



# Sea Grant

## A SMART INVESTMENT IN OUR COASTAL ECONOMY

# \$1.59 BILLION

ECONOMIC BENEFIT\* FROM **\$94 MILLION** FEDERAL INVESTMENT

### FOR OVER 50 YEARS

the National Sea Grant College Program has supported coastal and Great Lakes communities through research, extension and education.



Sea Grant strengthens **sustainable fisheries and aquaculture** by advancing research, guiding policy, training the next generation and supporting the needs of fishing communities and businesses.



Sea Grant helps build **resilient communities and economies** by supporting local planning, ecological research, improving communication tools, aiding recovery and working with communities to identify solutions.



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IMPACT PER  
FEDERAL DOLLAR



Sea Grant supports **healthy coastal ecosystems** through research, improving water quality, restoring habitats and providing communities with science-based tools for sustainable planning and management.



Sea Grant advances **environmental literacy and workforce development** through fellowships, hands-on training, research opportunities, experiential education and teacher support.

\*The 2024 federal investment represents Sea Grant core and aquaculture appropriations. Metrics are direct results of Sea Grant work between Feb 1, 2024, and Jan 31, 2025 as reported by Sea Grant programs in Summer 2025. Economic benefit = market & non-market value of Sea Grant's work and value of jobs & businesses (\$1.088B); total leveraged funds (\$492M); and value of volunteer hours (\$11.7M).



# BY THE NUMBERS

Sea Grant's mission is to enhance the practical use and conservation of coastal, marine and Great Lakes resources in order to create a sustainable economy and environment.

Learn more about Sea Grant's work at [seagrants.noaa.gov](https://seagrants.noaa.gov)

# 34

UNIVERSITY-BASED  
PROGRAMS  
across the U.S.



## 21K

**JOBS CREATED**  
or sustained

## 2K

**BUSINESSES CREATED**  
or sustained

## 789

**GRADUATES HIRED**  
in-field



## 2.9M

**PEOPLE VISITED**  
Sea Grant exhibits

## 2.4M

**PEOPLE REACHED**  
through educational programs



## 103K

seafood industry workers  
**ADOPTED RESPONSIBLE  
FISHERY PRACTICES**

## 6.8K

resource managers  
**APPLIED SOLUTIONS**

## 557

seafood safety  
**CERTIFICATIONS**

## 174

Clean Marinas  
**CERTIFIED**



## 16M

acres of habitat  
**RESTORED OR PROTECTED**

## 602

**COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTED**  
resilient development practices

## 336K

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
contributed

## 822

**LOCAL EXTENSION EXPERTS**  
in coastal communities

