

Resource Manager *Canaveral National Seashore*

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Outside of work I enjoy traveling, scuba diving, renovating my new house, going to the beach, canoeing, and seeing my family as much as possible. I am from Omaha, Nebraska and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Nebraska (yes, I am still a die-hard Huskers fan). In college, my love for sea turtles landed me an internship with the Student Conservation Association for two summers at Cape Lookout National Seashore where I lived and worked on an isolated island where my days were filled with sea turtle and shorebird surveys. I moved down to Florida in 2001 to attend graduate school at Florida Tech and study marine biology. My employment experience includes several years of working in a cellular biology laboratory, several years working for St. John's River Water Mgmt District conducting seagrass and water quality monitoring, mangrove planting and exotic plant eradication for Marine Resources Council, and six years as a seasonal biological technician at Canaveral National Seashore. I began a career with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 2009 as the biologist for four very different Refuges. Three years ago I was promoted to the manager of Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge.

Canaveral National Seashore has always captivated and held a special place in my heart. This new position will be just like going "home" for me. The experiences I have gained and the people I have worked with have taught me so much and have provided me the tools to step into this important role with the Park. I am very honored and excited to part of such a beautiful and special place.