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Announcing the 2010
**Dean John A. Knauss
Marine Policy Fellowship**

Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program

We invite qualified individuals to submit applications to the Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program for the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. Approximately thirty individuals are selected nationally for this prestigious Fellowship to spend a year in Washington, DC, working in Congress or the Executive Branch on critical marine policy and resource management issues. The Knauss Fellowship provides a stipend and living expense allowance totaling \$44,000 annually. The one year Fellowship begins February 1, 2010.

Each year, Rhode Island Sea Grant nominates up to six students to the National Sea Grant College Program for Knauss Fellowships. Nominees must be enrolled in a US accredited graduate or professional degree program in a marine or aquatic-related field in the US or its territories as of February 20, 2009.

Applications are due at RI Sea Grant by 12:00 PM on Friday, February 20, 2009.

Selected applicants will be interviewed by the Rhode Island Sea Grant Director during the week of **March 09, 2009**, with all applicant materials due to the National Sea Grant office by April 03, 2009. Selection criteria for the fellowship include: *academic excellence, communication skills, diversity and appropriateness of academic background, additional qualifying experience, support of the student's major professor and the Sea Grant director, evidence of the ability to work well with others, and the balance among applicants by discipline and geographic representation.*

For the Fellowship Class of 2010, the selection process and subsequent notification of finalists by the National Sea Grant College Program will be completed by **May 23, 2009**. Finalists will be required to participate in an orientation program in Washington, DC, to be held during late November or early December (Sun-Thurs) 2009. Sea Grant is a matching funds program, and the Fellow's University or College is responsible for providing one-third the annual stipend in non-federal funds to match Sea Grant funds.

If you are interested in applying or have additional questions, please contact Mr. Alan Desbonnet at RI Sea Grant, Rm 129 Coastal Institute Building, URI Bay Campus. phone: 401-874-6813, email: aland@gso.uri.edu. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/funding/rfp.html#knauss>