Why we strive to communicate with the public, putting advocacy to work.

To protect Georgia’s coast – including our waters, wildlife, beaches, and marshlands – we believe it is important to communicate with Georgians in building public awareness about coastal challenges and needed corrective actions. Our statements frequently cite authoritative, factual information that is too seldom found in general media. Motivating and informing citizens is critical to empowering our democracy to improve the future. Accordingly, Center staff and board members work diligently in preparing these materials submitted to newspapers and online media outlets. We deem this essential to the Center’s mission.

Commentary on Coastal Issues Published in 2022

1. Action needed on climate change, Savannah Morning News, January
2. Resolving to serve the common good in 2022, Coastal Courier and Jesup Press-Sentinel, January/February
3. Spaceport Camden is wishful thinking, wasteful speculation, The Brunswick News, January
4. Carbon capture distinctions are critical, Coastal Courier and The Brunswick News, February
5. Environmental groups challenge Sea Island, Coastal Courier, February
6. Making Perdue university chancellor is irresponsible, The Savannahian, February
7. Why a bill expediting private ownership of Georgia’s salt marsh is a bad idea, The Savannahian, March
8. Superfund sites worsened by climate change, The Brunswick News, March
9. Growth limits must be honored, Coastal Courier, April
10. Coastal DNR report is dangerously misleading, The Brunswick News and Coastal Courier, May

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2. Economic policies jeopardize our future, Savannah Morning News, January
3. Camden Spaceport project must not receive DNR’s “Coastal Consistency Certification, The Savannahian, January
4. Toward a sustainable, just economy, Coastal Courier, Jesup Press-Sentinel, February
5. Tell legislators to vote no on HB150, SB102, The Brunswick News, February
6. Why Senate Bill 102 should be opposed, Atlanta Journal Constitution, February
7. Georgia Senate bill blocks clean energy, Jesup Press-Sentinel, March
8. SPLOST should be used to combat sea-rise, The Brunswick News, March
9. Georgia voters must demand legislative accountability, Coastal Courier, March
10. Time to embrace responsible climate initiatives, Savannah Morning News, March
11. State legislators again protect corporate interests, Savannah Morning News, April
12. Earth Day must become Truth Day, Like the Dew, Jesup Press-Sentinel, April
13. Voting is essential to action on climate issues, The Savannah Morning News, April
14. The crux of our climate predicament, The Brunswick News, May
15. Crucial need for honesty in energy policies, The Brunswick News, Coastal Courier, June
16. Redefining prosperity and how to achieve it, Jesup Press-Sentinel, June
17. Wood-pellet industry worsens climate change, Savannah Morning News, June
18. FAA environmental review of spaceport flawed by promotional bias, St. Marys Tribune-Georgian, June
19. Acknowledging the “truth” of climate change, Savannah Morning News, July
20. Corporate opportunists must be held accountable, Savannah Morning News, August
21. Causes of the climate crisis must be addressed, The Brunswick News, August
22. Policy reforms vital to timely climate action, The Brunswick News, September
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23. Transforming anxieties into effective political action, Savannah Morning News, September
24. Public agencies assist in degrading a treasured scenic corridor, The Islander, September
25. Tail wagging dog on Jekyll master plan, public concern growing, The Islander, October
26. Jekyll Island Master Plan update must be revised, Coastal Courier, The Brunswick News, October
27. Jekyll Island park plan update must be revised, Atlanta Journal Constitution, October
28. Demand Justice, Coastal Courier, October
29. Addressing climate change an urgent priority, Savannah Morning News, November
30. Examining a convergence of moral imperatives, Coastal Courier, November

