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Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Adams Assumes Command of NOAA Ship *Pisces*

NOAA Corps Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Adams has assumed command of NOAA Ship *Pisces*, a new fisheries survey vessel that will operate in the Gulf of Mexico, southeastern United States and Caribbean.

At a Nov. 7 change-of-command ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss., Adams relieved Capt. Christopher S. Moore, who played a leading role in preparing *Pisces* for service after taking command of the ship in Sept. 2008.



"I have every confidence that Lt. Cmdr. Adams will continue the standards of excellence established by Capt. Moore as commanding officer of NOAA Ship *Pisces*," said Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, director of the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and the NOAA Corps.

A NOAA Corps officer since 1994, Adams' career has taken him from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico. His previous sea assignments include serving as executive officer and commanding officer of NOAA Ship *Oregon II*. As executive officer of *Oregon II*, he assisted in response, recovery and humanitarian aid efforts in the destructive aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Adams has also served in a variety of scientific and administrative roles, including coordinator of NOAA's Small Boat Safety Program, executive officer of the NOAA Fisheries Service Office of Science and Technology, and the chief of the Officer Assignment Branch at the NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center.

A native of Morristown, N.J., Adams has a bachelor's degree in oceanography and biology from Millersville University. He currently lives in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., with his wife Danielle and their three children Ella, Keagan and Riley.

Homeported in Pascagoula, the 208-ft. NOAA Ship *Pisces* is equipped with state-of-the-art research equipment and quiet-hull technology that enables scientists to study fish populations and collect oceanographic data with minimal impact on fish and marine mammal behavior. The

ship was commissioned Nov. 6 in Pascagoula.

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