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### **Prestigious Marine and Coastal Knauss Fellowship Still Accepting New Jersey Applications**

(Sandy Hook, NJ)... The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/New Jersey Sea Grant (NJMSC/NJSG) Program will continue its statewide search until February 19<sup>th</sup> for qualified graduate students to apply for the prestigious Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship for 2011, in Washington, D.C. Students with an interest in marine, coastal or Great Lakes resources and the national policy decisions that affect them, are encouraged to apply.

The National Sea Grant College Program Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship was established in 1979 to provide a unique educational experience to students with an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. Sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Sea Grant College Program (NSGCP), the fellowship matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branches of government located in the Washington, D.C. area, for a one year paid fellowship.

The next fellowship will run from February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. Participants will receive \$46,000 to be distributed between salary and living expenses. Other covered expenses include travel funds, moving costs, and health insurance. Students in a graduate or professional degree program in a marine-related field at an accredited institution of higher education should apply through the NJMSC/NJSG Program. Applications submitted to the NJMSC/NJSG office by the

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February 19, 2010 deadline will be reviewed by NJMSC/NJSG and up to six applications will be selected and sent to the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) by April 2, 2010 for final review. Final selection is on a competitive basis and criteria include: academic ability, communications skills, diversity and appropriateness of academic background, support of a major professor and support of the state Sea Grant Program Director.

NJMSC/NJSG has long history and successful track record with the Knauss Fellowship project. New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6), who previously worked as the Coastal Law Specialist for the New Jersey Sea Grant Extension Program has long been a champion of the program. The most recent NJMSC/NJSG Knauss Fellow Elizabeth Livermont, is a Coastal Engineering graduate student at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken who recently completed her 2009 assignment with the NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes. Many participants have found permanent positions in Washington after completing the Knauss Fellowship program and obtaining their graduate degrees.

Additional information and application forms are available at the National Sea Grant Program's website at [seagrant.noaa.gov/knauss/](http://seagrant.noaa.gov/knauss/)

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