

NETWORK VISIONING

In 2016-2018, Sea Grant launched a “network visioning” initiative to define 10-year visions as well as direction and priorities for work in several key areas that could benefit from further defining Sea Grant’s niche. Many of these vision and road map documents have active communities of practice.

Topic-Specific Sea Grant Network Vision Documents:

[Aquaculture](#) (PDF)

[Aquaculture Communications](#) (PDF)

[Community Science](#) (PDF)

[Coastal Tourism](#) (PDF)

[Community Response to Flooding](#) (PDF)

[Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice 2.0](#) (PDF, updated 2021)

[Environmental Literacy](#) (PDF)

[Integrated Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Seafood](#) (PDF)

[Traditional and Local Knowledge](#) (PDF)

[Water Resources](#) (PDF)

[Weather and Climate](#) (PDF)

Background Information:

In the summer of 2017, Sea Grant launched a national effort to develop vision documents for ten key topics areas within Sea Grant’s scope of work. Each visioning team had several virtual and in-person conversations involving external partners in order to develop the following ten vision documents. This effort is modeled after the [10-year vision for aquaculture](#) developed by Sea Grant in 2016. Since final documents were due in 2018, the National Sea Grant Office, the Sea Grant Association, and many communities of practice have continued working on these topics using the vision documents below as road maps.

In 2019, the National Sea Grant Office provided interested Sea Grant programs with \$40,000 in federal funds (matched by at least \$20,000 in non-federal funds) to implement one or more components from one or more network vision plans. [Download a summary \(pdf\) of the projects funded with the 2019 initiative.](#)

[Guidance for final document](#) (PDF, due August 2018)

[Role of NSGO liaisons](#) (PDF)

[Contacts for each visioning group](#) (XLS, updated March 15, 2018)

[Visioning Meeting Dates and Times](#) (XLS, updated March 7, 2018)

Guidance on peer review process following August 2018 submission (TBD and to be informed by input from Sea Grant network)

In 2020, the National Sea Grant Office provided funding to implement aspects of the Network Visioning plans through an internal competitive process. Selected projects can be viewed in [this PDF file](#).

Integrated Seafood

Contacts: Michael Ciaramella (NY), Julie Anderson Lively (LA), Cathy Liu (MD), Carrie Culver (CA), Carrie Pomeroy (CA), Jim Berkson (NSGO)

Planning meeting: May 14-17, 2018. Meeting will be held at the Drury Inn & Suites in New Orleans, LA. There is a registration fee of \$100. Please register by APRIL 15th. You can find more information and registration [HERE!](#)

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes:

Weather and Climate

Contacts: Lisa Schiavinato (CA), (CA), Nina Venuti (CA), Jessica Whitehead (NC), Mark Malchoff (Lake Champlain), Alyssa Mann (USC), Joshua Brown (NSGO), Maddie Kennedy (NSGO)

Planning meeting: March 26-27, 2018. Three groups meet concurrently in Raleigh, NC , San Diego, CA and Burlington, VT and connect virtually for one combined meeting. You can register and review logistics and workshop objects [HERE!](#) (Registration deadline: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018) Workshop registration is free and includes lunches and breaks, however, however workshop attendance will be capped at 40 participants per workshop location.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

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Community Response to Flooding

Contacts: Julie Simpson (MIT), Thomas Ruppert (FL), Kris Stepenuck (Lake Champlain), Shannon Jarbeau (WHOI), John Bilotta (MN), Jesse Schomberg (MN), Kelly Samek (NSGO), Maddie Kennedy (NSGO)

Planning meeting: February 28-March 1, 2018. Meeting will be held at the Newman Alumni Center, University of Miami campus, Miami FL ([REGISTER](#); Participant "RSVP" ticket is free. DO NOT register as a "sponser"). RIGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED. NOTE: Due to capacity restrictions of the venue, the meeting will be capped at 40 participants. You must [RESERVE](#) your hotel NO LATER than January 26, 2018).

