

## **Joy Young**

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission / Fish and Wildlife Research  
Institute

Joy Young, PhD, brings a holistic approach to understanding the life history and ecology of fishes, specifically as it relates to management. She has an established background in age and growth, genetics, reproduction, movement and parasites of fishes.

As a biologist with more than 19 years of experience, she's worked for MER Consultants, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Philadelphia Watershed Department, Bimini Biological Field Station, and even Sea World. She has organized national symposia on increasing underrepresented minorities in the field of fisheries and guest lectures at Florida high school and universities on the current and future state of fisheries in Florida.

Her passion is conducting collaborative research using complimentary areas of science to bridge the gap between scientists, managers, and the public. As data manager for the FACT Network for the past nine years, she has built a network of over two dozen organizations using acoustic telemetry from the southeastern United States, Bahamas, and Caribbean. Her newest project involves using acoustic telemetry to resolve questions on movement that have direction implication on management of stocks.