised of Representatives who have made a commitment highlight the effects of climate change and propose bold policy solutions. In this capacity, the fellow will work with the other co-chair's office to coordinate caucus member offices and stakeholder organizations regarding briefings, meetings, and actions the caucus may take related to the climate crisis. Leading the Safe Climate Caucus provides the fellow with an opportunity to get to know many Congressional offices with priorities in the climate space and to help shape the conversation around climate in Congress.

Expertise Desired

The ideal candidate will be a quick, curious learner and able to work under tight deadlines when needed. They should have a keen interest in energy and environment issues but understand that this will be a great learning opportunity where they will gain deep knowledge about the legislative process, expertise in the structures of Congress, and experience covering hearings and markups in two relevant House committees. The office welcomes new ideas and perspectives, and values giving each staff member (including fellows) the latitude to explore and learn new things.

The office has hosted numerous fellows in the past, including a Knauss Sea Grant Fellow, and is committed to helping the fellow take advantage of all that a fellowship in Congress can offer. The fellow will be encouraged to grow their network on Capitol Hill and to attend briefings and CRS classes offered on the Hill.

Position ID

L20-21

Office

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Wisconsin

Relevant Committee Membership

Senate Commerce Committee -- Ranking Dem on Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries and Weather; Appropriations Committee

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 Science, Oceans, Fisheries and Weather 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 three 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, nerdy, 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 both good humor and seriousness of purpose.

Position ID

L20-22

Office

U.S. Representative Ed Case

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Hawaii

Relevant Committee Membership

House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science; House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Ed Case represents the First District of Hawai'i, which includes urban Honolulu and its surrounding suburbs on the Island of O'ahu. The district includes the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with its esteemed oceans programs, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the home of the Navy's Pacific Fleet, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Inouye Regional Center and many other important organizations linked to oceans-related programs. The Congressman also regularly works with stakeholders from other parts of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands who are focused on the oceans.

A Knauss Sea Grant Fellow placed in the Office of Congressman Case would play a vital role in the Congressman's work on oceans issues. He is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, which has funding jurisdiction over NOAA, and the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife, which has authorizing jurisdiction over NOAA. Congressman Case is the only House member on both subcommittees, giving him the unique ability to work directly on both oceans authorizations and appropriations.

The fellow would work on a range of topics, including: fisheries management, coral reef conservation, marine debris, protected species, marine protected areas, climate change and international agreements, as well as providing support for other natural resources and environmental issues. Additionally, the fellow will work on projects that arise based on local, national and international events during the fellowship, as well as projects based on the fellow's interest and expertise.

Congressman Case will provide the fellow the full experience of a House staffer, which includes providing direct support to the Congressman through drafting memos for committee hearings, mark ups, advance documents for meetings with constituents and stakeholders, bill evaluations, legislation and amendments, appropriations requests, constituent letters and other work product as necessary.

The fellow will meet with constituents, interest groups, government representatives and others independently and with the Congressman. The fellow will report to the Policy Advisor and work closely with the Chief of Staff and Congressman Case.

Congressman Case's Washington, DC office is made up of staff with a mix of Hill experience, most of whom hail from Hawai'i and have a strong interest in the environment and personal connections with the oceans. The office welcomes all applicants interested in an active and fast-paced office. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.

Expertise Desired

A successful candidate will be a team player with strong communication skills who can adapt quickly to the style and needs of the Congressman. The office is open with regards to educational background and experience; however, the fellow would ideally have strong interest and familiarity with federal ocean policy and creative ideas on how to improve current policies. The ideal candidate would have strong organizational skills, writing skills, professionalism and ability to communicate with a wide variety of stakeholders.

Position ID

L20-23

Office

U.S. Representative Don Young

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Alaska

Relevant Committee Membership

Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure

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

L20-24

Office

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather (Majority)

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather has broad jurisdiction over science and technology, weather, atmospheric activities, and matters that affect the Nation's oceans, coasts, and inland waterways. The Subcommittee is also responsible for legislation, oversight, and investigations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Science and Technology, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The fellow will have an opportunity to work on all legislation and matters within the subcommittee's jurisdiction and will work closely with the agencies with the goal of producing effective policy.

The fellow will have many opportunities 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 other professional legislative staff. The fellow will attend meetings and briefings; conduct background research; prepare memos, talking points, and questions for hearings; brief the chairman; 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 has an appreciation for the reality that policy often advances with bipartisan support; therefore, we seek a fellow who has a respect for diverse perspectives and a desire to work pragmatically to address complex issues.

Strong writing, interpersonal communication, and organizational skills are required. A successful fellow would be interested in developing pragmatic coastal and marine management policies while working with constituent groups, state agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Mandatory skills: An ability to contribute to a positive work environment and work well within a team culture.

