

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 Zelig - 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!