



Priority Issues in Coastal North Carolina

A Forum by The Coastal Society

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- 9:00am **Coffee/Gather**
- 9:15am **Welcome**
- 9:30am **Keynote:** Dr. Braxton Davis - Director, NC Division of Coastal Management
- 9:40am **Plenary #1: Natural & Community Resilience**
- *The Collaboratory's Role in Research Partnerships and Coastal Marsh Protection* - Dr. Greer Arthur, Research Director - NC Policy Collaboratory (UNC-Chapel Hill)
 - *The North Carolina Resilient Communities Program* – Mackenzie Todd, Coastal Resiliency Coordinator, NCDRCM
 - *Locality Beach Management Planning* - Ryan Davenport, Shore Protection Manager - Carteret County
 - *Living Shoreline Implementation: Policy, Strategies, & Lessons Learned* - Todd Miller, Executive Director - NC Coastal Federation
 - Q&A
- 10:35am **5 min Break**
- 10:40am **Plenary #2: PFAS**
- *Overview of PFAS Testing Network at UNCW*- Rachylle Hart, Program Coordinator- UNCW Center for Marine Science
 - *Tackling PFAS: Is Treating the Water Enough?* - Dr. Pingping Meng, Assistant Professor – ECU Dept. of Chemistry
 - *PFAS Along the NC Coast & Community Concerns* - Riley Lewis, White Oak Waterkeeper with Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
 - *Update on Legal Foundation to Address PFAS in the Cape Fear* - Dana Sargent, Executive Director - Cape Fear River Watch
 - *What's Missing & Why That Matters*- Emily Donovan, Co-Founder - Clean Cape Fear
 - Q&A
- 11:45am **10 min Break/Transition to Breakout Sessions**
- 11:55am **Breakout Sessions for Resilience & PFAS (Attendees Pick 1)**
- 12:30pm **Networking Boxed Lunch/Student Poster Session**

- 2:00pm **Plenary #3: Marine Spatial Planning**
- *Offshore Wind Development: Progress & Outlook* - Karly Lohan, NC Program & Outreach Manager - Southeastern Wind Coalition
 - *N.C. Division of Coastal Management's Role in Offshore Wind* - Daniel Govoni, Federal Consistency Coordinator - NCDCCM
 - *Considerations for Offshore Sand Mining on the NC Coast* - Dr. Martin Posey, Professor of Biology & Marine Biology, UNCW
 - Q&A
- 2:55pm **10 min Break**
- 3:05pm **Breakout Session for Marine Spatial Planning**
- 3:40pm **5 min Break**
- 3:45pm **Announcement of Student Poster Competition Winners**
- 4:00pm **Closing Remarks** (Dr. Paul Ticco, TCS President)
- 4:10pm **Adjourn**
- 4:30pm **Networking HH – Wilmington Brewing Company**

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