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## **ECU Geologist to Talk About Future of Coast**

WILMINGTON -- Stanley Riggs, a coastal geologist and researcher at East Carolina University, will talk about his most recent book, *The Battle for North Carolina's Coast*, on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Northeast Regional Library on Military Cutoff Road in Wilmington.

The free event is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Cape Fear Audubon and Friends of the New Hanover County Public Library. Books will be available for purchase by a local bookseller and the author will sign copies.

Riggs will cover the present crisis and vision for the future of our 325-mile-long string of islands that forms the coast of North Carolina. He describes these barrier islands as highly mobile piles of sand that are affected by sea-level rise and major storms and hurricanes.

His view, derived from 40 years of studying the N.C. coast, is that current development and management policies conflict directly with the natural dynamics of the coast.