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Shhhh....! The Dirty Truth about Coal A Panel Discussion about the High Costs of Coal

Charleston, SC – 03/28/08: Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear South Carolina's conservation leaders discuss the realities of climate change.

Dr. Matthew Wasson is the conservation director for Appalachian Voices. Wasson has a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. in Ecology from Cornell University. He has published several scientific papers and also teaches courses in the biology department at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. *Wasson will discuss how South Carolina's reliance on dirty energy is destroying mountains and communities in Appalachia and putting the state's economy at risk.*

Dr. Daniel C. Abel is the Associate Professor of Marine Science Director at Coastal Carolina University, and the founding director of its Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative. He is a Fellow of the SC Sustainable Universities Initiative and a Senior Fellow of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development. Abel earned his Ph.D. in marine biology from the University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He is co-author of the textbooks *Environmental Issues: An Introduction to Sustainability* (3rd ed.) and *Environmental Issues in Oceanography* (2nd ed.), and writes the weekly environmental column *Sea Level* for the Myrtle Beach Sun News. *Abel will discuss the marine environmental impacts of coal, its effects on coastal communities and global impacts of coal.*

Mr. Ben Moore is the Climate and Energy Project Manager for the Conservation League and has a Masters degree in Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University with a certificate in Energy and the Environment. *Moore will be discussing the implications of the proposed Santee Cooper coal-fired plant on South Carolina resources, public health and economy, as well as energy alternatives and opportunities in South Carolina.*

What: Panel Discussion on the High Costs of Coal; Free to Public

Where: Addlestone Library Rm 227, 205 Calhoun, College of Charleston

When: 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008

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