



Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement

October 2011 CWSEC E-News

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*****Submissions for the November 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at kfuss@coastal.edu by Oct. 31st *****

Announcements

Part-Time Environmental Education Assistant to Help with CWSEC Activities

The search has begun for a part-time environmental education assistant! This position will assist Karen Fuss, CWSEC Coordinator, with stormwater outreach, education and involvement activities. Please pass this information on to those who might be interested ([Click here](#) to see the link at CCU's Human Resources page). Closing date is October 14th.

Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 6:30 – 8 pm, Murrells Inlet 2020 Annual Chowder Talk, Inlet Affairs, Hwy 17 Business, Murrells Inlet

Complimentary chowder will be served at 6:30 pm. The Murrells Inlet update meeting begins at 7 pm with a review of the plans for the Jetty View project. The Jetty View project is a combination boardwalk and oyster tabby walkway and will start at the crab dock at Morse Park Landing and extend along the shoreline in front of the Hot Fish Club, Captain Poo's and Nance's Creekfront Restaurant. There will also be a short presentation on the current status and findings of the Inlet Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program, now in its third year. Call MI2020 at 357-2007 or [click here](#) for more information.

Monday, Oct. 24th, Abstract Deadline for The Coastal Society's 23rd International Conference in Miami, FL from June 3 – 6, 2012

The Coastal Society invites submissions for presentations, panels and posters that: provide information, knowledge, actions and activities relevant to solving contemporary coastal problems; integrate science, management, policy and decision-making; and present questions, ideas or case studies that encourage dialogue and the sharing of solutions. For further guidance on abstract submission, please visit the [abstract submission page](#).

Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 3 pm, CWSEC Educational Presentation, Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board Meeting, Multi-purpose Room D, Horry County Government and Justice Center, 2nd Ave, Conway

The core education providers have been asked by Horry County Stormwater department to give a presentation about the Consortium's educational efforts in the County at the October SWAB meeting. Providers will highlight activities in each of their specialty areas. An overview of the annual activity planning and reporting will also be presented. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dave Fuss at 843-915-6952.

Thursday, Oct. 27th, Free Webinar, EPA's Nonpoint Source Outreach Toolbox and Maine's Stormwater Awareness Initiative

To register for this EPA webinar, which will showcase EPA's Nonpoint Source Outreach Toolbox and a successful stormwater awareness initiative, ThinkBlueMaine, visit [EPA's Nonpoint Source Outreach Toolbox and Maine's Stormwater Awareness Initiative](#).

Resources

Don't Let Pollution Go Down the Drain! Carolina Clear Develops IDDE Business Cards

Carolina Clear has developed business cards with all the local stormwater hotline numbers to report illicit discharges. If you would like to get a stack of cards to distribute, please [click here](#) or call Chris Ramaglia at 843-365-6715 x125.

EPA Announces the Healthy Watersheds Initiative National Framework and Action Plan

The Healthy Watersheds Initiative (HWI) is intended to protect the nation's remaining healthy watersheds, prevent them from becoming impaired, and accelerate restoration successes. EPA will work with states and other partners to identify healthy watersheds at the state scale and develop and implement comprehensive state healthy watersheds strategies that set priorities for protection and inform priorities for restoration. The HWI National Framework and Action Plan is available at www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds.

Clever Way to Promote Picking Up Dog Waste

Puget Sound Starts Here and the Washington State Department of Ecology have designed a fun tool to help reduce stormwater pollution by encouraging dog owners to pick up their pet's waste. It's a video (definitely worth watching!) called [Dog Doogity](#) that was released on YouTube and has received more than 114,500 views. They are encouraging others to customize the video for their own communities. To learn more, visit www.scoopoop.org. CWSEC educators plan to encourage school groups to design similar videos.

Future Opportunities

Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 9 am – 3:30 pm, Community Rating System Course, Coastal Waccamaw Higher Education Center, Litchfield

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Coastal Training Program invites you to participate in a FREE, full-day course on the Community Rating System (CRS). The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program of the National Flood Insurance Program that recognizes and encourages communities to proactively reduce flood vulnerability and losses through such mechanisms as planning and design, construction and permitting, stormwater management, natural resource protection, public information and education, and flood preparedness. Come learn more about how local decision-making influences your community's flood insurance premiums and the actions you can take to minimize future flood losses. To learn more and register, visit <http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/events.html>.

Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 6:30 – 11 pm, Murrells Inlet 2020 Puttin on the Ritz Annual Autumn Gala, Inlet Square Mall

MI 2020 invites you to an Exquisite Taste of the Inlet featuring Inlet restaurants, open bar, music, dancing and a silent auction. Cost is \$100/person, black tie optional. Call MI2020 at 843-357-2007 or [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

December 5th – 6th, Southeast Tidal Creeks Summit, Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC

This meeting seeks to convene researchers, resource managers, regulators, conservation groups and other non-government organizations to share experiences, network with colleagues and become involved in shaping the future of tidal creeks in the Southeast. For more information, visit the summit web site at <http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/tidalcreeksummit/index.html>.

Past Events

Sept. 17th, North Myrtle Beach Beach Sweep/Creek Sweep

North Myrtle Beach had over 200 volunteers, with over 60 of them from the High School, help with the event. This was the most ever to help with a North Myrtle Beach cleanup. They also got great press coverage from local tv and newspapers.