

## Joy E. Hazell Biography



Joy Hazell is a faculty member of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences serving as the Sea Grant Extension Agent in Lee County. She has extensive experience in developing needs based educational programs, facilitation and project planning.

As the Lee County Sea Grant Agent Joy plans, develops, implements and evaluates comprehensive needs based marine and natural resource educational programs that focus on marine fisheries and habitat issues. She facilitates issue-based programs through workshops, conferences, and electronic media for various audiences. Joy reaches diverse audiences associated with recreational and commercial fisheries, coastal resource users, public and private organizations, government agencies, youth groups and educational institutions. She also evaluates and analyzes the results of her various programs to determine social, environmental and/or human health improvements as a result of her work.

She holds an undergraduate degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology from the University of New Hampshire and a graduate degree in Marine Affairs and Policy from the University of Miami.

Joy started her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Central African Republic teaching high school biology. Most recently she was the Coastal Training Specialist at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve with a focus on providing professional decision makers the knowledge and tools to address coastal resource issues.