

# What is Michigan Sea Grant?



Michigan Sea Grant uses research, outreach, and education to protect the Great Lakes and ensure sustainable use of these critical resources. We fund research projects and graduate fellowships that investigate pressing challenges affecting coastal ecosystems and communities. We bring together regulators, scientists, policymakers, and community members to develop science-based solutions to environmental issues. We also help K-12 students and their educators connect with the Great Lakes through classroom activities, workshops, lectures, camps, and field trips.

The Great Lakes — Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, along with their connecting channels — form the largest surface freshwater system on earth. Michigan sits at the heart of that system, surrounded by four of the five lakes.

Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with offices in Lansing, Ann Arbor, and coastal communities around the state. We work with a network of partners at federal, state, local, and individual levels to achieve our goals.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Here are a few of the ways we're making a difference for the Great Lakes:



### REGIONAL FISHERY WORKSHOPS

Annual fishery workshops provide recreational anglers and commercial fisheries with regionally tailored information and community science opportunities.



### SEAFOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Seafood safety training workshops help fish processors learn best practices for handling and preparing seafood products.



### MI PADDLE STEWARDS

The MI Paddle Stewards program trains people who paddle through Michigan's inland and coastal waterways to identify, report, and manage aquatic invasive species.



### MICHIGAN CLEAN MARINA

The Michigan Clean Marina certification program helps marinas and boaters choose Great Lakes-friendly boating facilities and practices.



### STUDENT RESEARCH

Internships and fellowships support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing research and hands-on projects about the Great Lakes.



### SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE

Summer teacher trainings help educators engage K-12 students in place-based stewardship in their classrooms and communities.

# PART OF A BROAD NETWORK

Michigan Sea Grant is one of 34 federally funded Sea Grant programs located in coastal states around the country. We work closely with other NOAA-funded regional partners like the Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research, and more.

Our educators are part of Michigan State University Extension. They live in coastal communities and apply research, run educational activities, and unite stakeholder groups in communities across Michigan's coasts. Read about our educators' latest projects in our online Newsroom and *Upwellings* newsletter.

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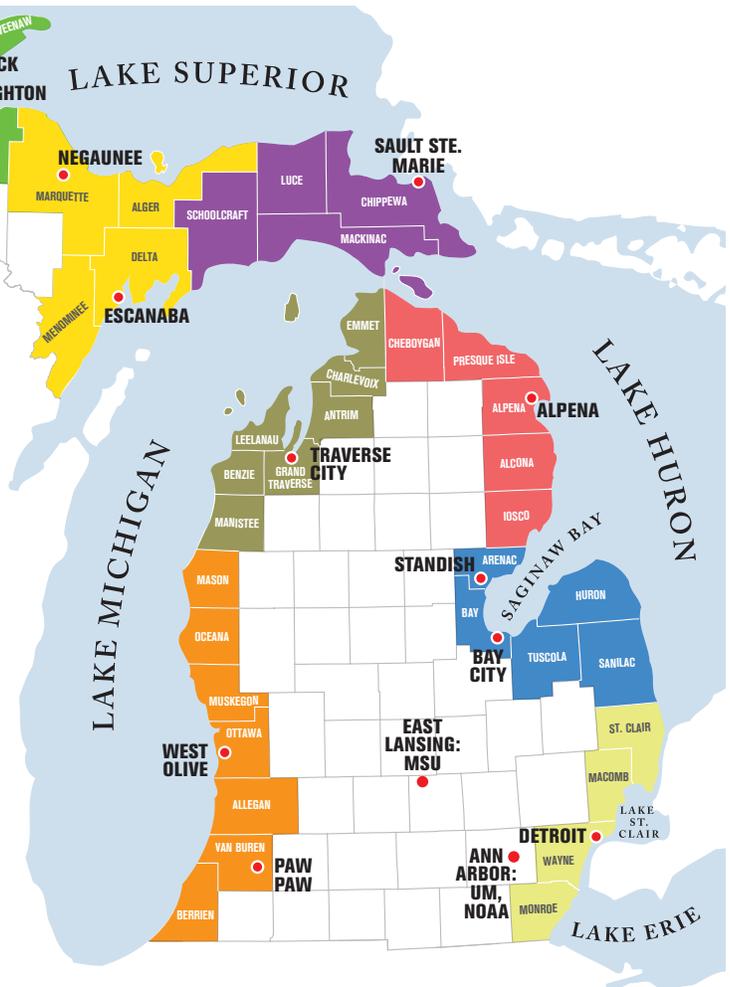
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