

**Marine Biology 650:  
Seminar in Marine Biology:  
Marine Policy and Conservation  
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**Class Meets:** MRRI 145, Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

**Office Hours:** By appointment.

**Text:**

No text. Important references will be E-mailed to the class.

**Description:**

An introduction to current issues in marine policy and conservation. This class will consist of a series of presentations by experts in the field, followed by a class discussion on the topic at hand. The structure of the classes will vary and may include panel discussions, class discussions, and debates. Although covered topics and principles are widely applicable, emphasis will be on issues relevant to the US, and in particular the SE region.

**Goals:**

Become familiar with various current marine policy and conservation issues in the SE region.

Learn about, discuss, analyze, and report on various aspects of marine policy and conservation, such as issues involving research, management, policy making, stakeholder interests, and political processes.

**Requirements:**

Prepare for and attend class. Actively participate in discussions and debates. Prepare and submit written analyses on selected topics discussed in class. Attend at least one relevant public hearing or meeting and write a critical analysis of this meeting. Students will present an oral presentation on a topic specifically related to the one or more of the issues discussed in class. Reports, presentation topics, and a schedule of appropriate public meetings will be discussed in class.

**Resources:**

Reading materials will be distributed by e-mail or as hand-outs in class as needed.

**Evaluation:**

Class participation	50%
Written reports	30%
Oral presentation	20%

**Course Schedule:**

Speakers and topics for the classes will be announced as soon as they become available. Students are encouraged to suggest both topics and presenters.

**Tentative class schedule (speakers and topics TBA):**

1.	January	13	Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart Course Introduction	M/T
2.	January	20	Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart (SCDNR) Introduction to MP&C	M/T
3.	January	27	Pete Kingsley-Smith (SCDNR) Invasive species	M
4.	February	3	Mary Conley (The Nature Conservancy) TNCand MP&C	T
5.	February	10	Scott Harris (CofC) Shoreline and coastal development	T
6.	February	17	Tyler Hassig (CofC) MPAs in Philippines	T
7.	February	24	Lora Clark (PEW Charitable Trust) PEW and Mar.Pol.& Cons.	M
8.	March	2	Anna Toline (National Park Service) NPS MP&C activities in the SE	T
	March	<b>9</b>	<b>No class, fall break</b>	
9.	March	16	George Sedberry (National Marine Sanctuaries) Marine Protected Areas	T
10.	March	23	John Carmichael (SAFMC staff) The SEDAR stock assessment process	S/M
11.	March	30	Brian Chevront (SAFMC staff) Black sea bass fishery and right whale protection	M
12.	April	6	Amy Fowler (SCDNR) Horse shoe crab biology, fishery, and conservation	T/M
13.	April	13	(Student presentations)	M+T
14.	April	20	(Student presentations)	M+T