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State Coastal Reserve education coordinator wins EENC Environmental Educator of the Year

RALEIGH – Lori Davis, education coordinator for the N.C. Division of Coastal Management’s National Estuarine Reserve and Coastal Reserve Program, has received the 2013 Environmental Educator of the Year Award from the Environmental Educators of North Carolina.

Davis was recognized for her work with students and teachers through educational and outreach activities that advance coastal environmental literacy and encourage students and the public to practice environmental stewardship. An awards ceremony was held Saturday at EENC’s Annual Conference at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville.

“The Division of Coastal Management is so proud and excited that Lori is receiving this award,” said Braxton Davis, director of the state Division of Coastal Management. “We already know she is one of the best educators in her field, and it’s great to see that her dedication and outstanding programs are recognized by the environmental education community.”

During the past 13 years, Davis has taught and inspired students of all ages about the natural history and cultural heritage on the North Carolina coast.

As a state certified environmental educator, Davis interacts with more than 400 school children each year through field trips to the Rachel Carson Reserve in Beaufort, N.C. She also conducts teacher workshops highlighting coastal reserve programs, develops standards-based curriculum for teachers to use in their classrooms, and conducts free environmental education programs for students, teachers and the public.

Davis was nominated for the award by several of her environmental education colleagues, along with teachers from schools she works with each year. The award recognizes environmental educators for their valuable contributions to environmental literacy, environmental education, and the environmental well-being of North Carolina.

***Photo cutline:** Lori Davis received the 2013 Environmental Educator of the Year award during a Sept. 14 ceremony at the EENC annual conference in Asheville.*

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