SE Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail

GA-SC-NC-VA
Proposed Paddling Trail
Project Scope--2009

- Identify a "main corridor" for a blueway along the coasts of GA, SC, NC and VA.
- Use existing public canoe & kayak access sites, camping/overnight accommodations.
- Create a database and a website to combine all the information into one central location.
- Local, state, Federal sites & partners
RTCA Role

- Role of RTCA to coordinate 4 projects & create overall project framework.
- RTCA program goals supported.
- Missions of NPS & RTCA integrated in project.
- Coastal recreation, conservation & economic improvements.
Partners

- Georgia Coastal Regional Commission
- GA-Dept. Natural Resources
- USFWS—Savannah Complex
- NPS—CUIS, FOFR, FOPU
- North Carolina
- The Conservation Fund
- NC Dept. Environment and Natural Resources
- NPS—CAHA, CALO
- NC Paddle Trails Association
Partners

- Virginia Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
- Chesapeake Bay Gateway Project—Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (www.nps.gov/cajo)
- NPS—NE Region—RTCA
Connecting Points
By the Numbers

- NPS coastal units = VA-*, NC-4; SC-2; GA-3; FL-11.
- National Heritage Areas--5; American Heritage Rivers--3
- FL Circumnavigational Trail = 1,515 miles
- GA-Chesapeake Bay = ~ 615 linear miles
- FL –New Orleans = ~143 linear miles
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