

The Coastal Waters Consortium Presents:

Scientist Spotlight



Dr. Linda Hooper-Bui

What is your role as a scientist for CWC?

I look at the effect of the oil on insect populations.

Can you summarize your oil spill research and describe any surprising findings you have come across?

We found that insects were suppressed by the oil spill. Additionally, they were affected by tropical storms and hurricanes. They bounced back and the ecosystem is 73% recovered.

The Coastal Waters Consortium's mission is to assess the chemical evolution, biological degradation, and environmental stresses of petroleum and dispersant within Gulf of Mexico coastal and shelf ecosystems.

What is your educational background?

Ph.D in Entomology from University of California, Riverside.

What inspired you to become a scientist?

I took an insect taxonomy class and thought the insects were very cool. The professor had a very wonderful way with students who inspired me to be curious. Another professor encouraged me to go to grad school.

Can you describe what you enjoy the most about conducting scientific research?

The thrill of discovery. The craft of writing.

