

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.



Sportfishing Frenzy

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Marine Program, outdoor education curriculum allows youths in underserved communities to experience marine and coastal habitats and wildlife in Great South Bay. The program includes online classes about common fish species, fishing regulations, and basic management and conservation strategies, combined with interactive lesson plans at the Bob Sweeney Sportfishing Education Center, located at Cedar Beach Marina, Babylon. Students learn to fish from the pier, interact with marine wildlife in the touch tanks, and visit fish in the aquarium.



Take the Bait: Public Fishing Clinics

Lower Eastside Ecology Center, supplement for public fishing clinic events that are organized in Manhattan. Public fishing events are common in spring through fall, and it attracts huge participation in New York City. Families and anglers from various background learn to cast fishing rods, bait hooks, retrieve and remove catch, and practice catch-and-release. Public fishing events are important opportunities for residents to participate in outdoor recreation.



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.

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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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