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AT WISCONSIN SEA GRANT, we are always searching and reaching for answers.

What are the questions?

Simple ones like: How do we keep people safe from rip currents and other water dangers? How do we help people avoid getting ill from swimming at beaches? How can we work with the National Weather Service to warn people about violent storms? How can we clean the Great Lakes of marine debris? How can we help prevent people's homes from eroding into Lake Michigan?

Finding answers to those questions isn't so simple. But we have some of the best minds at Wisconsin's top-notch academic institutions working on them, as I hope you'll see by looking at our accomplishments from 2014-16. And it's not only our faculty and student researchers who are outstanding, our Sea Grant staff members are too. They provide strong administrative support and get scientific results out to Wisconsin residents through communications and extension efforts.

Evidence of our success has come in the form of recent reviews of our program by teams of national experts. Their comments show recognition of our program's excellence:

- "The Wisconsin Idea was almost the first thing the team heard, and it came up repeatedly during the visit from many sources, and was very much in evidence in the work (Sea Grant) did and the services they provided to their Wisconsin stakeholders."
- "The program's work to educate and empower your researchers to become better communicators of their work with the constituents who need the information was impressive."
- Also, our impacts and accomplishments received a national rating of "Highest Performance: exceeds expectations by an exceptional margin in most areas/aspects."

As the National Sea Grant College Program celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016, 33 programs in coastal states followed similar paths of scientific inquiry. Our current national strategic plan focuses our network to provide integrated research, outreach and education for responsible use of coastal and Great Lakes resources and to support informed personal, policy and management decisions.

This report tells the stories of a subset of our recent efforts in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes. We're proud to be part of such an innovative network of programs and look for continued success for the next half century.

We appreciate your support in our continued quest for answers to benefit the Great Lakes and the people who live along them. I hope you find the information in this report useful and enlightening.

James P. Hurley





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Searching and Reaching in Service of the Great Lakes

Inherent in every scientific exploration is a quest. It's research with a focus on search — for validation of a prior finding or a journey to arrive at the threshold of a whole new frontier of understanding.

When the object of scientific exploration is the Great Lakes, there is tremendous potential in what will result from the quest, whether it is restored habitat, improved public health or greater economic payoff from the bounty of our waters.

In the Sea Grant paradigm, one result of a quest is the application of that research to real-world situations and to the benefit of coastal communities and their businesses, residents and visitors. The term of art for that process is outreach, with the emphasis on reach.

Wisconsin Sea Grant's strength is in the research projects it funds across Wisconsin, and in reaching people with that knowledge to protect and use Great Lakes' resources in wise ways. Research findings are not solely bound up in scholarly journals but rather shared with those who can most use them. The findings go to local planners, property owners, fishermen, aquaculturists, fisheries managers, teachers, students, lifelong learners and many others.

This 2014-16 biennial report is a demonstration of the search and reach that goes on for nearly 365 days a year. It happens in labs and lake basins. It involves sampling stations and classrooms. It could be on the swaying deck of a boat or within a village hall. Search and reach are in the service of the world's largest freshwater system. We are glad you are prepared to come along with us on this quest.



Statewide research and outreach clockwise from left: Researchers working atop Outer Island Lighthouse, Apostle Islands; sturgeon spawn, Wolf River; South Shore Beach gets ready for its cleanup, Milwaukee; whitefish processing, Cornucopia; diving the *Australasia* shipwreck in Lake Michigan; Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission



partners to reduce fishing conflicts; the National Weather Service's impact-based weather forecast system gives people more time to react before severe weather events like the widespread flooding, road and structure damage in Bayfield in 2016.

Reaching Out Over the Largest Lake



Lake Superior stretches lengthwise for 350 miles and has the largest surface area of any lake in the world. Because of that expanse, one would think Lake Superior has plenty of room to accommodate every use. Generally, that is true but when it comes to demand for the whitefish and trout that swim in its waters, the big lake can sometimes see overlapping demands from commercial, tribal and sport fishermen.

