

Community-based coastal conservation

Spring 2026 Group Capstone

at UMaine's Darling Marine Center

Spend your spring semester at UMaine's marine lab, Darling Marine Center and complete your SMS capstone at the same time!

- Fieldwork, data analysis, collaborative literature-based research, and writing will occur on Friday afternoons, as well as on weekends and evenings between January and May 2026, depending on the tides.
- You'll gain skills in science communication and engaged research through interactions with other researchers and local decision makers, and the UMaine Student Symposium.



Participating students are required to (a) enroll in both the Spring 2026 SBS course in Coastal & Marine Conservation Science (SMS 491) and in 3 credits of SMS 400, and (b) be in residence at the DMC in Spring 2026.

Interested? By October 25, send Prof. Leslie an email (100 to 400 words) at heather.leslie@maine.edu with the subject, Spr25 SBS group capstone, that details

- why you are interested;
- confirms you are participating in Spring 2026 SBS and your anticipated graduation date; and
- confirms you are prepared to write, analyze data, and to conduct fieldwork in wet, muddy, and cold conditions throughout the semester.



Questions also are welcome!