Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (SINERR)

Update/Highlights for 2022

Coastal Georgia Colloquium ‘22
Oct. 19/20, 2022

Douglas A. Samson, Ph.D.
SINERR Reserve Manager
Sapelo Island NERR is fully staffed!

Education Program
• Corinne Zelie - new Asst. Education Coordinator

Coastal Training Program (CTP)
• Brittany Dodge – new CTP Coordinator

Stewardship Program
• Colby Peffer – new Stewardship Coordinator

Sapelo DNR/SINERR (new joint position)
• Justin Alexander – Wildlife Tech 1 (reports to Fred Hay)
Research Program

- Ivanna Knox – new System Wide Monitoring Prog. Mngr
- Wil Atencio – new 2022-2024 Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellow (GA Southern, Dr. John Carroll)
- Estuarine Fish Monitoring Cooperative monthly trawls (UGA, UGAMI, GA Sea Grant Marine Ext., CCGA)
- researcher-led hosted projects underway on Sapelo
- collaborating with SE NERR’s on NSC Catalyst projects
- NERRS Science Collaborative Catalyst/Science Transfer RFP
NOAA NERRS national news:
• now 30 NERR’s – Connecticut designated in early 2022
• new Reserves being planned for Louisiana, Wisconsin
• $77M to NERRS, Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act
  • $100K/yr each Reserve, Capacity-Building (5 yrs)
  • ~$12M/yr Habitat Restoration, Land Acq. (competitive)
• $2.6B to NOAA under Inflation Reduction Act
  • $$ to NERRS, CZM, Sea Grant???
SINERR has a new logo!
Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve

VISION: To be valued as the essential resource for Georgians in managing, studying, and protecting estuarine ecosystems, partnering science with education to sustain and foster healthy and resilient coastal communities.

MISSION: To promote the protection, restoration, and sustainable management of the region’s estuarine and coastal ecosystems through integrated research, education, training and stewardship programs.

Thanks!