

Joins CSI



DR. BILLY EDGE will lead the University of North Carolina Coastal Studies Institute's sustainable engineering in coastal environments program and serve as a professor in the civil construction and environmental engineering department at North Carolina State University. (UNC-CSI photo)

CSI gets expert in coast environment

The newest member of the University of North Carolina Coastal Studies Institute, Dr. Billy Edge, has accepted a dual appointment as the head of the institute's sustainable engineering in coastal environments program and as a professor in the civil construction and environmental engineering department at North Carolina State University.

With the appointment of Edge, the Coastal Studies Institute is gaining decades of experience in coastal engineering both in academic and consulting situations.

Edge has conducted extensive research in dynamic coastal processes, marine pollution control, coastal structures, sediment transport, mathematical modeling of natural systems and estuarine analysis. As part of Texas A&M University team, he assisted in Galveston after Hurricane Ike, New Orleans after Katrina and has spent many years working with coastal engineering issues along the South Atlantic and Texas coasts. He has authored more than 150 publications and has presented at numerous national and international conferences.

Edge is excited to bring these diverse experiences to the shores of North Carolina where he was

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raised. At the Coastal Studies Institute, Edge will investigate the effect of sea level rise on long-term construction, the sustainability of infrastructure within coastal environments and long-term implications of sea level rise on the state's coast line through applied research in response to community needs.