

2011 Beach Vitex Symposium

Beach Vitex – Past, Present & Future

Hobcaw Barony – Kimbel Lodge
Georgetown, SC

October 18, 2011

- Agenda -

8:30 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 **Welcome:** Randy Westbrook, US Geological Survey

Past

9:10 **Early Days: *Getting our collective arms around a coastal invader***
Betsy Brabson, Beach Vitex Task Force, SC Coordinator

9:30 **Early Control Efforts: *Finding the most effective eradication methods***
Chuck Gresham, Clemson University (ret.)
Jack Whetstone, Clemson University (ret.)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

Present & Future

10:45 **Current Eradication Efforts:**
Re-treating, Refining & Keeping a Vigilant Eye for the Future
Debbie Mann, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Hal Drotor, eradication contractor

11:15 **Community Involvement: *A Success Story on Pawleys Island***
Pawleys Island Mayor Bill Otis

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11:30 **Beach Vitex: *On SC Beaches and In the Big Picture of Invasive Plants***
Dr. Patrick McMillan, Clemson University naturalist and host of ETV's
Expeditions with Patrick McMillan

12:15 **Recognition of Task Force partners**

12:30 **Adjourn**

Lunch:

Kimbel Lodge Pond Shelter