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Reflections on the Future of Tidepools



Reflecting on the adverse effects the pandemic is having on our tidepool habitats, [click here](#) to learn how tidepools are being put at risk, why they are so important to Southern California, and what we can do to help preserve these vital ecosystems.

News and Updates

[2021 Knauss Finalists Announced](#)



finalists for the 2021 John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship program. We are excited to share that four finalists were selected from USC Sea Grant. Starting in February, they will spend a year in D.C. working in executive and legislative branches of the federal government. [Meet our finalists here](#)

A Battered Beach: Revealing the Past and Planning for the Future

Earlier in July, Capistrano Beach was hit by damaging storm surge. Over the years, strong wave events have revealed the beach's long history of battling the ocean. [Learn more](#) about this historic beach and how they are working to preserve it while adapting to a changing climate.

Photo: damage from July storms, [The Patch](#)



USC Sea Grant Research Report Highlighted by University News

USC Sea Grant's research summary report on harmful algal blooms was recently highlighted in a news article written by USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. [Read the article](#) to learn about toxic blooms and how they may be increasing with a warming climate, adversely affecting marine life, seafood, and water quality.

number of 2021 Knauss fellowship finalists began their interest in marine policy through a previous NOAA experience. Learn about some of their experiences here, including from one of USC Sea Grant's finalists, Laura Ingulsrud, who was an intern at the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary in Santa Barbara, California.



Blog Post



How Ship Traffic in Our Ports is Affected by COVID-19

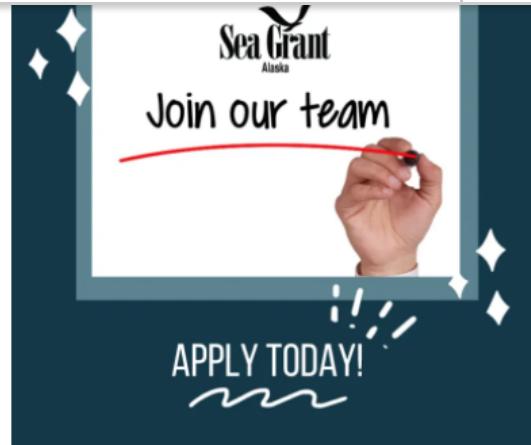
As the two ports of Los Angeles County experience 40% of all import cargo to the United States, they are a reliable indicator of economic activity in the country. One question being asked often these days is whether COVID-19 has affected ship traffic. [Read our blog](#) to learn how it is being impacted during the pandemic.

Opportunities and Events

Job Opportunity within Sea Grant

Alaska Sea Grant [is currently hiring](#) for two positions essential to the success of their work serving Alaskans through the conservation and sustainable use of Alaska's coastal, watershed and marine resources.

Job positions: [Communications Lead](#)

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