

# ~ NJSGC HIGHLIGHTS ~

## ***‘Sea Grant Extension Agents Support Aquaculture Growth across America’ – How New Jersey Rises to the Challenge***

According to [NOAA](#):

*There are over 500 Sea Grant extension agents across the country, many of whom reside in the communities they serve. As trusted experts who are considered honest brokers of information, extension agents provide reliable technical and science-based information to residents to address local needs. Extension agents also work with Sea Grant researchers and communication staff to transfer research priorities back to their universities.*

Read more on the full story [here](#).

[Lisa M. Calvo](#) currently acts as NJSGC’s Shellfish Aquaculture Program Coordinator:



*New Jersey Sea Grant received funding support through the 2016 NOAA Sea Grant national strategic investment in aquaculture workshops and training events to increase awareness among stakeholders about the conflict in the intertidal zone between critical habitat for the endangered Red Knot and permitting zones for the oyster aquaculture industry. Ms. Calvo was part of the team that coordinated a stakeholder workshop that pulled together relevant scientific knowledge to indentify data and management gaps that state and federal agencies, conservation groups, and the oyster industry could use for adaptive management that would result in a win-win scenario.*

## *Sea Grant Extension Assembly and Communicators Meeting 2017 in Astoria, OR*

During the first week of October, NJSGC's Associate Director for Sea Grant Administration/Director of Research & Extension [Dr. Peter Rowe](#) and Communications Specialist [Danica Bellini](#) traveled to the West Coast to attend Sea Grant's biennial networking conference hosted by Oregon Sea Grant. The three-day event was held in the picturesque city of Astoria, located right on the Columbia River near the Pacific Ocean. Members from all 33 programs of the national network were welcome to attend.



Presentation topics and breakout discussions revolved around several informative sessions, including:

- 'Planning for and Reacting to Crises: Lessons Learned from the Budget Situation'
- 'Mindfulness and Stress Management'
- 'Managing a Communications Program'
- 'Future Scenario Planning: How Should Sea Grant Adapt?'

The conference concurrently took place with the 2017 [Sea Grant Academy](#), where K-12 Program Coordinator/Sea Grant Program Associate [Diana Burich](#) represented NJSGC.

Attendees also had unique opportunities to explore the surrounding area, including a field trip option to Cape Disappointment State Park in Washington.



# Attention all Educators!

School field trip season is officially in full swing! To learn more about NJSGC's unique, hands-on Coastal Experience programs, please visit our [website](#). We are now accepting reservations for November's *Lenape and the Jersey Shore* excursion!



**November is National American Indian Heritage Month**  
**Celebrate at Sandy Hook**

 In honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium is offering their popular *Lenape and the Jersey Shore* and *Native Ways* field trips at special rates during November.

Through teamwork and hands-on activities, your students will gain knowledge of New Jersey's coast and its original people, the Lenape.

**Full or half-day schedules available**

**Lenape and the Jersey Shore:** \$225 per group (4-5 hours)

**Native Ways:** \$150 per group (2 hours)  
(25 students per group; multiple groups accommodated daily)

**Make your reservation today. Space is limited!**  
Contact Melanie at 732-872-1300, ext. 13 or  
Email: [reservations@njseagrant.org](mailto:reservations@njseagrant.org)

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[njseagrant.org/education/field-trips/lenape-and-the-jersey-shore/](http://njseagrant.org/education/field-trips/lenape-and-the-jersey-shore/)  
for detailed information about this multi-disciplinary program

  
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## NOAA Teach at Sea Program 2018 – Applications accepted November 1-30 (2017)

The mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) [Teacher at Sea Program](#) is to provide pre-kindergarten through college-level teachers a hands-on, real-world research experience working at sea with world-renowned NOAA scientists, thereby giving teachers unique insight into the oceanic and atmospheric research crucial to our nation.

Until the 'applications and references' portal opens, please visit the [FAQs page](#) to learn more about program eligibility and expectations.

Please feel free to download the [PDF preview](#) to begin preparing responses.



# In the News



[Barry Lee Myers nominated by White House to become NOAA Administrator](#) (via *AccuWeather.com*)

[3 bottlenose dolphins wash up dead along Jersey Shore](#) (via *nj.com*)

[Beach replenishment gets underway in northern Ocean County](#) (via *whyy.org*)

[Storm surge is often a hurricane's deadliest, most destructive threat](#) (via *USA Today*)

[Red Knot Project Sees Few Birds This Year](#) (via *capeandislands.org*)

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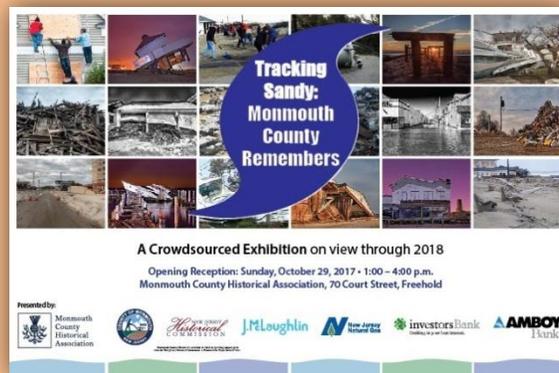
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## *Fifth Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, October 2017*

The [Monmouth County Historical Association](#) will host an exhibit at their Freehold museum entitled *Tracking Sandy: Monmouth County Remembers*. According to their [website](#):

*Over the past year, MCHA has worked with Melissa Ziobro of Monmouth University to crowdsource this exhibition. Along with photographs and artifacts from the storm, stories of Monmouth County residents will be featured. Experience a Monmouth-Centric story of this natural disaster and remember our shared history on the fifth anniversary.*

The exhibit will run from October 29<sup>th</sup> (opening reception) thru May 2018.



Please share your personal #HurricaneSandy stories and experiences with NJSGC, and they could get featured in the upcoming [COASTodian](#) newsletter. Please contact our Communications Specialist [Danica Bellini](#) for more information.