

**Announcing:  
Coastal Response Research Center's NOAA co-director**



My name is Troy Baker and the work I perform at NOAA is focused on coastal pollution and other hazards addressed by my Office of Response & Restoration. I look at the world in a unique way because both my family and career have been shaped by many man-made and natural disasters. Finding ways to accelerate community and environmental recovery

with better science, improved tactics, and a deeper understanding of human dimensions is deeply personal to me. Before I entered government service, the mentors I had in private industry and the experience working with clients helped shape my approach to working in interdisciplinary teams and being vocal about working toward solutions that acknowledge trade-offs, not just problem identification. In my current work, I use a variety of models and data, pollution detection technologies, and field tactics to help prepare for and respond to coastal hazards. The community of practice supported by the CRRC and OR&R is in a new golden age of discovery and knowledge sharing. I am excited to help support and guide Center activities so we can better protect people and the environment with our work. I live in the Seattle area with my wife, Anne, and two daughters. I enjoy skiing, hot yoga, hiking, and backpacking whenever possible, including regularly volunteering to improve trails across Washington.