

### New report aims to improve regional oil spill preparedness



The Sea Grant Oil Spill Science Outreach Program and the Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a series of workshops around the country designed to bring regional priorities to the fore in community oil spill preparation and resiliency planning. Five regional workshop reports and one summary report are now available online.

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[Learn more about the project](#)



### Michigan Sea Grant welcomes new director

Thomas Johengen joins Michigan Sea Grant as their new director. Johengen was previously with the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research and the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research laboratory.

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### Six NOAA Experts, including one Knauss alumna, honored at Women of Color in STEM Awards

Catalina Martinez, a 2002 Knauss Fellow through Rhode Island Sea Grant, was one of six NOAA experts recognized at the 2019 annual Women of Color in STEM conference. These awards celebrate women for their outstanding achievements in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Martinez received the Diversity Leadership in Government award.

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## 2020 Executive Knauss Fellows placed, 2021 Knauss Fellowship Opportunity open

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.

Students should apply by February 21, 2020.

[Learn more about the Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship](#)

## Seeking Nominations for the National Sea Grant Advisory Board

The National Sea Grant Office is currently accepting nominations to serve on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, a federal advisory committee. Application review begins January 31, 2020.

[Read the Federal Register Notice](#)

[Learn more about the National Sea Grant Advisory Board](#)

## Funding and Career Opportunities

**[Sea Grant Career Opportunities:](#)** Sea Grant has several job openings across the country, including new positions in Maine focused on lobster and on aquaculture and a new position in Maryland focused on aquaculture.

**[Apply for the Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellowship](#)** This new fellowship program will place graduate students at the national estuarine research reserves. One two-year fellowship opportunity will be available at each of the 29 coastal sites. Applications are due December 20, 2019.

**[NOAA Environmental Literacy Program Funding Opportunity](#)** The NOAA Office of Education has issued a competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience. The first deadline is November 25, 2019.

**[NOAA Heritage Program](#)** is now accepting funding proposals for projects within NOAA that will help preserve, protect and promote the agency's heritage. For FY20, the NOAA Heritage Program will award a total of \$100,000 to NOAA employees for these projects. NOAA employees who apply may partner with other federal, state, tribal, Native Hawaiian, academic and non-profit organizations on the proposals. Each proposal is limited to a request of \$12,000 or less. If interested, please connect with someone in the National Sea Grant Office.

**[NOAA Marine Debris Prevention Funding Opportunity](#)**

The NOAA Marine Debris Program recently announced a funding opportunity that supports projects

which actively engage and educate a target audience (such as students, teachers, industries, or the public) in hands-on programs designed to raise awareness, provide practical approaches, reduce barriers, and encourage and support changes in behaviors to ensure long-term prevention of marine debris.

[NOAA Marine Debris Student Art Contest](#) Students in grads K to 8 are encouraged to submit entries through November 30, 2019.

[Support the Karl Havens Excellence Fund](#)

Florida Sea Grant is working to establish a sustained student-focused research program on water quality in memoriam of the program's recently passed director, Dr. Karl Havens.

[NOAA/OAR Office of Weather and Air Quality \(OWAQ\)](#) is now accepting applications for federal funding through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 OWAQ Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). For FY2020, OWAQ is soliciting proposals to three competitions: the Joint Technology Transfer Initiative (JTII), Climate Testbed, and Verification of the Origins of Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment Southeast (VORTEX-SE). For all three competitions, full proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. ET November 20, 2019. <https://www.grants.gov/>

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