Position ID

L20-25

Office

U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Washington

Relevant Committee Membership

Education & Labor, United for Climate & Environmental Justice Task Force, Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition, Congressional Progressive Caucus

Portfolio Summary

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal is seeking a Fellow to join her legislative team in DC to work on an array of environmental issues to move her climate and environment agenda forward. The environment portfolio is one of the most important for Washington's 7th district, which has a long track record of being a national leader on climate and environmental policy.

As climate change is the biggest environmental threat to our national welfare and security, efforts to address climate change will comprise about 50% of the fellow's work. As a progressive leader, woman of color and immigrant, environmental justice is a top priority for Congresswoman Jayapal. The fellow will work closely with the lead environment staffer based in Seattle to advance this work. The remainder of the work will focus on local environmental priorities. Puget Sound recovery, especially the recovery of orca and salmon, are the top environmental issues for our district and region. As an individual pursuing or possessing a Masters, PhD or JD in marine, freshwater and coastal science and policy, the fellow will bring valuable expertise to our team and have the opportunity to work with national experts and be involved in developing cutting-edge policy solutions.

The fellow will function as the point person in DC on environmental issues and will work closely with our lead climate and environment staffer who is based in Seattle. The fellow will have the chance to build relationships with national representatives of key organizations in DC. The fellow can expect to gain a strong foundation in policymaking as they will be immersed in all parts of the process and function largely as a member of the legislative staff. As Congresswoman Jayapal is a co-chair of the United for Climate and Environmental Justice Task Force, member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, and co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the fellow will have a chance to work with the Congresswoman's team to develop legislation and strategy for advancing progressive environmental policies primarily through the Congresswoman's leadership in these groups, as well as key committees of jurisdiction.

Expertise Desired

Our office is a fast-paced, dynamic and at times high-pressure environment that is collaborative and requires a high-level of accountability, flexibility, organization and self-management. We are seeking a driven individual who possesses knowledge and expertise in marine or aquatics-related science and policy as well as a broader understanding of environmental issues, particularly awareness of the intersectionality of environmental issues, focus on addressing climate change, and interest in advancing progressive climate and environment policies focused on environmental justice.

Position ID

L20-26

Office

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (Minority)

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

The Committee's broad 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 Policy Act (NEPA); the Clean Water Act (CWA); 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 and the Endangered Species Act (ESA); 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 the Federal Highway Administration, including the construction and maintenance of highways and the resilience of roadway infrastructure. The Senator also serves as a co-chair of the Senate Recycling and Environmental Justice Caucuses.

The Knauss Sea Grant Legislative Fellow will be a key member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee minority staff and the Fellow's portfolio will be flexible depending on the Fellow's interests and experience and needs within the team. Past Fellows have worked on NEPA, CWA, WRDA, ESA and other species/wildlife refuge matters, as well as efforts to protect the nation's watersheds and estuaries, and ensure the resilience of our coasts, communities, and ecosystems in the face of a changing climate. We are interested in hiring a Fellow for 2020 who might like to work on Environmental Justice Caucus issues; we would like the Fellow to assist our team in thinking through the impacts of our work in underserved communities and expand our reach in addressing the needs of these communities. In addition to Committee-specific issues, the Fellow will have the opportunity to help advise Ranking Member Tom Carper (DE) on a range of non-EPW issues including parks, lands, ocean and coastal, living marine resources, and other NOAA/Commerce-related issues he will face as a U.S. Senator.

As a full-fledged member of our professional staff, the Fellow will have opportunities to: 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; travel to Delaware; and directly advise Ranking Member Carper. This experience will give the Fellow an opportunity to work closely with 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 Sea Grant, AAAS and Presidential Management Fellows, so, we understand the responsibilities of and opportunities for Fellows and hosts. Given that sensitivity and the wide range of topics within the Committee's jurisdiction, 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.

Position ID

L20-27

Office

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation (Minority)

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

NA

Relevant Committee Membership

NA

Portfolio Summary

The Subcommittee oversees and authorizes the activities of the United States Coast Guard, the Federal Maritime Commission, the non-defense programs of MARAD, and the two small NOAA programs. In the last Congress, the Subcommittee moved legislation that reorganized the title of the United States Code that deals with the Coast Guard, authorized funding for both the Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission, reauthorized and amended the Marine Debris Act which provides the statutory framework for the NOAA marine debris program, and the Coast Guard marine debris program, and implemented Coast Guard maritime safety recommendations stemming from the SS EL FARO accident. The Subcommittee held hearings on, among other things, the maritime transportation program budget, Coast Guard's fleet recapitalization program and shoreside infrastructure program, dirty bombs at ports, the U.S. maritime transportation system, and maritime transportation in the Arctic. The Fellow would help draft legislation and prepare materials for hearings, and Member and constituent meetings.

