

# WHAT IS NEW YORK SEA GRANT?



**New York Sea Grant** (NYSG) is a statewide network of integrated research, education, and extension services promoting coastal economic vitality, environmental sustainability and citizen awareness and understanding about the State's marine and Great Lakes resources. These three elements, **economics**, **environment**, and **education**, are the foundation of our Strategic Plan. NYSG has been “Bringing Science to the Shore” since 1971.

- Through New York Sea Grant's efforts, the combined talents of university scientists and extension specialists help transfer science-based information to many coastal user groups—businesses and industries, federal, state and local government decision-makers and agency managers, educators, the media and the interested public.
- Our State, with 3,400 miles of widely varied coastlines, is the only State in the nation bordering both the Great Lakes and the ocean. Today more than 85 percent of the State's population of over 19 million people live in one of those coastal regions. New Yorkers depend on our coastal ports and marinas for trade and recreation, and their contributions to economic sustainability.
- New York Sea Grant is currently “making a difference” by supporting about 44 important research and outreach projects on issues such as shoreline protection, fisheries, aquatic invaders, and water quality. NYSG has been at the forefront of lobster, hard clam and brown tide research initiatives.
- New York Sea Grant supports high-quality, university-based, natural and social science research which takes an unbiased look at priority questions. It combines scientific rigor with a real-world stakeholder view. Our technical peer-review process is very thorough and provides the foundation for NYSG's scientific credibility. As a Federal/State matching funds program, NYSG is accountable to its Federal source of funding, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the US Department of Commerce, as well as to the State of New York.
- Since its start in 1971, NYSG has provided over \$120 million for university research, education, and outreach projects; sponsored conferences, seminars and workshops on vital coastal issues; and made it possible for hundreds of graduate students to get advanced degrees.



- **Established in 1966, NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program is a network of 32 joint Federal/State university programs in every U.S. coastal and Great Lakes state and Puerto Rico.**
- **New York Sea Grant, one of the largest of these programs, is a cooperative program of the State University of New York (SUNY) and Cornell University, with administrative offices at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, extension administration at Cornell University in Ithaca, and extension staff throughout the state.**



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