



COASTAL CONNECTIONS
A WEB CONFERENCING SERIES

Professional Spotlight

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- **Free-standing State Agency**

- Created 1978, Act No. 643
- Began operation 1980
- Certified by U.S. DOC

- **Functions**

- Scientific Research
- Extension and Outreach
- Education
- Communications
- "Facilitation"



Consortium Mission



“The South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium generates and provides *science-based information* to enhance the *practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources* that fosters a *sustainable economy and environment* for the state of South Carolina and its citizens.”



About me...

■ Education

- RCC (70-72)
- FDU (72-74)
- CCNY (77-79)
- URI (79-80)

■ Work

- LDGO (74-77)
- S.C. Sea Grant Consortium (80-20)
 - 40/20 “plan”

■ Highlights

- My tenure
- Testimony on the “Hill”
- Overcame Gubernatorial Vetoes
- Successful External Reviews
- Significant Stakeholder Support
- Strong institutional framework



Tips...

- Find a great mentor and don't let him/her go!
- Keep improving your communications skills
- Don't take everything at face value – “question authority”
- “Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible” – FZ
- When faced with an unexpected challenge, take a step back, think, and then take it on
- Better yet, be prepared for the worst, and the best will result
- Best asset you have around you are your people
- Network, network, network...
- Whatever you do, have fun at it!!





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