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes: [Community of Practice Webpage](#)

Environmental Literacy

Contacts: Diana Payne (CT), Adam Frederick (MD), Jackie Takacs (MD), Fredrika Moser (MD), Lisa Lawrence (VA), Jon Lilley (NSGO)

Planning meeting: November 2017, College Park, MD. A second meeting will be held in conjunction with the NMEA Conference in July 14, 2018 in Long Beach, CA.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

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Diversity and Inclusion

Contacts: Mona Behl (GA), Jane Harrison (NC), Jonathan Pennock (NSGO)

Planning meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 (the day prior to Social Coasts Forum). Location: Alumni Hall, College of Charleston, 66 George Street. Hotel: [Francis Marion Hotel](#), Charleston, South Carolina. Register [HERE!](#) NOTE: There will be a small registration fee (~\$100) to cover food and speaker costs. Registration deadline: JANUARY 12, 2018

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes: [Community of Practice webpage](#) (link)

Traditional and Local Knowledge

Contacts: Davin Holen (AK), Marilyn Sigman (AK), Matt Bethel (LA), Brooke Carney (NSGO)

Planning meeting: Host two meetings: Workshop 1 will be held February 21-22, 2018 in Juneau, AK ([REGISTER](#)) (Note: The hotel block is being held until January 25, 2018, more information is provided in registration link); Workshop 2 will be held April 5-6, 2018 in New Orleans, LA.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

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Water Resources

Contacts: Jim Hurley (WI), Jen Hauxwell (WI), Moira Harrington (WI), Brian Miller (IL/IN), Laura Kammin (IL/IN), Sarah Zack (IL/IN), Mari Martz (PA), Karen Bareford (MSAL), Sam Chan (OR), Darren Lerner (HI), Mary Donahue (HI), Rebecca Briggs (NSGO)

Planning meeting: May 7th, 2018 at the National Water Center in Tuscaloosa, AL.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes:

Coastal Tourism

Contacts: Bryan Fluech (GA), April Turner (SC), Elizabeth Rohring (NSGO)

Planning meetings: May 7-9, 2018 at the Airport Hilton Hotel located in Bloomington, MN. Please find further meeting details, secure registration and information about the hotel block [HERE](#). There is a \$100 registration fee to cover basic meeting costs. Registration deadline is April 2nd!

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes:

Citizen Science

Contacts: Monique Myers (CA), Kristen Grant (ME), Jon Lilley (NSGO)

Planning meeting: March 20-21, 2018 at the University of California Santa Barbara. There will be an optional day on March 19 specifically for shoreline monitoring.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

Notes:

Aquaculture Communications

Contacts: Julie Davis (SC), Rick DeVoe (SC), Brooke Carney (NSGO)

Planning meeting: The meeting will take place on April 17 & 18 in Atlanta, GA at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel. To register, please email Julie Davis. It will start at 8:30am on April 17 and adjourn at noon on April 18. There is the option for remote participation. Please find link to the hotel website [HERE](#). NOTE: Limiting the meeting to 50, looking for a good mix of aquaculture and communications experts.

[Topic proposal \(PDF\)](#)

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ORIGINAL PROJECT GUIDANCE

In order to increase the capacity of Sea Grant Programs to work and plan together to address resilience topics of national interest, the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) is providing a one-time \$30,000 award in FY 2017 funds to each interested Sea Grant Program. Awarded projects will become part of the Program's 2014 Omnibus grant.

The goals of the funding are to:

1. Enhance resilience visioning and activities consistent with state and national strategic plans across the network,

2. Increase the capacity of Sea Grant Programs to work and plan together to address resilience topics of national interest, and to collaboratively develop visions for Sea Grant on these topics. It is hoped that these groups that develop these visions may continue to be a network intellectual or action resource on the topic even after this project is over, and
3. Create vision documents on these national topics by the end of this effort that are in close enough to completion to serve as a starting draft for a Sea Grant network-wide conversation on that topic, leading, if appropriate, to national Sea Grant vision documents.

These funds will be used to support the work of new or existing Sea Grant networks, teams, working groups, or other types of Sea Grant-led communities of practice to formulate and document their vision for a national topic and the Sea Grant network's role in addressing that topic. Funds can be used for salary support for leaders, workshop logistics, travel, project administration, and other expenses. A portion of the funding may also be used to support development projects in the topics identified by each program.

The topics for visioning must be national in scope, although regional variations should be recognized. Topics can be drawn from the areas of Resilience (including a range of sub-elements), Innovating Fisheries, Water/Weather, Education/Workforce Development, Diversity & Inclusion, or from other areas.

To participate, a program must lead or join in at least one visioning exercise with a community of practice that includes participation from at least five Sea Grant programs. Participation in efforts involving more than five programs, and participation in more than one effort, are encouraged.

Pending availability of funds, we expect to fund up to 34 projects, one to each participating Sea Grant College, Institutional Program, and Coherent Area Program as well as the National Sea Grant Law Center. These funds require the standard 50% match for Sea Grant projects.

The projects are expected to be awarded by 1 September 2017, and may run until 31 August 2018. Fifty percent matching funds are required.

