

Coastal Zone 2011 Chicago, Illinois

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Call for Abstracts

Winds of Change: Great Lakes Great Oceans Great Communities

Many factors are changing our coastal communities and our estuarine, marine, and Great Lakes environments. Recurring problems such as the impacts of coastal development, and new threats such as those related to global climate change and other human-induced hazards require new approaches to ocean and coastal resource management. Join us at Coastal Zone 2011, in Chicago, Illinois, to explore these challenges and learn from the experiences of leaders from across the nation and around the world.



Conference Tracks

Sessions will be organized around four conference tracks:

1 - Planning for Resilient Great Lakes, Coasts, and Ecosystems

Intended audience: National and international coastal planners, managers, and policymakers.

This theme will focus on sustainable planning and management in the coastal zone. It will include broad policy topics such as ecosystem-based management, enhancing coastal resilience, and national policy priorities such as Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP), and improving coastal governance through coordination and support.

Example panels/sessions in this track may include:

applications of ecosystem-based management, integrated management in the coastal zone, smart growth, climate change adaptation, coastal hazards, water resource management, or beach nourishment.

2 - Healthy Habitats, Healthy Coastal and Great Lakes Communities

Intended audience: "On the ground" coastal managers, state flood plain managers, marine transportation sector directors, marine resource managers, parks and recreation directors, recreational fishing interests, agricultural interests, conservationists.

The topics in this theme are related to ecosystem services that support and are provided by healthy habitats, and how to manage those services to sustain healthy coastal communities.

Example panels/sessions in this track may include:

habitat protection and restoration, water quality and quantity, sediment management, nutrient management, coastal management, reducing risks and vulnerability to coastal hazards, environmental stewardship, air quality, ocean acidification, integrating ocean and coastal uses with habitat management

(marine transportation, recreation, energy development, conservation/protected areas, etc.) and valuing ecosystem services.

3 - Observing, Modeling, and Monitoring

Intended audience: Scientists, modelers, researchers, and communication specialists.

This theme will focus on collecting and using coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes data, observations, models, and monitoring to inform decision-making and improve understanding.

Example panels/sessions in this track may include:

coastal, lake, and ocean observing systems, water resource and water quality modeling, monitoring, fostering integration and collaborative collection of data and information.

4 - Vibrant Coastal, Great Lakes, and Marine Economies

Intended audience: Infrastructure managers/planners, marine facility operators and managers, emergency planners and responders, coastal and shipping industry representatives, fishermen, agricultural interests, and coastal/off shore energy developers.

This track will focus on creating vibrant and sustainable coastal and marine economies through support of sustainable marine infrastructure and transportation, and development of working waterfronts and coastal industries that support healthy and resilient coastal communities.

Example panels/sessions in this track may include:

working waterfronts, planning for and maintaining coastal infrastructure, operational oceanography, dredging, marine transportation, control and mitigation of pollutants in the marine environment, renewable energy development, fisheries, ports, recreation, and other human uses.

Focus Areas

Presentations should emphasize one of four focus areas:

1 - Governance and Policy

Implementation of the U.S. National Ocean Policy and International Policy Initiatives

2 - Implementation

Actions and Planning at International, National, Regional, and Local Scales

3 - Measuring Success

Beyond Performance: Understanding Economic and Social Values and Benefits

4 - Outreach and Engagement

Connecting and Coordinating Stakeholders through Social Media, Outreach, Education, Training, Tools, and Technology.

Submitting an Abstract

Abstracts are due Friday, October 8, 2010

Submit on-line at <http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/CZ11/index.htm>

You are invited to submit an abstract of 500 words or less. Faxed or paper abstracts will not be accepted. All expenses involved in preparing and presenting papers are the responsibility of the presenters. All presenters and invited speakers are required to pay registration fees and any associated travel expenses.

You may submit an abstract requesting to present in traditional oral or poster sessions, or to organize one of three session types including a Special Panel Session, Café Conversation, or Training Session. Examples and requirements of presentation categories are explained below:

1 - Oral Presentation (20 minute presentation in a panel)

Submit an abstract to give a 20-minute oral presentation. The program committee will organize 1 hr or 1.5 hr concurrent sessions around the topics of accepted abstracts.

2 - Poster Presentation (2 events over 2 days)

Submit an abstract to present a poster on a specific topic. All posters will be on display from Monday afternoon through Tuesday lunch. There will be a Monday evening reception and Tuesday lunch in which poster presenters are required to attend to answer questions. Poster sessions are strongly encouraged as an alternative to a formal oral presentation and offer an opportunity to showcase graduate research, technologic advances, and project specific initiatives.

3 - Special Panel Session (3-4 speakers with a chair/moderator for 1 to 1.5 hours)

Submit an abstract for a special panel session (special session) lasting 1 hr or 1.5 hrs. Special sessions comprise three to four speakers (papers) and a session chair or moderator. Special session organizers are responsible for identifying speakers and a session chair. NOTE: Invited speakers and chair/moderator are required to pay registration fees and any associated travel expenses. Special sessions are strongly encouraged to include cross agency, multi-sector, and multi-office abstracts rather than 3-4 abstracts from the same affiliation. Special sessions are the preferred method for submitting multiple abstracts around a central theme and will receive preference in the abstract review process. In addition, priority will be granted to submissions that identify the session chair/moderator, participating speakers, and respective topics. Although the speakers and chair do not need to be identified in the abstract, contact information is required once the abstract has been accepted in order to be included in the printed and electronic conference proceedings.

4 - Café Conversation (discussion format for 1.5 to 3 hours)

Submit an abstract to organize a café conversation lasting 2.5 hrs. These sessions are designed to stimulate participation from the audience and cannot include formal presentations by speakers. Organizer(s) will need to identify a specific topic for discussion in the abstract and, through the use of various facilitation techniques, structure the session to promote audience interaction. Café conversations may include more than one facilitator and/or speaker. Priority will be granted to submissions that identify the Café speaker(s)/facilitator(s). Note, although the speaker(s) and facilitator(s) do not need to be identified in the abstract, contact information is required once the abstract is accepted in order to be included in the printed and electronic conference proceedings.

5 - Training Session (Sunday July 17, 2011 for 3-6 hours)

Submit an abstract to organize a training session of three to six hours in length. All trainings will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2011. A training session abstract will identify a specific learning objective(s) and explain how the session will build skills toward better coastal management.

All presenters and invited speakers (in all panel and special sessions) are required to pay registration fees and any associated travel expenses.

Student Engagement

Students are encouraged to be involved in the conference and submit posters, special sessions, and oral presentations. There will be a student competition for oral and poster presentations in which awards will be distributed. Please check the website regarding student registration.

Space is limited: preference will be given to abstracts that relate to one of the conference tracks and focus areas, and to abstracts for Special Panel Sessions. Acceptance letters will be mailed in February, 2011.

Accepted abstracts will be compiled, as submitted, into the conference proceedings and must follow submission formatting guidelines. Please edit your abstract prior to submission. All editing should be consistent with the Government Printing Office Style Manual dated 2008 which can be viewed at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/stylemanual/browse.html>

Questions?

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