Dr. Scott Knoche joins MSU PEARL as New Senior Research Economist

We are happy to announce that we have brought Dr. Scott Knoche onto the team of researchers at Morgan State University’s Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL). Dr. Knoche was added to the team to develop a Natural Resource Economics Research Program. The objective of the program is to produce the high quality natural resource economics research needed to effectively manage the Bay’s natural resources for the benefit of all the Bay’s stakeholders. Effective management and protection of the Chesapeake Bay watershed requires a deep understanding of how stakeholders interact with and derive economic benefits from the Bay’s natural resources.

Scott received his PhD from Michigan State University, and comes to PEARL following a post-doctoral research appointment joint with the University of Maryland Agricultural and Resource Economics Department and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Fisheries Division. His research interests include fisheries economics, non-market valuation, outdoor recreation economics, and the economics of ecological restoration. Scott’s current projects involve examining the economics of oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay and the economics of recreational fishing in Maryland.

The MSU PEARL, a 22,000 square foot laboratory and office building, is located near the Patuxent River (part of Chesapeake Bay watershed) in Saint Leonard, Maryland. Research conducted at the facility is designed to increase the understanding of coastal ecosystems, so that they may be properly managed and protected.

Morgan State University, founded in 1867, is a Carnegie classified Doctoral Research Institution offering more than 70 academic programs leading to bachelor’s degrees as well as programs at the master’s and doctoral levels. As Maryland’s Public Urban Research University, Morgan serves a multi-ethnic and multi-racial student body and seeks to ensure that the doors of higher education are opened as wide as possible to as many as possible. For more information on Morgan State University, visit www.morgan.edu.

###