

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks



July 2018 The First Coast Tiger Bay Club, Inc. P.O. Box 2608, Jacksonville, FL 32203

July 20, 2018 Program Change Dredging and Flooding of the St Johns River

Official duties of Congressman Al Lawson, our scheduled speaker for the July 20th meeting, require his presence elsewhere at that time and he sends his sincerest apologies—these things sometimes happen with public officials. However Jacksonville University's Dr. Quinton White has graciously agreed to move his scheduled August presentation on "Dredging and Flooding of the St. Johns River" to July 20th so we can meet as usual. Dredging and its relationship to flooding is one of the most controversial issues in Jacksonville today so this program is quite timely.



This will be an abbreviated Newsletter to update you about the modified July 20th program. As background information we encourage you to read the detailed history and back story of St. Johns River flooding in Nate Monroe and Christopher Hong's excellent Florida Times-Union Special Report: "As the Ocean Creeps In." (See <http://gatehousenews.com/riverproject/home/site/jacksonville.com>). This Special Report will provide a sound basis for our dialogue with Dr. White.

Dr. Quinton White was originally from Norfolk, Virginia. He received his B.S degree from N.C. Wesleyan College and his M.S. degree from the University of Virginia. Dr. White joined the faculty at Jacksonville University in 1976, having completed his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina at the Baruch Institute for Marine Biology and Coastal Research. In 1978, he established the major in marine science at Jacksonville University. He has served as Chair of the Department of Biology and Marine Science, Chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics and Dean of the College of Arts and Science. In July, 2008, he was named Executive Director of the Marine Science Research Institute (MSRI) and charged with development and construction of a 32,000 sq. ft. LEED certified facility. The MSRI opened in July 2010. Dr. White is Chair of the JU Campus Sustainability Committee and is developing a campus wide sustainability policy and program. He has been active in marine science education, and research concerning the St. Johns River and the impact of man on marine ecosystems. Dr. White is active in a number of local professional organizations and serves as a consultant with the City of Jackson Waterways Commission on manatee and water quality issues.

**Reservations are REQUIRED. Please RSVP by
Tuesday July 17, 2018
E-mail: fctigerbay@gmail.com or 904-404-5471**

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FIRST COAST TIGER BAY CLUB meets for lunch every month, except December, on the 3rd Friday at 11:30 at The River Club, 1 Independent Drive, 35th Floor. Cost for the event, which includes the wonderful buffet and parking, is \$25.

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