The commercial and tribal operations stretch nets to ensnare fish, but occasionally the nets break free from their anchors, drifting, rotting and picking up debris, and perhaps even fish or waterfowl. In addition to the pollution they represent, the nets pose a hazard for sport fishermen. An entangled boat or fishing gear can be damaged or cause a capsized craft.

There is a system in place to deal with these ghost nets, as they are termed. When nets are reported, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLFWIC) will collect them. The challenge has long been one of making boaters aware of ghost nets, along with ensuring cooperation from commercial, tribal and regulatory agencies.

Cooperation had been elusive until Wisconsin Sea Grant stepped in. Aided by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program, Fisheries Specialist Titus Seilheimer, GLFWIC and Sea Grant's Advisory Council Member Al House brought the parties together. House is the president of the Apostle Islands Sport Fishermen's Association. GLFWIC's Chief Warden Fred Maulson said if it wasn't for Sea Grant, these parties wouldn't even be sitting at the same table, much less reducing fishing conflicts and bringing safety to the Great Lakes.

The initiative also produced an informational video (go.wisc.edu/49084s), provided materials at regional boat shows, and created and shared a poster for boat landings and bait shops. The next step has been workshops, engaging the very people affected by the nets. Ghost nets removed from Lake Superior since awareness campaign began: 5,000 feet

They ain't afraid of no ghost nets. Heather Bliss, outreach officer, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; Al House, president, Apostle Islands Sport Fishermen's Association; and our own fisheries specialist, Titus Seilheimer, work together to make ghost nets less of a safety hazard.

Sea Caves Project Saves Lives

Deaths at sea caves since operation of real-time wave observation system:

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With their artfully hewn arches carved by a millennia of waves and etched with stunningly variegated hues in the sandstone rock, the popular sea caves along the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore have been made less deadly for the foreseeable future thanks to Wisconsin Sea Grant and partners.

SeaCavesWatch.org is a real-time wave observation system designed to prevent kayaking tragedies. Kayakers can access webcam photos, wave height, water temperature and wind speed data before venturing out on Lake Superior to the sea caves. The website is also available via a special kiosk at the boat launch site at Meyers Beach in the national lakeshore.

"We went from four kayaker deaths in a five-year period to none since the site went online in 2011," Dick Carver with the Friends of the Apostle Islands said. The site even offers condition reports to winter visitors who walk across the frozen lake to the caves, seasonally sheathed in thick ice flows and glittering icicles.

An economic report showed that in 2015, more than 230,000 people visited the lakeshore and spent \$36 million in nearby communities, with the sea caves acting as a major local draw. Visitor spending also supported 570 jobs.

However, the caves can be dangerous because of the possibility for high waves and the sheer cliffs, which make it impossible for kayakers to get out of the water if they get into trouble. And winter visitors need to beware because lake ice conditions can deteriorate quickly due to wind and air temperature changes.

The original safety project was co-led by Chin Wu, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Gene Clark, Sea Grant's coastal engineer. Josh Anderson was the lead student researcher. Funding was provided by partners the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the Friends of the Apostle Islands, with support from the city of Bayfield.

The National Park Service was involved from the onset and provided significant in-kind support. In recognition that SeaCavesWatch.org was crucial to operations at the caves in both summer and winter, the park service changed the status in 2015 from a "project" to a regular part of its work plan. The original partners will work with the park under this new five-year agreement.

"The original focus was summer wave conditions, but with the addition of the webcam, the system emerged as a vitally important year-round tool," said Bob Krumenaker, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore superintendent. "It's changed our park protocols. Before our staff go out to the caves or before we open the caves to the public in winter, our motto is, 'check the camera first!' "

"The goal was to make people using the caves feel safe," said Wu. "It's been gratifying to be part of a project that's had an impact and has made a difference."

