NYS Marine & Coastal District Small Grants Program: 2020-2021

The Marine and Coastal District Small Grants Program supported six awards for the 2020-2021 cycle, and we are proud to highlight two of these projects.





Brentwood Union Free School District, research mentorship program allows students to work on problems affecting coastal habitat. Students assisted in restoration efforts at Sunken Meadow State Park and



planted over 1,000 Spartina plugs. Students use "Lets Science That" website as a tool to engage the wider community in this mentorship program that turned out to be the NY State finalist in the 2020 Samsung Solve For Tomorrow national competition, and received \$15,000 prize for their novel research.



First Hand Fishing

Long Island Tradition's program teaches Long Island's maritime heritage and culture to elementary school students and local residents. Several maritime workers participated in this program to showcase their skills. 500 students and teachers in the Freeport School District participated in the workshops and party boat field trips, to learn about these fishing traditions and maritime culture. Visitors to the annual Tobay Beach Boat Show interacted with these master fishermen who taught their fishing traditions.



Purchase the NY State Marine and Coastal District License Plate to continue

support of marine recreational fishing education projects.



Marine and Coastal District License Plate

The New York State Marine and Coastal District License Plate was released to establish a small grants program, which is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in partnership with New York Sea Grant. Six awards were supported in the first cycle to conduct a range of projects to educate anglers about marine resources.





Look for the License Plate with the Striped Bass And Montauk Lighthouse

The New York State Marine and Coastal District License Plate supports not-for-profit organizations that apply to the Marine and coastal district of New York conservation, education, and research small grants program, established under NYS Environmental Conservation Law Article 13, Title 5 Section 13-0501. This fund is used to "promote sport fishing, increase participation in recreational angling, increase public awareness and appreciation of aquatic natural resources, encourage conservation of fisheries resources, or promote research relating to the marine and coastal district of New York". A three-member Board appointed by the governor, temporary president of the senate, and speaker of the assembly, oversees this fund, and this grant program is presently being administered through New York Sea Grant.



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