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Goals

- To provide mechanisms for improved scientific exchange between coastal scientists and decision makers.
- To promote the incorporation of best-available scientific information into State and local resource management.

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Facilitating interactions between scientists & managers

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Meetings

Website (www.gcrc.uga.edu)

Synthesizing technical information

Environmental effects of docks and marinas

Oil spill physical oceanography summit

Offshore wind energy: considerations for Georgia

Conducting research

Watershed assessments

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Communicating results

Georgia Sound articles

Coastal advisory committee meetings and other venues

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Offshore Wind Energy: Considerations for Georgia

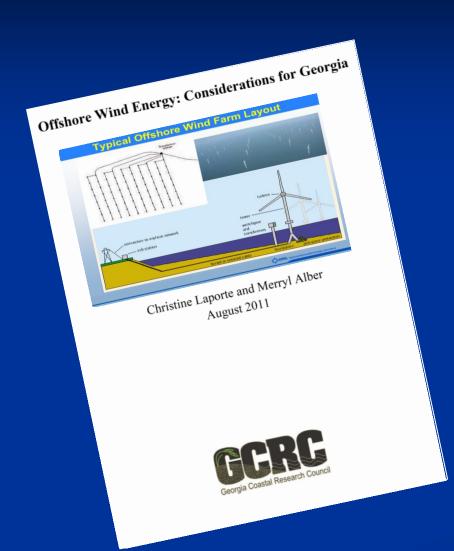


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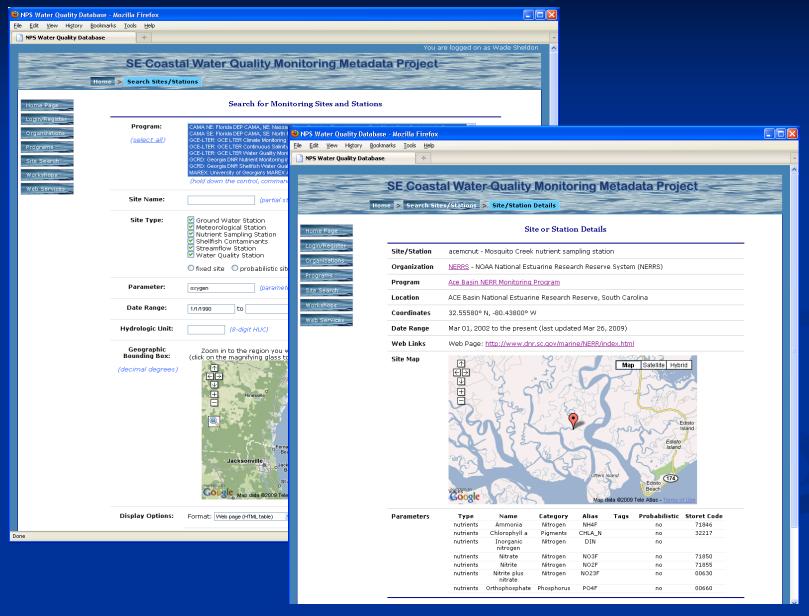


Goal:To develop a database and web portal of water quality monitoring program metadata

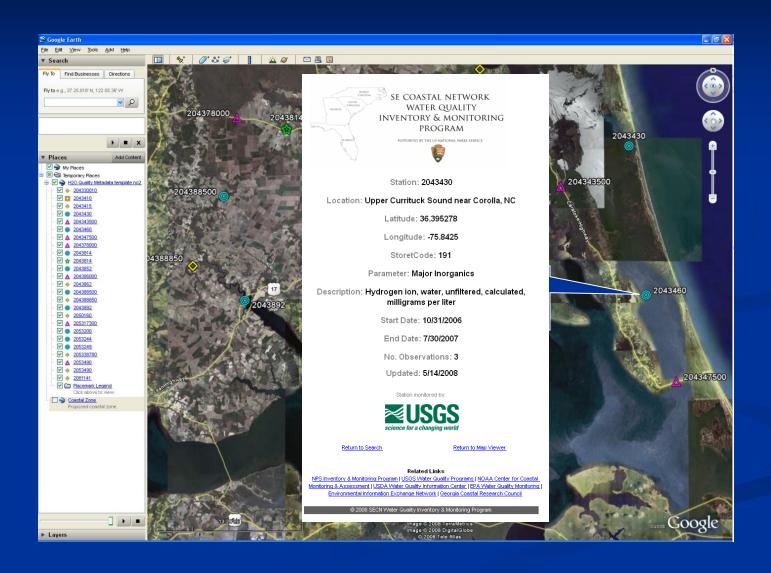
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41 monitoring programs with WQ data from 16,182 monitoring sites

Southeast Coastal Water Quality



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South Atlantic Regional Research Project



Goal: To develop a coordinated coastal research approach for the southeast region.

