

# Western Carolina University prof's book 'Rising Sea' gets paperback release

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**CULLOWHEE** — A book co-authored by Western Carolina University professor Rob Young about the global threat to coastal communities posed by rising sea levels has proved so popular that its publisher will release a new edition in paperback.

“We're very pleased with how the book was received and think a paperback edition will allow us to reach an even broader audience,” said Emily Davis, developmental editor at Island Press, publisher of “The Rising Sea.”

Written by Young and Orrin Pilkey, his friend and mentor from Duke University, “The Rising Sea” was published in hardback in 2009. The book has won critical acclaim from the popular and scientific press.

In their book, Young and Pilkey warn that rising ocean levels caused by global warming is not something that might happen, but is happening now. They argue that societies around the world must respond to the challenges of sea-level rise “in a planned and rational way, taking the long-term view” before cities and other coastal development are inundated.

The two scientists met when Young was in graduate studies at Duke, and Pilkey was Young's adviser and teacher. Young earned his doctorate in geology at Duke in 1995 and joined WCU's faculty in 1997.

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