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#### Director's Note



This month Rhode Island Sea Grant held its annual Senior and University Advisory meetings. We had a good turnout of important leaders for both meetings—see the Program Management website for the minutes. The month was dominated by writing the many Omnibus proposals required for our 2006-2008 submission due December 1. At the end of the month the Sea Grant Association held its annual fall meeting in Charleston, South Carolina where our final 2006 budget numbers and SGA's new priorities were announced. We face financial challenges but there are also new exciting opportunities. Let's pull together and charge ahead on the regional oceans, regional fisheries, urban and seafood opportunities that are coming!

#### Welcome !

Katrina Van Dine joined the RISG Legal Program on Monday, October 24, 2005 as a new Research Counsel. Kate will be managing the Sea Grant Outreach component of the Program, conducting research and overseeing law student research for coastal stakeholders in Rhode Island and New England. Kate has been active in ocean and coastal policy and research in New England for the last 6 years. Most recently, Kate served as a Marine Protected Area Center Tribal Fellow and spent five years as Project Manager at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in Massachusetts. Kate has her B.A in Human Ecology from the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine and her J.D. from Vermont Law School. Kate is located in the Marine Affairs Institute suite and can be reached at 401-254-5734 or [kvandine@rwu.edu](mailto:kvandine@rwu.edu). Welcome Kate !

#### In The Spotlight

Two Sea Grant Law Fellows have earned top honors at Roger Williams University School of Law for their performance in the classroom. The award, known as CALI award (named for the sponsoring organization, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) is given to the student with the highest grade in the class and is recognized as a preeminent national award for scholastic achievement. Lance Young, third year law student, was awarded the CALI Award for excellent achievement in the study of Administrative Law for the Spring 2005 semester. Ben Spruill, also a third year law student, was awarded the CALI Award for excellent achievement in the study of Collision and Limitation of Liability for the Fall 2004 semester.



The Metro Bay SAMP involves cities, community organizations, and the private sector in identifying issues and developing revised policies to address these issues. Your input to the Metro Bay SAMP is needed. To learn more about how you can get involved go to

[http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/get\\_involved.html](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/get_involved.html)

#### Upcoming Events

Is it true that enormous trawl nets really scoop up everything in their path in Narragansett Bay? Does trawl gear really scrape up the bottom, leaving a desert in its wake? Are gill nets really walls of death? Three expert speakers from the University of Rhode Island will address these questions and more on November 21st from 6—9 p.m. at a workshop entitled *Fishing Gear: Myths, Legends and Truth*. The workshop will be held in Corless Auditorium at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography. For more information, please contact Dr. Kathy Castro at (401) 874-5063.



Save the Date ! The 2006 Marine Law Symposium will be held October 19-20, 2006. *The Evolution of Ecosystem Based Management: From Theory to Practice* at Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papatito School of Law. For more information, please contact [marineaffairs@rwu.edu](mailto:marineaffairs@rwu.edu).

## PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE

**Barry Costa-Pierce, Director**  
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- Led Discussion on the book "Striper Wars" and participated in discussion on "nutrients" for graduate students in the Coastal Institute Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program
- Attended RISG Quarterly Meeting on "Outcome Mapping" at Roger Williams University
- Organized and Facilitated RISG University Advisory Committee (UAC) and Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meetings
- Met with Tim Mooney Staff of Sen. Chaffee to brief him about on URI, RISG and NOAA marine programs
- Met with John Macray of the URI Providence campus to discuss priorities for the Sea Grant Urban Coasts Office in Providence
- Participated in Meeting of NASULGC's Board on Oceans and Atmospheres
- Organized and Facilitated RISG Meeting on "Research Connections with Donors"
- Met with The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation in San Francisco, California
- Participated in the National Sustainable Seafood Forum at the Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, Calif.
- Participated in the RISG Monthly strategic meeting on "Planning for Northeast Regional Oceans Initiatives"
- Participated in the RISG Team Training on "Conflict Resolution"
- Gave a talk to the Roger Williams Marine Law Institute's Institute for Environmental Leaders

