

Paulo Maurin awarded Knauss Fellowship

Paulo Maurin, a University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program funded graduate student, was awarded a highly-competitive John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship to begin in early 2008. He will join an elite class of fellows who will convene in Washington, D.C., to work for one year on national and international policy related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources.

Maurin will be working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program, which is housed within the National Ocean Service. As an integral member of the headquarters staff, he will address a wide variety of coral reef management issues in areas as diverse as Hawaii, the Western Pacific Region, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Florida.

Maurin is pursuing a doctoral degree in communications and information sciences from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His dissertation research, titled "Information Exchanges among Hawaii's Marine Stakeholders," examines the interactions among stakeholder groups in three distinct locations throughout the state and how these groups partner with government officials to manage their local marine resources.

The Knauss Fellowship was established in 1979 and was named in honor of one of Sea Grant's founders, John A. Knauss.