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My internship at SEA could not have come at a more pivotal moment in my graduate career. I joined the team as a full-time research intern in the last semester of my Master's, having supported myself previous semesters through a combination of marine policy, conservation, and technology-related research assistantships. I came to the internship with the goal of learning more about the emergent offshore wind industry along the U.S. East Coast.

My primary task as an intern was to contribute articles to the weekly Eyes and Ears subscription newsletter. I was assigned articles relevant to my background interests, as well as unfamiliar topics, allowing me to quickly learn about a range of current issues in renewables. In addition to honing technical writing skills and adding to my portfolio of published articles, I developed Excel skills through a variety of research and data-related tasks.

I cannot speak more highly of my colleagues. Throughout the internship, everyone was kind, personable, and respectful of my other commitments as a graduate student. The team took an interest in my research outside of the company, which helped me realize connections between my other seemingly unrelated projects and the evolving renewable industry. The skills and connections I developed during this internship leave me equipped and eager to pursue a career at the intersection of renewables, marine policy, and conservation.