Application procedures are different, depending on whether your Program has an open Resilience NSI placeholder or not.

Sea Grant programs with a Resilience Placeholder:

Alaska, Georgia, Illinois-Indiana, Law Center, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi-Alabama, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

Sea grant programs without a Resilience Placeholder:

California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Lake Champlain, Maine, MIT, New York, USC, Woods Hole

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROGRAMS WITH A RESILIENCE PLACEHOLDER:

Submit a Notice of Intent to the National Sea Grant Office by 16 June 2017:

Indicate your intention to participate in this effort by sending an email from the Director to oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov with the following:

- “My program is committed to supporting the National Sea Grant visioning efforts through the Resilience placeholder. Working with other programs, we will submit topics & teams by 31 July 2017 and a full work plan by 31 August 2017.”
- Designated proposal Point of Contact for these activities.

As soon as we receive your notice of intent, a release of funds for \$30,000 with an associated match commitment of \$15,000 will be released to your 2014 omnibus grant.

Submit the following to the National Sea Grant Office by 31 July 2017:

Provide a statement of the topics and teams your program are interested in pursuing to oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov. Final topic/team options will be collated by the National Sea Grant Office and communicated to the programs by **7 August 2017**.

Submit to Grants Online by 31 August 2017:

Submit additional information in an Other Award Action Request, including statement of work, [90-2 spreadsheet](#) and [90-4 forms](#) for the planned project.

Note: If you currently have an NSI Resilience Placeholder and are planning to apply for both a Network Visioning and a [Sea Grant/NOAA Regional Integration](#) award, you may combine these award actions in Grants Online, but have them as separate projects

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEA GRANT PROGRAMS WITHOUT A RESILIENCE PLACEHOLDER

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Indicate your intention to participate in this effort by sending an email from the Director to oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov with the following:

- “My program is committed to supporting the National Sea Grant visioning efforts through the Resilience placeholder. Working with other programs, we will submit topics & teams by 31 July 2017 and a full work plan by 31 August 2017.”
- “My program doesn’t have a standing resilience placeholder, therefore I will submit the appropriate documentation through Grants.gov by 23 June 2017 ” (see below guidance)
- Designated proposal Point of Contact for these activities

Submit to Grants.gov by 23 June 2017:

Submit an application to Grants.gov, to FFO number NOAA-OAR-SG-2017-2005251. The announcement is available here: <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293550>.

Include in the application:

- A completed SF-424 form requesting \$30,000 in Federal funds and promising \$15,000 in matching funds. Provide a start date of 1 September 2017 and an end date of 31 August 2018.
- A completed SF424A budget form. Funds can be used for workshop logistics, travel and salary support for leaders. A portion of the funding may also be used to support development projects in the area(s) identified by each program.
- A [Sea Grant 90-2 Short Form](#) describing the project. Provide a start date of 1 September 2017 and an end date of 31 August 2018. The

project description does not need to indicate the topic(s) that will be addressed or the communities of practice with whom the program will work. Instead, this high-level description should propose how they:

- Work with other Sea Grant Programs to identify topics of national interest that multiple programs are willing to work on, stand up or participate in one or more communities of practice with representation from multiple programs with a common interest in that topic, and identify a lead person and program for carrying out visioning activities;
- Work with the communities of practice to formulate a vision of that topic area, including a desired end state and Sea Grant's role in reaching it, and assist the communities of practice to document the visioning exercise, in documents that can be used a part of a subsequent Sea Grant visioning exercise involving the entire network;
- Carry out small projects consistent with the topic area(s), as needed to support or add value to the visioning exercise.
- Include on the 90-2 form:
 - A designated PI who will be your proposal POC for this effort;
 - Project start and end date. Use 1 September 2017 as the start date and 31 August 2018 as the end date; and
 - At least one focus area. Unless you already know that you will be primarily participating in some other area, choose your program's focus area (from your 2014-17 plan) that corresponds to the Resilient Communities and Economies national focus area.

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A statement of the topics and teams your program are interested in pursuing to. Final topic/team options will be collated by the National Sea Grant Office and communicated to the programs by 7 August 2017.

Submit to Grants Online by 31 August 2017:

Submit additional information in an Other Award Action Request, including statement of work, 90-2 spreadsheet and 90-4 forms for the planned project.

Note: If you do not currently have an NSI Resilience Placeholder and are planning to apply for both a Network Visioning and a [Sea Grant/NOAA Regional Integration](#) award, you may combine the two in a single application.

Please direct all questions to oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov.