



Center for Ocean Solutions Summer Legal Internship Position

ABOUT THE CENTER: The Center for Ocean Solutions (COS), a collaboration of Stanford University (through Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment and Hopkins Marine Station), the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, is seeking a summer Legal Intern for a **ten-week position starting in May or June 2016**. The Center's mission is to solve major problems facing the ocean and prepare the leaders who take on these challenges. The Center's focal areas include the following:

- [Climate change and the oceans](#), including ocean acidification and climate change adaptation;
- [Ecosystem health](#) and ecosystem services, including comprehensive coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP);
- [Land-sea interactions](#), including land-based pollutant impacts on coastal water quality;
- [Graduate education](#), including the design of courses and skills trainings for Monterey Bay-area ocean-focused graduate students; and
- [Education and trainings](#) for policy makers and resource managers.

POSITION: The Legal Intern will work primarily on research and writing projects within the Center's ecosystem health, climate change, and land-sea interaction focal areas. Legal aspects of this work are likely to include environmental, public lands, administrative, and/or international law. Policy aspects of this work are likely to include monitoring and analysis of key state, federal, and international ocean governance and policy-making activities. Examples of recent Legal Intern projects include:

- Researching the state of law of cumulative impact assessment under federal and state statutes and international legal instruments;
- Analyzing the feasibility of using science-based indicators and thresholds in management within existing statutory and regulatory frameworks;
- Researching the impacts of relevant Executive Orders and their funding histories as points of comparison to an Executive Order on National Ocean Policy;
- Reviewing U.S. state and local climate change adaptation strategies to inform coastal decision makers in the Monterey Bay area;
- Drafting a legal memo on amending local non-conforming use policies in order to facilitate coastal sea level rise adaptation;

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- Assessing the interpretation of optimum yield in various natural resource areas to inform federal Fishery Management Council members' thinking about optimum yield under the Magnuson-Stevens Act;
- Reviewing California administrative laws to determine stakeholder engagement requirements for state fisheries managers;
- Researching regional and local groundwater management approaches in California;
- Identifying legal tools for addressing local causes of ocean acidification; and
- Researching legislative history of California environmental statutes.

The Legal Intern will be supervised by COS legal staff and will participate in team meetings and staff meetings. Additionally, interns will have the opportunity to work on interdisciplinary project teams with social and physical scientists and other interns, providing legal expertise while learning about the social and biophysical underpinnings of resource management decisions.

The Legal Intern will be given a workspace in one of our two COS offices—Stanford's main campus in Palo Alto, California (where most legal staff are housed) or Monterey, California. The Legal Intern will be expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours per week for a total of 10 weeks. Limited funding is available; applicants are strongly encouraged to seek funding assistance from their home institutions.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Legal Intern should be entering the second or third year of law school in fall 2016. Significant experience in legal research and writing through coursework or other employment is required and a demonstrated interest in environmental law and policy is a plus.

APPLICATION: Applications are due by **October 2, 2015**. Applicants should submit:

- A statement of interest (no more than 250 words);
- Resume;
- Two references; and
- A short writing sample (3-5 pages).

Applications and inquiries should be submitted electronically to the Center for Ocean Solutions at: summerlegalinternship@centerforoceansolutions.org.

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