

**Legislative Host Information 2005  
Placement Week November 15-19, 2004**

Office Name: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Majority Staff

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	X
6-10	
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	X
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted? 1 at CG&MT Subcommittee (have hosted 6 fellows while a staff member in the Resources Committee)

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	
No	X

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**Office Overview**

***Brief Overview of Your Office's work:*** (Please limit to 150 words.)

The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation is one of six subcommittees of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Subcommittee oversees and authorizes the activities of the United States Coast Guard, including the Service's traditional missions as well as its homeland security responsibilities. The Subcommittee also has jurisdiction over numerous shipping and navigation laws, the prevention of aquatic invasive species introductions via ballast water (Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act), and oil spill prevention and restoration actions by the Coast Guard as authorized by the Oil Pollution Act.

The Chairman of the Full Committee is Rep. Don Young (R-AK), and the Chairman of the Subcommittee is Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (R-NJ).

**Assignment Description.**

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	X
1-3 days / month	
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

Strong written and verbal communication skills
Ability to handle various tasks simultaneously
Ability to work independently as well as within a group
Ability to filter information from a variety of sources into concise and complete summaries and recommendations

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

Rep. Don Young (R-AK)	Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Rep. Frank A. Lobiondo (R-NJ)	Other Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Members

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

The Fellow will work on all aspects of the legislative and oversight functions of an authorizing Committee, including developing and drafting legislation, preparing materials for hearings, and Committee and Floor consideration of legislation. The Fellow will be involved with all of the issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee and will gain an understanding of the variety and breadth of issues that relate to the Coast Guard and the maritime transportation industry. The Fellow will have the opportunity to work with Congressional offices, Federal agencies, industry and nongovernmental organizations on issues before the Subcommittee.

In 2004, the Subcommittee held hearings on the authorization of activities of the Coast Guard, port and cargo security, aquatic invasive species, ballast water management, the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and awareness of activities occurring within the maritime environment. Subcommittee staff, including the present Fellow, was heavily involved in the House-Senate Conference on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 that became law in August 2004. The Subcommittee anticipates moving legislation that would address ballast water management and a Coast Guard authorization bill early in 2005. The Fellow will be involved in the drafting, development, and consideration of these and other pieces of legislation.

The Subcommittee also makes reasonable efforts to support the Fellow's continuing academic responsibilities. Past Fellows have attended conferences, done field work and written journal articles.