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1. Coal ash legislation must protect communities, Savannah Morning News and Coastal Courier, January
2. Delusions and downsides of so-called free markets, Jesup Press Sentinel, The Brunswick News, February
3. Disappointed in state rep’s op-ed, Savannah Morning News, February
4. Claims unfounded, democracy impaired, Savannah Morning News, February
5. Time to speak out against 50 years of pollution, The Brunswick News and Jesup Press Sentinel, March
6. Center challenges oil lobbyist, Savannah Morning News, March
7. Lessons to be learned from COVID-19, The Brunswick News, April
8. COVID-19 offers lesson on global crises, Savannah Morning News, April
9. Business as usual won’t work anymore, Coastal Courier, April
10. Accelerating change threatens our future, Jesup Press Sentinel, April
13. Hostilities jeopardize our future, The Augusta Chronicle, June
14. Prejudicial policies, reforms on horizon, The Brunswick News, June
17. A crucial time for comprehensive reforms, Savannah Morning News, Brunswick News, Coastal Courier, August
18. Climate is still a priority, Connect Savannah, Coastal Courier, Like the Dew, September
19. Partial offshore drilling moratorium is a misleading distraction, The Brunswick News, Jesup Press Sentinel, September
20. The vital importance of truth, The Brunswick News, Coastal Courier, Savannah Morning News, October
21. Circumstances justify bold energy reforms, The Brunswick News, October
22. A call to action for the challenge ahead, The Brunswick News, Coastal Courier, November
23. Reflections on America’s future, Like the Dew, December
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2. Don’t dismantle U.S. water safeguards, Coastal Courier, January
3. We keep ignoring science – and the environment pays the price, Florida Times-Union, January
4. Misconceived policies harm national interest, Augusta Chronicle, February
5. House Bill would protect Georgia’s coast, Savannah Morning News, February
6. Green energy goals and biomass, Coastal Courier, February
8. Beware the politics of stealth, Coastal Courier and The Brunswick News, March
9. Proposed legislation weakens vital shorefront protections, Savannah Morning News and Coastal Courier, March
10. Inept opportunism harms national interest, Connect Savannah, April
11. Georgians deserve better on shoreline protections, Savannah Morning News, April
12. Green New Deal justifiably omits nuclear power, Coastal Courier, Augusta Chronicle, Savannah Morning News, and Florida Times-Union, April
13. Prevention of climate-change damage is subverted by calculated misinformation, Like the Dew, April
14. Move to clean energy before it’s too late, Savannah Morning News, May
15. Sensors can only inform, not impact decisions, Savannah Morning News, May
16. Report underscores threats the world is facing, The Brunswick News, May
17. Extinctions predict dire future: Reforms urgently needed, Coastal Courier, May
18. Corporations put profits before other concerns, The Brunswick News, June
19. Abandoning Science Has Costly Consequences for Americans, Like the Dew and Connect Savannah, June
20. Collaborating to reduce greenhouse gases in Savannah, Savannah Morning News, June
21. Politician, Heal Thyself, Coastal Courier, July
22. Congressman’s performance casts grave doubts, Connect Savannah, July
23. Climate change threatens water quality, economy, The Brunswick News, August
24. Reconsidering federal flood insurance subsidies, Coastal Courier and Connect Savannah, August
25. Facts are stubborn things, essential to our survival, The Brunswick News, August
26. Responsible remedies for dire global limitations urgently needed, Jesup Press Sentinel and Coastal Courier, August
27. Distinctions are Devious, Augusta Chronicle, Florida Times-Union, and Coastal Courier, September
28. The Tragedy of Willful Negligence, The Brunswick News, September
29. Political interests distorting terminology, Savannah Morning News, September
30. Propaganda, politics, and the tragedy of profitable disinformation, Like the Dew, September
31. Disheartened by energy industry propaganda, Savannah Morning News, September
32. Rallying locals for the Global Climate Strike, Savannah Morning News, September
34. Clean energy subsidies are cut as big oil bailouts continue, Florida Times-Union & Jesup Press Sentinel, September
35. Unite behind the science, Coastal Courier, October 2019, Jesup Press-Sentinel, November 2019, and Savannah Morning News, December
36. Zoning overhaul must address rising sea levels, The Brunswick News, October
37. Rebuke, do not praise Representative Carter, Coastal Courier, October
38. Troubled by cuts to clean energy subsidies, Savannah Morning News, October
39. Climate-change column is deceptive, deeply flawed, Florida Times-Union, October
40. Big Oil keeps getting government handouts, Coastal Courier, November
41. Administration ignores climate damages, Savannah Morning News, November
42. Sustaining the future of coastal Georgia is essential, The Brunswick News, November
43. Coastal areas of Florida & Georgia are threatened by climate change, Florida Times Union, December
44. Reconsidering reality in a period of rapid change, Savannah Morning News, Coastal Courier, December
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2. Reduce avoidable coastal storm damage, Savannah Morning News, January
3. Protecting Cumberland Island is imperative, Connect Savannah, January
4. Offshore drilling unacceptable, The Brunswick News, January
5. Study coastal hazards, Augusta Chronicle, February
7. An Open letter to Senator Isakson, Savannah Morning News, March
8. Georgia’s marshes worth a princely sum, Savannah Morning News, March
9. Confronting deceptive practices of big oil, Augusta Chronicle, April
10. Protections against toxic coal ash must not be weakened, Jesup Press Sentinel, April
11. Flaws found in spaceport review, Savannah Morning News, April
12. Spaceport study negligent, The Brunswick News, April
13. Vital truths vs. well financed deceptions, The Brunswick News, April
14. Georgia must stop subsidizing nuclear power, Florida Times Union, May
15. EPA corner-cutting is a fool’s bargain, Coastal Courier, May
16. Urgent need for coastal hazard plan in Georgia, Saporta Report, May
17. Hidden costs of dirty energy are high, Savannah Morning News, May
18. County amendment violated procedures, The Brunswick News, June
19. Fossil fuels’ hold on politics impedes clean energy, Augusta Chronicle, July
20. Coastal properties at risk, Savannah Morning News, Coastal Courier, Augusta Chronicle, July
21. Renewable energy and urgent necessity, The Coastal Courier, July
22. Rising sea level casts dire warning, Savannah Morning News, Coastal Courier, July
23. Scoff all you like, climate change is real, Florida Times-Union, July
24. Further thoughts on sea-level rise and climate change, Coastal Courier, August
25. We’re all responsible for the future, Savannah Morning News, Augusta Chronicle, Like the Dew, August
26. Time to end corporate welfare for big oil, Florida Times Union, Coastal Courier, August
27. Renewable energy not only practical but urgently needed, Connect Savannah, August
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29. Climate change harms increasing, Savannah Morning News, September
30. Steps must be taken to curb climate change, The Brunswick News, September
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33. Climate change a serious threat with only one urgent solution, Augusta Chronicle, October
34. Hurricane Florence shows cost of inadequate regulation, Coastal Courier, October
35. Candidate incorrectly uses idea of energy independence, The Brunswick News, October
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40. Why we oppose offshore drilling and testing more than ever, Like the Dew and Connect Savannah, December
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