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Marine Law Symposium

Start: Sep 19 2016 9:45 am
Date: Fri, 11/04/2016 - 8:30am
Location: RWU School of Law, Bristol, RI

Legal and Policy Approaches to Reduce Marine Debris in New England

Marine debris poses a serious threat to New England’s coastline. Every year, derelict fishing gear, plastic bottles, plastic bags, cigarettes, abandoned vessels, and other debris washes ashore in New England. This debris causes negative social, environmental, and economic impacts, such as decreased aesthetic value, harm to coastal ecosystem health, and damage to vessels and gear. These challenges create complex management problems for coastal managers and attorneys, who work to mitigate the creation of new debris and remove and manage debris that washes ashore.

This Symposium will discuss the adequacy of U.S. law and policy to prevent the creation of new marine debris and to remove debris once it is created. The first session will include keynote presentations on the science, law, and policy of marine debris. Speakers will then examine case studies from coastal New England states to consider how each state identified a marine debris problem, took steps to address it, and how the approach could serve as a model elsewhere. Finally, a panel of attorneys will lead a facilitated discussion to identify effective legal and policy strategies to prevent and manage marine debris in New England and to frame questions for future research.

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<td><strong>Keynote:</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dr. Sandra Whitehouse, Senior Policy Advisor, Ocean Conservancy</td>
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<td><strong>Keith Cialino</strong>&lt;br&gt;NOAA Marine Debris Program, Northeast Regional Coordinator</td>
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<td>12:00–1:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Carleen Lyden-Kluss</strong>&lt;br&gt;Co-Founder, Executive Director of the North America Marine Environment Protection Association (&quot;NAMEPA&quot;), and&lt;br&gt;<strong>Maggie Carey</strong>&lt;br&gt;Regulatory and Government Affairs Director, NAMEPA</td>
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<td><em>Current Legal Status of Marine Debris Threats</em></td>
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<td>Ms. Lyden-Kluss and Ms. Carey will present the adequacy of U.S. law to handle marine debris, and the role of the private sector, including the shipping industry, in reducing the disposal of harmful debris into the marine environment. They are presenting a paper co-authored by Joan Bondareff, Of Counsel, Blank Rome LLP.</td>
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Panel: Case Studies

*How New England States are Struggling with Marine Debris and Developing Effective Reduction/Management Strategies*

**Moderator:**
Read Porter  
Staff Attorney, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program

**New Hampshire**
Cheri Patterson  
Supervisor of Marine Programs, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department  
*New Hampshire Memorandum of Understanding to Allow Derelict Fishing Gear Removal*

**Rhode Island**
Dave McLaughlin  
Executive Director & Co-Founder, Clean Ocean Access  
*Marine Trash Skimmers in Perrotti Park, Newport*

Gary Powers  
Deputy Legal Counsel, Department of Environmental Management;  
Legal Counsel, Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstruction Removal Commission

**Massachusetts**
Brock Callen  
Executive Director, Sail Martha's Vineyard  
*Zero Waste Event Management Model*

**Connecticut**
Katharine Owens  
Associate Professor and Director, Environmental Studies Program, University of Hartford  
*From Shore to State House*
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A panel of experts will discuss future legal and policy changes to create reduced marine debris.  

**Moderator:**  
Dennis Nixon, Director and Attorney, Rhode Island Sea Grant

**Panelists:**  
James Rhodes, Program Director, UPSTREAM Policy institute  
Erin J. Bryant, Assistant Professor of Ocean and Coastal Policy, Sea Education Association  
Additional panelists to be added

| 5:15–5:30 PM | Wrap-Up                                                              |

**REGISTRATION**
A Symposium dinner will be held on Thursday, November 3 at Linden Place in Bristol. A reception will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow at 6:00 PM. Dinner tickets are $50 a person; student cost is $25 a person. You may sign up for the dinner at the Registration link above.

**FACULTY/STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Refunds for the Symposium or Symposium Dinner will be accepted in writing to lawevents@rwu.edu on or before Friday, October 28, 2016.

**CLE Credits**
This program has been approved for six (6) Rhode Island MCLE credits with zero legal ethics credits.
Directions

Signs for "Law School Event" will direct you to parking.
GPS Address: 10 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI

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