

February 2026



## Honoring Jada Samitt



Jada Samitt, a 22-year-old fishery observer sadly lost her life when the fishing vessel Lily Jean sank off the coast of Gloucester Massachusetts on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Women of Fisheries Board of Directors send our sincere condolences to Jada's family, friends, colleagues, and the observer community.

Click to read the [statement from her family](#) or [add your condolences](#).

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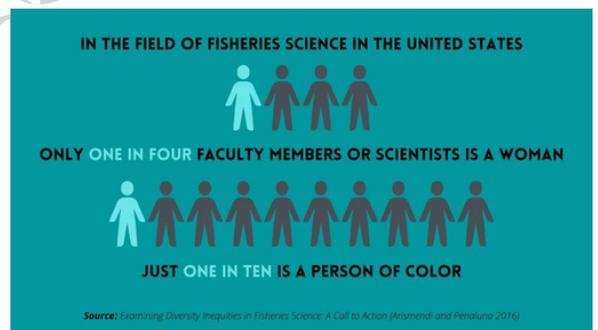
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## Be an Ally to Black Women in Fisheries Science

As Black History month comes to an end, we wanted to revisit our previous blog post on how to be an Ally for Black Women in Fisheries and highlights minority led organizations. Let's take action to amplify the voices and experiences of our black fish sisters, not just during Black History Month, but year round. After all, every person has something amazing to contribute to this world, and we would hate to miss out on any one person's incredible contributions because of a system that excluded them due to their gender, race, or sexual orientation.



Click [here](#) for the full article.



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# In February we ... Celebrated Black History month



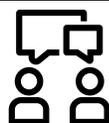
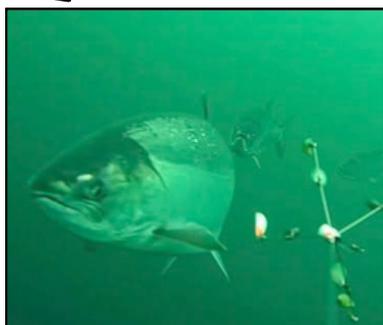
Minorities in Aquaculture | Imani Black | SFA Egerton Prize Winner  
<https://www.youtube.com/>



## Cheered for the International Day of Women & Girls in Science



## Shared our love language (fish pics)



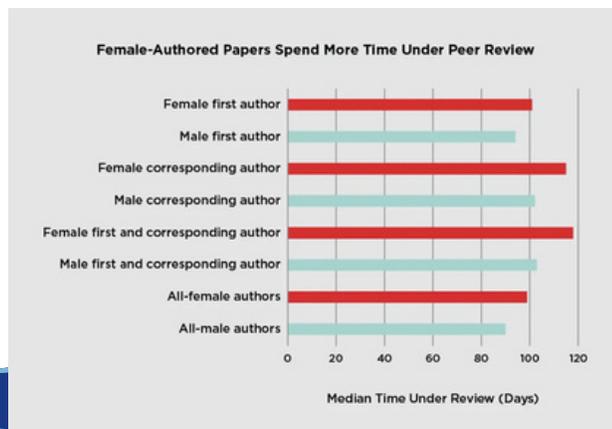
## And discussed our publishing experiences

NEWS

### Women's Research Papers Spend Longer Under Peer Review Than Men's

A study of millions of life science papers revealed that manuscripts with women in key authorship roles spent longer between submission and acceptance.

Read the full article at [The Scientist](#)



## Fishing for Opportunities: February



### Student Opportunities

Position: [Internships](#)  
Organization: MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Deadline: varies

Position: [PhD - Quantitative Fisheries](#)  
Organization: University of Florida  
Deadline: 03/15/26

Scholarship: [Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarship for Females in Fisheries](#)  
Organization: Bassmaster  
Deadline: 04/15/26

### Job Opportunities

Position: [Fisheries Data Analyst](#)  
Organization: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Deadline: 03/11/26

Position: [Marine Scientist Senior](#)  
Organization: VA Dept of Health - Shellfish  
Deadline: 03/15/26

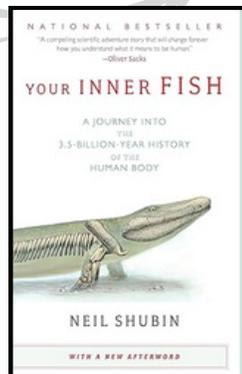
Position: [Fisheries Research Scientist](#)  
Organization: University of Southern Mississippi  
Deadline: 03/31/26

Position: [Fish Tagging Program Manager](#)  
Organization: American Littoral Society  
Deadline: 03/31/26

## Do you know someone who should be featured in a Fish Sister Profile or Research Highlight?

Nominate them now! Self nominations are also encouraged

[Nominate Today!](#) 



## Have you checked out the WoF Book Club?

Join us as we read and discuss "Your Inner Fish"

Discussion March 29<sup>th</sup> 8pm EST



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