For more information on the Program Management Office please visit <http://seagrantadm.gso.uri.edu/>

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## COMMUNICATIONS

**Monica Allard-Cox, Communicator and Webmaster**  
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- The Rhode Island Sea Grant website received 46,091 visitors in September, with various fact sheets as well as the Daytripper's Guide to Rhode Island being the most popular pages/sections
- The *Proceedings of the New England Workshops on Marine Protected Areas* booklets were received on 10/26 and are being distributed to all participants. Announcements will be sent out as well. The pdf version is available on-line at [http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/reg\\_fish/edworkshops/index.html#mpa](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/reg_fish/edworkshops/index.html#mpa)
- In October, Coastweeks wrapped up a successful run with two Sea Grant-sponsored events -- a showing of the film *Where Does Your Seafood Come From?* which describes the four main types of commercial fishing in Rhode Island, and a book discussion of *The Founding Fish*, both co-sponsored by and held at the North Kingstown Free Library, and hosted by Dave Beutel. The film will be available soon at libraries throughout the state.



More information about lobster shell disease, including photos, is on-line on our "Lobster Declines" page at [http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/fisheries/lobster\\_declines.html](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/fisheries/lobster_declines.html) and on our new "Lobster Shell Disease" fact sheet by Barbara Somers at [http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/factsheets/lobster\\_shell\\_disease.html](http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/factsheets/lobster_shell_disease.html).

## LEGAL PROGRAM

**Kristen Fletcher, Director**

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- Attended URI Marine Affairs joint degree program orientation.
- Attended 135<sup>th</sup> Annual American Fisheries Society conference in Anchorage Alaska with Joseph Farside, a third year law student at RWU School of Law, who presented a paper on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission at the conference .
- Concluded Research Counsel Search Committee with offer to Katrina Van Dine.
- Planned program & marketing for upcoming events: Massachusetts Ocean and Coastal Law Seminar (Oct. 27), Takings & the Coastal Zone (Nov. 4), and governance events during 2006.
- Participated in conference calls with TCS Board, TCS 20 Planning Committee; led TCS 20 Plenary Subcommittee.
- Initiated research on Implications of the Public Trust Doctrine on Regional Governance for Duke Symposium (Oct. 2005).

For more information on the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program and the Roger Williams Marine Affairs Institute please visit their website at:

<http://law.rwu.edu/Academics+and+Institutes/Marine+Affairs+Institute/>

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## SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES EXTENSION PROGRAM

**Laura Skrobe, Fisheries Extension Specialist**

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- Presented at 135<sup>th</sup> AFS Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska on "Size and Species Selectivity of Fish Pots and the Management Implications"
- Crew on Captain Bert for Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association and Coastweeks
- Host and attend FAVS welcoming barbeque undergraduate and graduate students at East Farm
- Gave presentation to students from Williams College, Mystic, CT on "Cooperative Fisheries Research Results into Management"

**Barbara Somers, Fisheries Extension Specialist**

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- Took Coastal Fellows on sea sampling trips on commercial fishing vessels as part of Bycatch Characterization Study.
- Attend red Lobster Advisory Committee Meeting at Department of Environmental Management in Jamestown
- Participated in beach clean-up at Goddard Park for Coast Weeks program
- Worked on updating fact sheets for the Rhode Island Sea Grant website.
- Participated in Coast Weeks commercial trawling trips aboard the Captain Bert

For more information on the Sea Grant Sustainable Fisheries Program please visit

<http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/fa/index.html>

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## SUSTAINABLE COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAM

**Virginia Lee, Director**

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- Attended Estuarine Research Federation (ERF) Conference 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial in Norfolk, Virginia, October 16-21<sup>st</sup> *Estuarine Interactions: biological-physical feedbacks and adaptations*