

**Margaret Davidson, Senior Leader Coastal Inundation and Resilience Science and Services  
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Margaret Davidson has been an active participant in coastal resource management issues since 1978, when she earned her juris doctorate from Louisiana State University. She later earned a master's degree in marine policy and resource economics from the University of Rhode Island.

Davidson served as special counsel and assistant attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice and later as the executive director of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium. She joined NOAA as the founding director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center in 1995. Davidson also served as the acting assistant administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service from 2000 to 2002. She holds a faculty appointment at the University of Charleston.

Davidson has served on numerous local, state, and federal committees and provided leadership for national professional societies. She has focused her professional work on environmentally sustainable coastal development practices and the reduction of risk associated with extreme events and climate.

From April 2012 to May 2014, Davidson served as acting director of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), and played leading role as OCRM and the Coastal Services Center joined forces as a single organization to bring more effective products and services to constituents and coastal communities. As the reorganization received official approval, Ms. Davidson took on the challenge of establishing a newly created position as the NOAA Senior Leader for Coastal Inundation and Resilience.

Among her recent professional awards: Fulbright Fellowship, American Meteorological Society Fellow, Gilbert White Fellow, and Zurich Fellow for Climate Adaptation.