



Rick O'Connor

Florida Sea Grant Agent

850-475-5230

roc1@ufl.edu

3740 Stefani Road

Cantonment, FL 32533



Educational Program Focus

- **Restoring Estuarine Health**

Provide education programs and publications on the health of the Pensacola-Perdido Bay systems and how the community can help improve. This would include living shorelines, septic-sewer maintenance, and participating in citizen science monitoring.

- **Citizen Science Monitoring Training**

Provides trainings for volunteers to monitor water quality, habitat, selected fish and wildlife species.

- **Management of Invasive Species**

Provide education on which invasive species are problems in the bay area, how to identify, report, and manage them.

- **Marine Industry Workforce Development**

Provide professional development programs for the aquaculture, boating, tourism, and seafood industries.

- **Marine Science Literacy**

Provide education programs for adults and youth to increase marine science literacy.

Work Experience

- 2012 – present Escambia County Sea Grant / Marine Extension Agent II
- 1984 – 2012 Escambia County Teacher and Adjunct – Marine & Environmental Science

Education

- 1991 Master of Science Science Education University of Southern Mississippi
- 1983 Bachelor of Science Marine Biology Troy University