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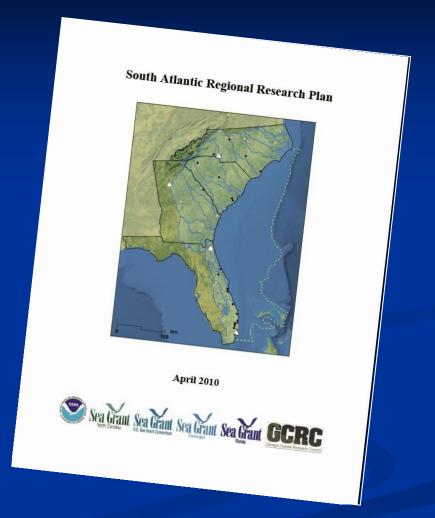






South Atlantic Regional Research Plan

Healthy Ecosystems
Working Waterfronts
Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters
Disaster-Resilient Communities



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GCRC Report Offshore Wind Energy: Considerations for Georgia

Funding Climate Adaptation FY 2012-2013 (NOAA-Sea Grant)

Environmental Chemical Sciences (NSF)

Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (NSF)

Physical Oceanography (NASA)

Water Sustainability and Climate (NSF)
Land Cover, Land Use Change (NASA)

Fellowship Early-Career Research Fellowships in Ocean Sciences (Sloan Foundation)

Conferences Societies, Estuaries and Coasts (CERF 2011)

Resources New Tool: Marine Mapping Applications

Ecosystem-Based Management Tools Network

Coastal & Estuarine Science News (Coastal and Estuarine Research

Federation)

Materials Available: Planning for Climate Change (NERRS)

Gulf of Mexico News (NOAA Ocean Service)

Documents of Interest America's Ocean Future (JOCI)

Climate Ready Estuaries Annual Progress Report (EPA)

Next Generation Strategic Plan (NOAA)

Working Waterways & Waterfronts Symposium

Adapting to Climate Change: A Planning Guide for State Coastal Managers

(NOAA)

Adapting to Climate Change: A Call for Federal Leadership (Policy paper from

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Watershed Linkages

- Study of Human Impacts on the Salinity Regimes of Coastal Georgia Estuaries
 Richard Wiegert, Merryl Alber, Alice Chalmers (Dept. of Marine Sciences, Univ. of Georgia) and Jackson O.
 Blanton (Skidaway Inst. of Oceanography)
- The Impact of Land Use Changes on the Salt Regimes of Georgia Estuaries
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We have compiled a list of research issues and information needs from individuals and organizations participating in GCRC activities over the last couple years. They are roughly organized into four categories --

- Fisheries
- Habitat
- Water and sediment quality/quantity
- Management and communications

Fisheries

- · Status of and trends in Georgia blue crab and shrimp fisheries
- Identification of spawning sites for recreationally important Sciaenids
- · Assessment of Georgia inshore and offshore artificial reefs as fish habitat
- Boating and fishing access needs and impacts assessment for coastal Georgia
- Identification of critical habitats for early life stages of Red Drum, Spotted Seatrout, Southern Kingfish, Sheepshead, and Southern Flounder
- · Life history and population dynamics of Tripletail in coastal Georgia
- Estimates of fishing and natural mortality for southern kingfish
- Acute and chronic mortality of adult red drum following catch-and-release in the recreational fishery
- Development of a coastal Georgia Fisheries Habitat Plan using GIS
- Current oyster acreage maps
- · Sources of funding for shellfish aquaculture development
- Characterization/quantification of impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and fisheries productivity
- Assessment/monitoring of manmade and natural reefs and associated communities
- Monitoring techniques/methodologies for Georgia's offshore, coastal, and estuarine reefs
- Sociological and economic evaluations associated with offshore/inshore artificial reef development, user groups, and trends
- Improvements in artificial reef technology (eg., designed units, siting, material configurations, etc.) to maximize the development of reef communities
- Life history investigations
- Improved fishery assessments, with increased/coordinated fishery-dependent and fishery-independent monitoring/surveys regionwide
- Bottom mapping on the continental shelf, mapping/modeling of circulation and effects of terrestrial and ocean climate/weather events on circulation patterns associated with fish spawning and recruitment on the shelf
- Marine protected areas
- · Cause of decline in blue crab stocks
- More complete knowledge of the early life history of exploited estuarine and marine fishes indigenous to coastal Georgia
- Definitive information on the habitat preferences of all life stages of exploited estuarine and marine fishes and invertebrates indigenous to coastal Georgia

