

# Georgia Coastal Management Program

## Brownbag Presentation



*Please join us for the following presentation at the Susan Shipman Environmental Learning Center located in the Northeast corner of the parking lot at DNR's Coastal Regional Headquarters in Brunswick Georgia. Please feel free to bring your lunch. For questions contact Kelly Hill at (912) 264-7218.*

**Presentations Begin at Noon**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

***Alternative Fuels and Energy Efficiency: Where will Georgia go?***

**Commissioner Tim Echols, Public Service Commission**

Commissioner Tim Echols set a goal to become a statewide elected official from a young age and after building a national non-profit organization, Echols ran for and was elected to statewide office in 2010 serving as Public Service Commissioner. At the Public Service Commission, Echols' primary job is energy regulation. When Echols took office, Georgia was 34th in solar power. Now, 7 years later the state is 8th in the nation in approved solar.



Echols, who has a Master's degree in Non-Profit Organizations, considers the charities in our state a great resource. Echols has founded and/or worked on several initiatives in the state including the mock legislative youth program "TeenPact", the William Wilberforce Weekend for young men, and the "Unholy Tour" that helps policy makers see first-hand the harms of human trafficking. Echols also led the effort to provide the Salvation Army and two other agencies with \$5 million to help low income seniors in Atlanta with heating assistance, as well as creating a pilot program to provide specially equipped IPADS to the hearing impaired to help them function more productively.

Recognizing that ultimately his job is about helping plan Georgia's energy future, Echols will discuss topics such as the evolution of solar in Georgia; tax credits and geo-thermal, biofuels and solar thermal; data from Electric Vehicle studies, energy efficiency opportunities; and effective public engagement. Please join us for a discussion on where Georgia will go with alternative fuels and energy efficiency!