



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.



NEARLY
12:1
IMPACT PER
FEDERAL DOLLAR



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.



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 seagrant.noaa.gov

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UNIVERSITY-BASED
PROGRAMS

across the U.S.



Hawaii Sea Grant

21K

JOBS CREATED
or sustained

2K

BUSINESSES CREATED
or sustained

789

GRADUATES HIRED
in-field



Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant

2.9M

PEOPLE VISITED
Sea Grant exhibits

2.4M

PEOPLE REACHED
through educational programs



Michigan Sea Grant

103K

seafood industry workers
**ADOPTED RESPONSIBLE
FISHERY PRACTICES**

6.8K

resource managers
APPLIED SOLUTIONS

557

seafood safety
CERTIFICATIONS

174

Clean Marinas
CERTIFIED

336K

VOLUNTEER HOURS
contributed

822

LOCAL EXTENSION EXPERTS
in coastal communities



Oregon Sea Grant