**2015 Graduate Student Assistantship in Marine Science and Policy.**
**Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA, USA**

We are recruiting a graduate student with interest in a Ph.D. in marine science, with the possibility of conducting a joint degree in public policy. Our preference is for a candidate at the Ph.D. level, but for an exceptional candidate, we would entertain a student pursuing the master's degree.

Dr. Troy Hartley has appointments at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and the Thomas Jefferson Public Policy Program at the College of William & Mary, and his research focuses on coastal, marine and fisheries policy implementation, including the governance networks, collaborative research and processes, and stakeholder attitudes, opinions and perceptions underlying ecosystem-based fisheries management, co-management, and other forms of integrated planning and management. Our research lab conducts network analysis, attitudinal survey, case study research, and other policy studies. This assistantship is funded through a five-year National Science Foundation (NSF) award to assess attitudes toward science and uncertainty, social network evolution over time, and other behavioral incentives in participatory modeling on oyster management in the Chesapeake Bay.

Candidates need strong analytical and communication (oral and written) skills, initiative and ability to work on a team, and motivation to conduct research at the science-policy interface. Ideal candidate will have professional or academic public administration and policy research experience, e.g., survey methods, interviews, and quantitative and qualitative data analysis methods. Students should have interest in coastal and marine issues, although direct experience is not essential.

For further information please contact Dr. Troy Hartley, thartley@vims.edu. Please send letters of interest, CV with undergraduate GPAs and GRE scores, and unofficial copies of transcripts and put "Graduate Student Assistantship—NSF award" in the email subject line.