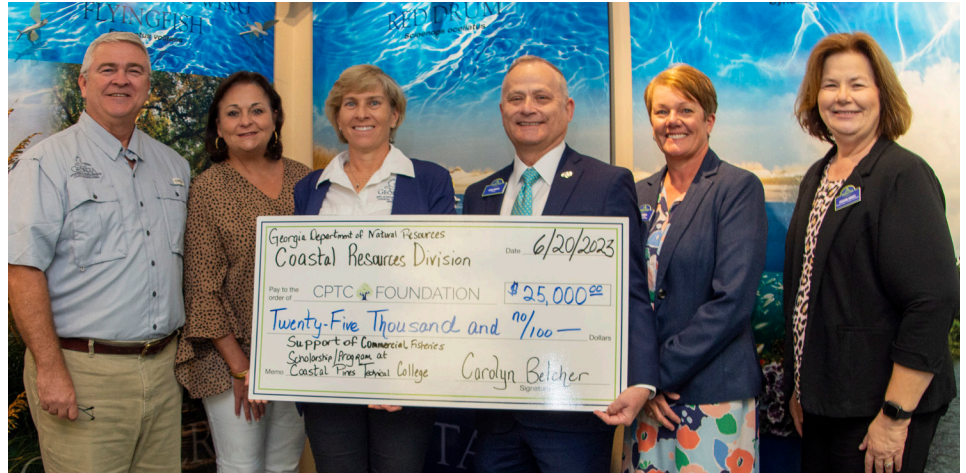


CRD donates \$25K to endowment

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CRD recently made its second of two \$25,000 donations to the Coastal Pines Technical College Foundation to fund a scholarship aimed at recruiting students to learn commercial fishing.

Funding for the endowment and scholarship comes from a 2019 U.S. Commerce Department’s aid allocation for a fishery failure that occurred during Georgia’s 2013 shrimp season. During that season, commercial shrimpers saw a 58 percent reduction in harvest, prompting then-Gov. Nathan Deal to request federal aid. 🐟



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From left, CRD Director Doug Haymans, Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) Foundation Trustee Donna Poe, CRD Chief of Marine Fisheries Dr. Carolyn Belcher, CPTC President Lonnie Roberts, CPTC Executive Vice President Amanda Morris, and CPTC Executive Director of College Advancement Stephanie Robberts.

RIBBON CUTTINGS AROUND THE COAST

Ribbon cut for Noyes Cut closure



Coastal Regional Headquarters hosted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a joint ribbon cutting in May to mark the completion of the Noyes Cut Ecosystem Restoration Project. Commissioner Mark Williams, U.S. Army Corps Savannah District Commander Col. Joseph Geary, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jaime Pinkham all spoke about the project, which closed two man-made cuts in the Satilla River estuary made in the 1940s. The project was jointly funded with \$3.1 million in federal dollars from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and \$1.7 million from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program. It is among the first projects to be completed with both pools of money, nationwide and in the state.

The Village Creek boat ramp on South Harrington Road on St. Simons Island was closed for three months for DNR-funded repairs and improvements to enhance the overall user experience. The project involved the replacement of the 14-foot wide, 8-inch thick ramp surface and the installation of a new 9-foot wide courtesy dock. “We’re excited to welcome back boaters to the newly renovated Village Creek boat ramp,” said Paul Medders, public access leader for DNR’s Coastal Resources Division. “The construction and upgrades were necessary to ensure the safety of all users, and we’re thrilled with the outcome.” The Village Creek ramp is a popular destination for recreational boaters, anglers, and kayakers. It re-opened April 4.

Village Creek ramp improved

