

Web Update

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Describe your role in the project?

NOAA Hydrographer. I have over ten years experience conducting NOAA Hydrographic Surveys using multibeam systems. I can make sure the Biogeography Branch's project goals are met as well as ensuring the data is ready for a host of other users, most notably for producing nautical charting products in support of safe navigation.

How did you start working with NOAA or other background info?

I originally started working with NOAA as a fisheries observer in Alaska; the Bering Sea in winter and that sort of thing. Then, with all intentions to stay on the biological side of NOAA, I took a job offer as a NOAA Physical Scientist and stuck with it and enjoy the work. I really enjoy being involved in this project because I get an opportunity to again study life in the sea.

How/why did you get involved in marine science?

I had a lot of exposure to the sea during childhood, thus gaining a great respect and interest in the oceans and all that's in them and about them. Or, I guess you could say it was in my blood...

What do you like most about being out at sea?

Being away from land for awhile!

If you were a reef-associated animal, what would you be and why?

A Sea Turtle of course! They've got style...!

What do you like most about your job?

The discovery of scuba diving on something we've found during hydrographic surveying. It may be a ship wreck, a rock, a reef, or a cool feature that "maybe" not a soul has seen before.

What would you like readers to know about you?

I'm a genuine Irishman! "Erin-go-Bragh!"



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