Improved Warnings for Treacherous Weather

In 2011, a tornado roared through the small town of Joplin, Mo., killing 159 people and injuring more than 1,000. The extraordinary number of casualties in spite of multiple and early warnings puzzled the National Weather Service (NWS) since there have been vast improvements in warning technology and forecasting. Despite that, many sectors of the public remain vulnerable to severe weather. Just as in Joplin, weather-related devastation has come to countless communities that have been leveled, forcing people to rebuild lives, homes, schools and businesses.

The service decided to improve communication, enhancing traditional tornado watch and warning information. In 2012, the NWS piloted an impact-based weather forecast system. The premise was to use more straightforward language that would convey direct and detailed descriptions of what being in the path of a storm could mean to personal safety and property.

The NWS was interested in evaluating the efficacy of this system and whether it merited expansion nationwide to save lives, and protect infrastructure and other property. The service didn't have its own capacity to do this assessment.

The service's Central Region turned to Wisconsin Sea Grant, a fellow program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Sea Grant coordinated a team of social scientists from the Great Lakes Sea Grant Social Science Network to evaluate a new severe storm communication tool. The assessment included focus groups, surveys and interviews with weather forecasters, emergency managers and broadcast reporters. Following that information gathering and based on Sea Grant's analysis, the NWS modified the warning system to be more effective.

The NWS first implemented the new communication tool throughout the Midwest and Great Lakes states and in succeeding years expanded it nationally. Plus, more than 450 NWS and American Meteorology Society members have been briefed on the Sea Grant information related to the system. Sea Grant programs created a report and fact sheet that have been disseminated and are available at go.wisc.edu/gc1mf9.

A ghostly tornado skips and hops across the central Minnesota landscape as it lifts momentarily, narrowly missing this rural farmstead. Residents in the heartland, and beyond, are better protected from severe weather thanks to Wisconsin Sea Grant.

Annual value of National Weather Service activities to U.S. households: \$26.4 billion

Annual average number of days South Shore Beach closed due to poor water quality: 50

On the Beach,

SARA STATHAS

Science has led the way in the recovery of one Milwaukee beach — Bradford. A second — South Shore — is tapped for attention so they both can regain their popularity as Lake Michigan swimming spots. At South Shore, the efforts have also attracted a halfmillion dollar corporate donation and \$1 million from the county for cleanup.

South Shore Beach is closed from 20 to 50 percent of the swimming season due to water-quality advisories. Wisconsin Sea Grant-funded research by Sandra McLellan, a microbiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences, revealed the sources of pollution included local and regional stormwater runoff, and other regional sources such as combined sewer overflows and fecal waste from gulls and waterfowl.

The first improvements planned for South Shore Beach will be focused on the parking lot.

"We support the planned improvements at South Shore Beach," said Cary Solberg, South Shore Park Watch. "Dr. McLellan's research helped us determine the primary pollution sources at the beach. Her research has better positioned us to advocate for the best management practices to improve conditions."

To raise public awareness about the beach issues, Jane Harrison, Wisconsin Sea Grant's former social scientist, hosted information tables at the South Shore Farmers' Market and organized community volunteers for monthly trash cleanups.

A Successful Search for Clean Waves and Sand

The research and outreach activities at the beach are modeled after past work at Bradford Beach. Bradford used to attract thousands of people in the early 1930s, but pollution and beach closures slowly made it a less-desirable place to swim. By the end of the century, Bradford was a desolate, wasted half-mile of sand in the heart of Milwaukee used by only a few diehard sunbathers and dog walkers.

McLellan's Sea Grant-funded research found that local stormwater discharges were a major source of fecal pollution for Bradford Beach. The county and MillerCoors provided a total of \$1.5 million and worked with local partners to improve the beach's water quality, including construction of a rain garden, a gulldeterrent program, removal of dead nuisance algae and improvements to amenities.

The project was a success and now thousands of visitors have returned to Bradford Beach, which has also earned a coveted national Blue Wave Beach designation from the Clean Beaches Coalition and has been termed one of the nation's top 10 freshwater beaches by USA Today in 2016.

