



SOUTH CAROLINA SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM ~ BRIEF OVERVIEW ~

AUTHORITY

The South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (www.scseagrant.org), created in 1978 through Act No. 643, is charged with managing and administering the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program and similar programs for the state of South Carolina and regionally.

MISSION

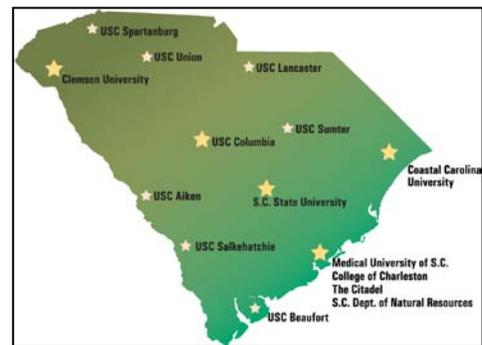
“Generate and apply science-based information on issues and opportunities to enhance the practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources to foster a sustainable economy and environment.”

APPROACH

The Consortium develops and supports balanced and integrated research, education, and extension programs for the state that provide for future economic opportunities, improve the social well-being of its citizens, and ensure wise use and development of its marine and coastal natural resources.

ORGANIZATION

- The Consortium is a nationally certified Sea Grant College Program under the auspices of the National Sea Grant College Program, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Consortium member institutions are Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina State University, The Citadel, and University of South Carolina.
- The Consortium Board of Directors consists of the CEOs of the Consortium’s member institutions. Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University, currently serves as the Consortium Board Chair.



PROGRAMMING

- The Consortium employs a number of stakeholder mechanisms to ensure that program efforts are relevant and timely, including a 30-member Program Advisory Board and program advisory committees for each of its five Sea Grant extension program areas.
- The Consortium focuses its programmatic efforts on addressing critical issues and opportunities in five areas: the coastal and ocean landscape, sustainable coastal development and economy, hazard resilience in coastal communities, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and scientific literacy and workforce development. The Consortium’s new 2014-17 strategic and implementation plan, titled *The Changing Face of Coastal South Carolina: Enhancing Understanding – Informing Decision-making*, may be found at http://www.scseagrant.org/pdf_files/SCSGC-Strat-Plan-2014-2017.pdf.
- The Consortium’s most recent issue of its award-winning magazine, *Coastal Heritage*, can be found at http://www.scseagrant.org/pdf_files/Coastal-Heritage-fall-2013.pdf, and a recent version of its e-newsletter, *CoastalScience@Work*, can be found at <http://www.scseagrant.org/content/?cid=687>.



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