## **Biography: Christian Rines**

## Water Quality Planning Division Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

#### **Current Position**

Water & Sediment Quality Coordinator, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, A Program of the TCEQ.

## Prior Experience and Education

Christian attended Texas A&M University Galveston and the University of West Florida with a focus on Marine Biology and has over 13 years' experience in the field of environmental science and policy. While working for the EPA she helped develop methods to assess the environmental condition of coastal wetlands. In the private industry, she headed teams performing water quality analysis, sediment profiling, and hydrocarbon detection in in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. She has also performed as an environmental impact observer in Texas coastal and offshore geophysical surveys. After moving to Florida, she helped regulate activities conducted in wetlands, surface waters of the state, and state lands including beaches. She now serves as the Water and Sediment Quality for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program and works with the program's many stakeholders to develop mutually beneficial environmental solutions for the Galveston Bay watershed.

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