



Riverspeak Summer 2015

Note from the Riverkeeper

From Emma Gerald Boyer:

Hello River-lovers!

I would like to introduce myself as the new Waccamaw Riverkeeper with Winyah Rivers Foundation!

I am succeeding Paula Reidhaar who led the organization from



January 2014 through May 2015. Paula has accepted a position in Beaufort, NC to be close to her fiancé. We wish her all the best and thank her for her service as Riverkeeper.

Former Riverkeeper, Christine Ellis, remains an employee of Winyah Rivers Foundation in a part-time capacity working primarily on issues in the North Carolina portion of the the greater Winyah Bay watershed and is assisting with my transition.

I graduated from George Mason University with a Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Policy in December 2014. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Biology from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 2005. Between my Bachelor's and Master's degrees, I participated in various coastal and wetland related research and education projects here in South Carolina, in the Gulf of Mexico (on the Mississippi Canyon oil spill), in the Southwest, and in the greater Washington D.C. area.

This past winter my husband and I bought a house in Georgetown. We are so glad to be settling back in the Carolina's. We spend our free time fixing up our fixer-upper and enjoy being outdoors with our pound puppy.

As a South Carolina native, the roots of my conviction for the



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environment lie here in the lowcountry. This opportunity is allowing me to achieve a life-long goal of working on and for my home. My enthusiasm for research, education, and community involvement all come into play as I step into this role.

I am honored to take on the role as Waccamaw Riverkeeper and look forward to working with everyone here at Winyah Rivers Foundation, our partners, and within and for this wonderful community for such an important cause.

I'd love to hear from you.

Call me (843-349-4007) or e-mail (Riverkeeper@winyahrivers.org).