

Dr. Jeffrey Schmid Biography



Dr. Jeffrey Schmid is an Environmental Research Manager with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida in Naples, Florida. He received his B.S. in Environmental Technology/Aquaculture from Florida Institute of Technology, M.S. in Biological Sciences from University of South Alabama, and Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida.

Dr. Schmid has 24 years of experience conducting research in the coastal areas of western Florida, particularly with in-water aggregations of marine turtles. He has conducted long-term tagging studies of marine turtles in the Cedar Keys and the Ten Thousand Islands.

Dr. Schmid has also used telemetric monitoring and benthic habitat mapping to determine that critically endangered Kemp's ridleys were using live bottom habitat in nearshore waters. He studied the seasonal movements of Kemp's ridley turtles along the west coast of Florida relative to sea surface temperature and depth using satellite telemetry. Dr. Schmid assisted in recovery efforts for marine turtles related to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and is currently conducting an in-water study of marine turtles in Pine Island Sound in collaboration with Mote Marine Laboratory.