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Coastal Career Development Program

**Career Opportunities and
Professional Development Workshop**

November 16, 2021

Zoom Virtual Platform and MSU Student Union Rm 55

- 8:00 – 8:30am ET** **Access Zoom platform and prepare to launch workshop link for those at remote locations; settle those attending in person**
- 8:30 – 8:45am ET** **Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions**
- Tom Bigford (The Coastal Society and MSU Adjunct; NOAA and American Fisheries Society, retired)
 - Gary Roloff (MSU Fisheries and Wildlife)
 - Mary Tate Bremigan (MSU Fisheries and Wildlife)
 - Jen Owen (MSU Fisheries and Wildlife)
 - Marcella Domka (Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Organization)
- 8:45 – 10:00am ET** **Plenary Session #1: Shifting Landscape**
Moderator – TBD
- Gabrielle Corradino (Nat Geo Explorer, recently to Barnard College) – Career Shifts in the Coming Years: Thinking Outside the Box
 - Allison Besch (Duke University) – Begin With Your Career in Mind: Planning for Success
 - Tom Bigford (The Coastal Society; NOAA and American Fisheries Society, retired) – Scientific and Political Drivers of Your Career Options
 - Discussion



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10:00 – 10:30am ET Break and Optional Networking

10:30 – 11:45am ET Plenary Session #2: Careers Outside Academia

Moderator - TBD

- Jennifer Engels (Oregon State University) – Diversity, Career Options, and Recruitment
- Drue Winters (American Fisheries Society) and Keith Norris (The Wildlife Society) – Shifting Realities Translate into Different Opportunities for Professional Societies: ESA, NEPA, CWA, and More in the 2020s
- Brittany Schieler (Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography) – Science Careers Beyond Academia
- Discussion

11:45am – 12:45pm Lunch Break and Informal Networking

12:45 – 2:45pm ET Break-out Session #1 – Students will be divided into 3 groups and then they rotate among the 3 break-out group topics, spending 30 minutes with each.

Moderator – Tom Bigford

Lightning presentations (5 min for each speaker before we break into 3 groups)

- Break-out A: Leveraging mentors and networks to grow professionally and personally (Kim Hernandez Grubert, WSP Inc.)
- Break-out B: Scripting your elevator speech (Val Sloan, National Center for Atmospheric Research)
- Break-out C: How to ace your job interview, virtual or in-person (Amara Huddleston, NOAA Education)

Discussion

2:45 – 3:15pm ET Break and Optional Networking



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- 3:15 – 5:15pm ET** **Break-out Session #2 (same format as Break-out Session #1)**
Moderator – Tom Bigford
Lightning presentations
- Break-out D: Navigating USA Jobs for federal positions (Robin Peuser, NOAA Fisheries)
 - Break-out E: Contract positions with state and federal government agencies (Diego Perez-Segnini, ERT Corporation)
 - Break-out F: Seeking a healthy work-life balance (Abby Lynch, U.S. Geological Survey and Eric MacMillan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Discussion
- 5:15 – 5:30pm ET** **Closing Thoughts and Wrap Up**
Final comments and questions
Reminder to complete the post-workshop survey
How to connect with your mentor – a benefit of your attendance
Wrap up and thanks
- 6:00 – 7:00pm ET** **Social hour at location TBD (optional)**



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