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## NOAA Sea Grant Liaisons address critical research areas across federal agencies



NOAA Sea Grant, in collaboration with U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Geological Survey, announces six new partnership positions to address critical research areas across federal agencies. The Sea Grant Federal Partnership Liaisons will integrate Sea Grant extension expertise with science, products and services from NOAA labs and other publicly supported scientific research programs. By connecting local stakeholders with the latest research and outreach efforts, the jointly-funded positions will address shared priorities in sustaining coastal and Great Lakes communities.

Focus areas for the new liaisons include climate resilience, offshore wind energy, aquatic invasive species, aquaculture opportunity areas, harmful algal blooms and community science for underserved communities. They join [three existing Sea Grant partnership liaisons](#) who work in ocean acidification, tsunami and coastal resilience, and Great Lakes research with NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory and NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory.

The positions announced today are as follows:

- **Aquatic Invasive Species Liaison**, with Wisconsin Sea Grant and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- **Coastal Resilience Liaison**, with Georgia Sea Grant and U.S. Department of Defense;
- **Community Science Liaison**, with Louisiana Sea Grant, Lake Champlain Sea Grant, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, NOAA Office of Education and NOAA Fisheries;
- **Harmful Algal Bloom Liaison**, with Florida Sea Grant, NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and

Information Service;

- **Offshore Wind Energy Liaison**, with Rhode Island Sea Grant and U.S. Department of Energy; and
- **Shellfish Aquaculture Liaison**, with Connecticut Sea Grant and NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture and Milford Laboratory.

The Sea Grant Liaisons will serve as a resource to the public, helping to engage and educate communities.

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