Expertise Desired

the Fellow needs to write and research well enough to help prepare hearings and other Member meeting materials

Position ID

L20-28

Office

U.S. Representative Steven Palazzo

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Mississippi

Relevant Committee Membership

House Committee on Appropriations- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies subcommittee

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Palazzo's office is like a small family, in a professional setting. We each play an important role in the office, but frequently bounce ideas and chat back and forth regarding projects and initiatives. While we independently communicate with the staff in our district offices throughout the week, we start each week with a conference call so we can remain aware of the going's on in the district and let them know our priorities here in Washington, DC. We hope to welcome a fellow into the office that can contribute, and amplify, our collective office efforts around several topics.

This year has been very detrimental to the Gulf Coast with the opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway and the freshwater inundation in the Mississippi Sound. The livelihoods of many in our coastal communities are dependent on a healthy marine environment, and disruptions to these ecosystems have heavy impacts on both the commercial and recreational fishing industries, including the supply chains they support. The Mississippi congressional delegation worked with the Louisiana and Alabama delegations to urge Department of Commerce Secretary Wilber Ross to make an emergency declaration and provide funding these communities so desperately need. While Secretary Ross approved a catastrophic regional disaster declaration for fishing communities in Mississippi at the end of September, the work has just begun. We must continue to work with the Department of Commerce and the Mississippi Governor's office as they piece together a spend plan to ensure adequate funding is put in the hands of those that have been affected.

The adverse impacts to all components of marine resources including, but not limited to: shrimp, oysters, crabs and finfish which will all require years to return to the healthy fisheries that existed. We believe that reforms need to be made to protect these fisheries. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) diversion decisions are based off old plans that need to be updated and those decisions need to be made based on consultations with fisheries experts. We plan to work with USACE and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to find the best way to bridge that gap.

This office will continue lead the charge with Senator Wicker and the Senate Commerce Committee to grow the aquaculture industry in the United States by introducing legislation that would direct NOAA to

streamline the federal permitting process for aquaculture, effectively organizing a currently fragmented regulatory system. It would also create a set of national standards for sustainable aquaculture. The introduction of this legislation has been set back by several uphill political and industry battles, but our office continues to remain involved and determined to progress.

With the passage of the Commercial Engagement through Ocean Technology (CENOTE) Act at the end of last year, we work with our state universities to partner with federal agencies to fill gaps in the areas of ocean exploration with the use of unmanned maritime systems. This legislation goes hand in hand with Mississippi Governor's Ocean Task Force (GOTF). The GOTF was expressly created to provide expertise for the development of a comprehensive economic development master plan to increase the maritime economy and the synergistic relationship between the military and the government assets positioned along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mississippi's challenge is to leverage this national Task Force Ocean plan in a way that benefits the growing maritime Blue Economy, including research, education and workforce growth. This Master Plan recognizes the strong history of Mississippi's place in the technological evolution of U.S. Naval warfare including shipbuilding, Naval Oceanography and Meteorology, and Special Operations. Mississippi has a unique opportunity to research, develop, test, advance, and homeport the nation's next generation of unmanned maritime systems.

These initiatives will move forward with the groundbreaking of Ocean Enterprise at the Port of Gulfport just this week. Ocean Enterprise is more than bricks and mortar. It is a partnership program that allows for private and public investments to be made on critical projects in a way that can supply new technologies to market in months — rather than years — under the current acquisitions process. Ocean Enterprise will focus on solving the challenging problems of national and homeland defense, infrastructure security, environmental monitoring, and disaster response, offshore aquaculture and natural resource and habitat characterization.

Counties in Congressman Palazzo's district receive a directed portion of revenue disbursements as a result of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA). These GOMESA funds are to be used for coastal conservation, restoration, and hurricane protection. Some recent projects funded through GOMESA are: beach storm water outfalls, the Mississippi Aquarium, oyster plant, oyster cultch, shellfish water quality testing, and the previously mentioned, Ocean Enterprise. During this Congress, we will focus on moving legislation to amend the shares of the federal offshore oil and gas revenue for the Gulf states.

While a seemingly extensive list, there is so much more that can be mentioned as areas of interest for a Sea Grant fellow. We welcome new creative ideas or ways to improve and grow what already exists. The fellow will directly report to Courtney Stevens, Senior Legislative Assistant, who is under the purview of Deputy Chief of Staff, Patrick Large.

Expertise Desired

No preferences.

Position ID

L20-29

Office

U.S. Senator Edward Markey

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Massachusetts

Relevant Committee Membership

Environment and Public Works; Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 Policy Advisor, Lindsey Griffith, 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

L20-30

Office

U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Maryland

Relevant Committee Membership

Senate Environment and Public Works

Portfolio Summary

Senator Cardin 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 and restoring the Chesapeake Bay, so any experience relating to any of the many issues affecting water quality in the Bay watershed would be appreciated.