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Coastal Ecologist contributing to resilience and environmental planning capacity across the Tampa Bay region. Providing technical assistance to local governments, including local mitigation strategy updates, vulnerability assessment information, connecting people with resources in collaboration to tackle interjurisdictional challenges. Enthusiastic about converting research data into actionable climate change impact mitigation.

EXPERIENCE

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Coastal Ecologist | Pinellas Park, FL

2023 – PRESENT

Support regional committees that facilitate discussion to address environmental issues. Proactively engages with member jurisdictions, seeking out opportunities to share resources including funding opportunities, contacts with related experience, and participation in beneficial working groups.

MS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Beach Contractor | Biloxi, MS

2016 – 2019

Collected of water samples and prepared data in compliance with EPA CALM procedure to support long-term monitoring of Mississippi Sound water quality

MRAG AMERICAS, INC

Fisheries Observer | Toms River, NJ

2014 – 2016

Supported NEFOP and assessed discard catch and incidental takes on board commercial bottom otter trawl, gillnet and clam dredge vessels.

EDUCATION

MASTERS OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIRGINIA TECH | Blacksburg, VA

DECEMBER 2022

Coursework concentrated on climate impacts to coastal communities, resilience, and risk management.

B.S. OF MARINE SCIENCE, Biology Concentration

ECKERD COLLEGE | St. Petersburg, FL

MAY 2014

Undergraduate thesis: *Calibration of Sr/Ca Ratios of the Massive Atlantic Coral *Siderastrea siderea* as a Proxy for Past Sea Surface Temperature.*

SKILLS

- Light programming including Python, HTML, Visual Basic
 - Adept in ESRI ArcGIS, Adobe InDesign
 - Systems thinking
 - Technical writing
 - Industrious and adaptable team member with field perspective
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