With McLellan's findings and the continued work of local partners, it looks like South Shore Beach may be on the same path. Other project partners include Milwaukee County Parks, Friends of South Shore Park, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Office of the Great Lakes. Sandra McLellan's research is leading to changes. Buffer strips will be planted to separate the beach from paved surfaces, and an in-ground trench drain system on the boat launch will direct runoff away from the lake to a buffer strip basin. Additional plantings will help with other stormwater issues on the site.



Pounds of garbage picked up during beach cleanup events: 200



Wisconsin jobs created/retained: **5,071**

Materials in the Wisconsin Water Library:

30,000

Weather forecasts U.S. adults obtain each year: **300** billion

> Acres of restored Great Lakes coastal areas:

> > 61

By the Numbers

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Funding allocation 2014-16





People reached at science and learning events: **16,772**

Focus areas 2014-16



Wisconsin Sea Grant Mission and Vision Statements and Core Values

MISSION

Promote the sustainable use of Great Lakes resources through research, education and outreach.

VISION STATEMENT Thriving coastal ecosystems and communities.

CORE VALUES

Service, science-based, discovery to application, academically grounded, collaborative, inclusive of diversity, educational and visionary.



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Leadership

Sea Grant has a five-person leadership team, and also benefits from guidance offered by two external bodies. The Sea Grant Advisory Council is appointed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison chancellor, and the Sea Grant Committee on Outreach and Education was formed to provide additional input.

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Wisconsin fishing licenses issued annually: **1.51** million

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Undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students supported: **183**



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FELLOWS

Wisconsin Sea Grant is committed to fostering the next generation of water science leaders through support for fellowships. From 2014-16, a half-dozen inspiring young people participated in Sea Grant-supported fellowships.

Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellows

Shelby LaBuhn and Danielle Cloutier have been selected as fellowship finalists for 2017.

Caroline Mosley, 2015

Kristina Surfus, 2015

Catherine Simons, 2015

Sarah Wilkins, 2014

Great Lakes Commission Fellow Michael Polich, 2016

J. Philip Keillor Fellow Adam Bechle, 2016

NOAA Coastal Management Fellow Joe Dwyer, 2016

Partners and Collaborators

GOVERNMENTAL

AmeriCorps

Center for Great Lakes Literacy Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Executive Office of the President Federal Emergency Management Agency Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **Great Lakes Fishery Commission Ho-Chunk Nation** Illinois Coastal Management Program Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Illinois Natural History Survey Indiana Department of Natural Resources: Lake Michigan Coastal Program Julius Kühn-Institut, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants Lake Superior National Estuarine **Research Reserve** Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Michigan Department of Natural Resources Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Minnesota Pollution Control Agency National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office for Coastal Management

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Storms Program

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Sanctuaries

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Sea Grant Office

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Ocean Exploration and Research

National Park Service

New York State Department of **Environmental Conservation**

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Geological Survey

Wisconsin Historical Society

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Wisconsin Department of Tourism

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

Arizona State University Bowling Green State University Central Michigan University Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science Inc. Cooperative Educational Service Area 6 **Cornell University** East Carolina University Gustavus Adolphus College Iowa State University Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology Loyola University Chicago Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, an affiliate of the University of Chicago Marquette University Medical College of Wisconsin Michigan State University Milwaukee Public Schools Northwestern Michigan College Northland College Ohio State **Oregon State University** Pennsylvania State University

Purdue University St. Norbert College Stony Brook University, New York University of Connecticut University of Illinois University of Miami University of Michigan University of Minnesota Duluth University of Minnesota Twin Cities University of Notre Dame University of St. Thomas University of Texas University of Vermont University of Wisconsin-Extension University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University of Wisconsin-Madison University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Superior Uppsala University Yale University



