

WILMINGTON, DE - Today, U.S. Senators Tom Carper, Chris Coons and Congressman John Carney (all D-DE) announced \$679,000 in federal funding for research of local marine and coastal habitats. The funding was made possible through the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's Delaware Sea Grant Program.

"Delaware's beaches are some of the state's most important assets, both economically and ecologically," the Delegation said. "This funding will provide educators with the necessary resources to conduct research that improves the health and wellbeing of our state's marine areas. Each year millions of tourists visit our beaches, generating much-needed revenue for Delaware and creating jobs for thousands in the area. Because of this, it's imperative that we continue to preserve the beauty and richness of our coastline."

Congress established the National Sea Grant College Program in 1966 to address major marine challenges facing America. In 1976, the University of Delaware was designated the nation's ninth Sea Grant College to, "promote the wise use, conservation, and management of marine and coastal resources through high-quality research, education, and outreach activities that benefit the public and the environment."

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