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**APPOINTMENTS**

John Brawley has joined the Woods Hole Group Inc. as a senior marine systems ecologist and business development associate.

Brawley, a Duxbury resident, has 20 years of experience working in marine aquatics-related fields. He operated his own company, Saquish Scientific and Saquish Shellfish Farms, worked as research scientist at the University of Connecticut at Groton, and had senior scientist roles at TetraTech Inc. and Battelle.

One of his recent projects was a year-long assignment for an international engineering firm, leading a field team in the Gulf of Mexico on a damage assessment of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, conducting near-shore sediment studies and assessing the spill’s impact on oysters in Mississippi, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana.

Brawley has a master of arts degree in coastal hydrogeology from Boston University’s Center for Energy and Environmental Studies and a doctorate in marine/estuarine systems ecology from the University of Maryland.