Partnering and collaborating organizations: **240**



LOCAL, MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND TRIBAL



Volunteer hours: **4,139**

Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission	Metropolitan Water Reclamation
Bayfield, county	District of Greater Chicago
Brown, county	Milwaukee, city
Chicago, city	Milwaukee, county
City of Milwaukee Health Department	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
City of Racine Health Department	NEW Water
Public Health Madison & Dane County	Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Wisconsin
Door, county	Ozaukee, county
Douglas, county	Racine, city
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	Sheboygan, city
Fox-River Valley County Land	Sheboygan, county
Conservation Departments	South Milwaukee, city
Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance	Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	
Marinette, city	Vilas County Land and Conservation

BUSINESSES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1000 Friends of Wisconsin	Bayfield City Dock
Abbey Marina, Lake Geneva	Birchline Planning, LLC
AlgaXperts, LLC	Blue Iris Fish Farm, LLC
Alliance for the Great Lakes	Braise
AMI Consultants	Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit
American Boat and Yacht Council	Central States Water Environment
American Planning Association	Association - Wisconsin Section
Apostle Islands Sportfisherman's Association	Centro Hispano
AquaTerra Farms	Chequamegon Bay Area Partnership
Association of Public and Land-	Clean Bay Backers
Grant Universities	Clean Wisconsin
Association of State Floodplain Managers	Coolwater Farms, LLC
The Bass Federation	David and Julia Uihlein Charitable Foundation Inc.

Door County Maritime Museum **Ducks Unlimited Ecosystem-Based Management** Tools Network, NatureServe Egg Harbor Marina Escuela Verde Esri FarmedHere Foreguarter Fort Fremont Marine Fox Brothers Charter Service Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed Friends of South Shore Park Fund for Lake Michigan Gathering Waters Conservancy Gaslight Pointe Marina, Racine Great Lakes Commission Great Lakes Ecological Services, LLC Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society Great Lakes Shipwreck Research Foundation Great Lakes Observing System Greater Milwaukee Committee Groundwork Milwaukee Growing Power Inc. Harbor Centre Marina, Sheboygan Harbor Club Marina, Sturgeon Bay Henriksen Fisheries International Coastal Atlas Network Jerry's Dock & Shoreline, Shawano Kingdom Animalia Exotic Animal Rescue Lakeshore Culinary Institute

Lake Michigan Stakeholders Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership Lakeshore Towers Marina, Racine Living Adventure Inc. Madison Area Chefs Network Manitowoc Marina McKinley Marina, Milwaukee Metcalfe's Market **MillerCoors** Milwaukee Riverkeeper Inc. Milwaukee Talent Dividend National Association of Counties National States Geographic Information Council National Professional Anglers Association The Nature Conservancy Nestegg Marine, Marinette Northside Enterprises Northwest Passage Oconto County 4-H **Outpost Natural Foods** Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council Pikes Bay Marina Port of Duluth-Superior, Twin Ports Port Washington Marina Princess Marissa Sportfishing Racine Riverside Marina **Racine Yacht Club** River Alliance of Wisconsin **Riveredge Nature Center** Salmon Specialist Sportfishing Charters Seafood Center Seagull Marina Shorebirds Powered Parachute Club Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers



Average length of a trap net: **2,500** feet



SkipperBud's marinas South Bay Marina Southeast Michigan Council of Governments South Shore Yacht Club Southport Marina St. Croix Marina Superior and Douglas County Chamber of Commerce Superior Public Museums Susie Q Fish Co. Sweet Water, Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust Inc. ThedaCare Urban Ecology Center Urban Farm Project

Van's Catch Sport Fishing

Washburn Marina

The Water Council

West Shore Marine

Wildlife Forever Will Allen Farms, LLC Willy Street Co-op Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters Wisconsin Alumni Association Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Wisconsin Federation of Great Lakes Sport Fishing Clubs Wisconsin Green Industry Federation Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association Wisconsin Marina Association Wisconsin Maritime Museum Wisconsin Underwater Archaeology Association Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Wisconsin Wastewater Operators' Association Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve



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