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Research Fishery Biologist

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Education

-Nova Southeastern University-Oceanographic Center
Joint Master's of Science-Candidate, Marine Biology and Coastal Zone Management
-Nova Southeastern University - Bachelors of Science in Ocean Studies

Relevant Employment

National Marine Fisheries Service/ Southeast Fisheries Science Center

Research Fishery Biologist- Protected Resources and Biodiversity Division- Sea Turtle Team. October 2002- present.

Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS)

University of Miami/ NOAA Research Associate/ Assistant

-April 2000- Oct 2002 Protected Resources and Biodiversity Division- Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN).
-Feb. 1999 to April 2000 NOAA Fisheries-Office of Sustainable Fisheries- Statistics (Logbook Program).

U.S. Department of Commerce/National Marine Fisheries Service

Biological Science Technician December 1998-March 1999

Marine Turtle Tagging Coordinator for the Cooperative Marine Turtle Tagging Program.

Marine Turtle Specialist: 1994-1998

Nova Southeastern University- Oceanographic Center

Conducted nesting surveys, hatchling orientation surveys, stranding/salvage activities, necropsies, and presented at public gatherings and schools. Trained new permit holders.

Graduate Research Assistant, NSU- Oceanographic Center. Port Everglades Monitoring Project and Broward County, Dept. of Natural Resources Protection's North Fork of the New River Benthic Macroinvertebrate Recruitment Study.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, NSU- Oceanographic Center. Graduate Wetland Ecology and Dry Coastal Ecosystems courses

Research Cruises

-R/V Gordon Gunter- Marine Mammal Observer, Spring (SEAMAP) Ichthyoplankton and Cetacean Survey Leg 1 (4/16- 5/22/2001) GU-01-02

-R/V Gordon Gunter- Marine Mammal Observer, NOAA Ichthyoplankton Spring cruise- Leg 1 (4/18- 5/8, 2000) GU-00-02 (7)

-R/V Gordon Gunter- NOAA Marine Mammal/Ichthyoplankton Fall cruise. Sept. 1999.

-R/V Edwin Link - Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. Research Cruise- Deep-sea submersible cruise on Johnson-Sea-Link, Bahamas- Echinoderm study, Oct. 1998.

Additional Field Work with NMFS- Miami

-Field work at Kemp's ridley sea turtle nesting beach, Rancho Nuevo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

-Assist with monitoring marine animals and vessel activity in the Florida Keys aboard U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter.

-Assist with juvenile Jewfish (*Epinephelus itajara*) habitat characterization and quantification.

-Assist with Florida Bay Photo-Id study of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*).

-Assisted coordinators with mass stranding event of short-finned pilot whales

-Assist with marine mammal necropsies, multiple species.

Other Experience

-Construction of concrete artificial reefs

-Wetland maintenance

-Seagrass surveys

Technical Memoranda

National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Fisheries Science Center. 2001. Stock assessments of loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles and an assessment of the impact of the pelagic longline fishery on the loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles of the Western North Atlantic. U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFSC-455, 343pp.

Woodhead, A. and L. Csuzdi. 2000. Southeast Fisheries Science Center Marine Turtle Tagging Program: Tagging Data Management. In Kalb, H.J. and T. Wibbels, compilers. Proceedings of the 19th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. U.S. Dept. Commerce. NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-SEFSC-443.

Teas, W. and L. Belskis. *in press*. How counting dead turtles can help save live ones. Proceedings of the 23rd Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. March 17- 21, 2003 U.S. Dept. Commerce. NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-SEFSC.

Conferences Attended

- 16th thru 22nd Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation

- Florida Association of Environmental Professionals "Reaching for the 21 Century"

Internship

Broward County Department of Natural Resource Protection-Water Resources Division.

Computer Skills

Microsoft Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Access, Corel WordPerfect, Dbase, Foxpro, ESRI ARCGIS

Personal Interests\ Certifications

PADI Advanced, Enriched Air (NITROX), PADI Rescue Diver

CPR and First Aid

Emergency O₂ training

Small boat safety, handling and navigation

S.C.U.B.A. diving, camping, kayaking, TRAVEL