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Paul Mickle, Ph.D., named Chief Scientific Officer for DMR

BILOXI, Miss. – Paul F. Mickle, Ph.D., has been named the chief scientific officer for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Executive Director Jamie Miller announced Thursday.

Mickle currently serves as deputy director of the Finfish Bureau in the Office of Marine Fisheries. He takes over as CSO on Monday, April 3.

“Dr. Mickle has worked in our Office of Marine Fisheries since 2014 and has proven to be an exceptional scientist and communicator,” Miller said. “I believe his education and experience will serve the agency well as he takes on this new role.”

Mickle received his bachelor’s degree in environmental science from the University of Florida. He earned his master’s degree in biology and his doctoral degree in biology with an emphasis in fish ecology from the University of Southern Mississippi. Mickle was a post-doctoral fellow at USM’s Gulf Coast Research Lab.

He began working at DMR in September 2014. Currently he teaches at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and serves on graduate committees at Southern Miss.

“My passion is having a positive impact on sustainability and still allowing access to the resource,” Mickle said. “I look forward to being in a position where I will have a larger role in coastal restoration, fisheries management and preserving coastal habitats. I believe being the chief scientific officer allows me to do that.”

Mickle lives in Gulfport with his wife, Lindsey, and their 5-year-old son Tanner.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

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