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CNREP 2010

Challenges of Natural Resource Economics & Policy

3rd National Forum on Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems

May 26 - 28

New Orleans
Join Us in New Orleans!
Meet with your peers in an exciting multidisciplinary setting hosted in the unique city called “The Big Easy.” By highlighting the status and challenges of socioeconomic research and policy in coastal systems, the 3rd National Forum promises to generate future collaborative efforts while providing a prominent venue for current research, extension, and policy work. Mark your calendars for CNREP 2010 to be held May 26-28, 2010 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

What Challenges?
The economic importance of natural capital is now widely acknowledged, and nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in the coastal areas of the United States. Catastrophic damage from hurricanes, threats from sea level rise and subsidence, and the inexorable degradation associated with development and industrial activity all threaten coastal environments, but they also provide tremendous opportunities and demand for socioeconomic work. CNREP 2004 emphasized the need to further integrate social science considerations into the restoration and management of coastal systems. CNREP 2007 highlighted the opportunities for research and the contributions that social scientists make to the management of our coastal resources in Louisiana, the Everglades, Chesapeake Bay, Puget Sound, and other regions of the U.S. The CNREP 2010 triennial forum will continue this tradition of focusing on coastal resources and their role in the economic, social, and cultural systems of the world.

What are the Topics?
Presentations, posters, and discussion panels are currently being solicited for CNREP 2010. Topic include, but are not limited to:

- Integrating social sciences into coastal policy
- Economics of coastal restoration and management
- Coastal community vulnerability and resiliency
- Land-use planning and land reclamation
- Energy economics and policy
- Socioeconomics of soil and water conservation
- Coastal forests conservation and management
- Communication and conflict resolution
- Legal considerations for coastal sustainability
- Economics of disaster assessment and recovery
- Access to coastal lands, waters, and resources
- Socioeconomics of retreat from the coast
- Marine fisheries economics and management
- Commercial and recreational resource conflicts
- Aquaculture trade, marketing and management
- Public and private resource conflicts/synergies
- Resource valuation (market and non-market)
- Environmental benefit-cost analyses
- Input-output/economic impact assessment
- Natural resource tourism assessments
- Human dimensions of natural resources
- Sustainability modeling and index development
- Integrating risk into coastal decision-making
- Market-based alternatives to regulation

Basic and applied research, extension-oriented, and policy discussion submissions are all welcome.

About the Cover: Titled “Inevitable,” this image of the iconic Louisiana Bald Cypress and its implied battle against both nature and the actions of man is the work of coastal resident and Louisiana native David Chauvin.

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Plenary Session

Climate Change and Coastal Community Vulnerability: Parallel Perspectives from the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska

Abby (Asbury) Sallenger

Dr. Abby Sallenger is an oceanographer who received his B.A. in Geology and Ph.D. in Marine Science from the University of Virginia. He is the former Chief Scientist of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Center for Coastal Geology and presently leads the USGS storm impact research group, investigating how the coast changes during extreme storms. His narrative nonfiction book Island in a Storm has been featured in the New York Times and on NPR’s Morning Edition. In 2007, Abby received the “Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communications” that “honors a USGS scientist who demonstrates great skill in presenting complex concepts to non-technical audiences.” In 2009, he received a “Special Award in Oceanography” from the 2009 National Hurricane Conference “for revolutionizing the study of hurricane impacts.” Dr. Sallenger’s presentation will address the dynamic history of coastal landscapes and communities in the northern Gulf of Mexico and the potential implications of a warming climate.

Gunnar Knapp

Dr. Gunnar Knapp is a Professor of Economics at the University of Alaska Anchorage Institute of Social and Economic Research, where he has worked since receiving his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University in 1981. For the past 29 years, he has researched and taught about Alaska’s economy and the management of Alaska’s natural resources, particularly the state’s fisheries. He is widely known in the seafood industry for his research on wild salmon markets, the effects of competition with farmed salmon on the Alaska wild salmon industry, and the dramatic changes in the seafood industry associated with globalization, the growth of aquaculture, and the adoption of “rights-based” systems for the management of wild fisheries. Dr. Knapp’s presentation will focus on potential impacts and policy issues associated with climate change and what they might mean for Alaska’s coastal communities.

Emerging Sessions and Partners
Conference partnerships and special session topics are currently being solicited for CNREP 2010. Proposals for special sessions should be directed to conference co-chairs Rex Caffey (rcaffey@agctr.lsu.edu) and Richard Kazmierczak (rkazmierczak@agctr.lsu.edu). Some examples of conference partners and emerging sessions are described below.

SERA-30 Southern Natural Resource Economics Committee
The triennial CNREP conference will once again be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the USDA Southern Extension and Research Association (SERA-30) committee. This information exchange working group integrates research and extension programs related to natural resource economics. A concurrent tract of SERA 30 sessions is being organized for May 27-28, 2010.

MMS Socioeconomics forum
The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is coordinating a series of sessions highlighting principal investigators of socioeconomic research projects it has funded in the past decade. Selected contributions from these sessions will assist to identify themes for a potential edited book highlighting the historical impact the off-shore oil and gas industry has had on communities and their economies in the Gulf of Mexico region.
W2004 Multistate Project: Marketing and Management of Aquaculture and Fishery Resources

The CNREP 2010 conference will also host a meeting of aquaculture and fisheries economists that will focus on the marketing, trade, and management issues found in various aquaculture and fishery resources in the U.S. and around the world. Emphasis will be placed on the analysis of emerging and innovative technologies, the role of property and stakeholder rights, the spatial organization of management, markets and infrastructure, and market coordination and integration.

Assessing and prioritizing coastal restoration projects

CNREP 2010 organizers are working in conjunction with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana to coordinate a session on alternative methods for assessing and prioritizing coastal restoration project alternatives. Presentations are sought on the topics of restoration benefit standardization, multicriteria decision analysis, and environmental cost benefit analyses.

Emerging markets for environmental services

Markets-based mechanisms are increasingly promoted alternatives to the traditional, regulatory approaches to natural resource conservation. This session will include research and case studies focusing on the tenets, status and potential for these markets in coastal systems. Presentations are invited on the topics of coastal wetland mitigation banking, carbon sequestration, and water quality and endangered species habitat.

Coastal Retreat: From Triage to Hospice?

Coastal communities from Louisiana to Alaska face a barrage of environmental and economic challenges to their long-term sustainability. Sea-level rise, wetland loss, and the globalization of traditional markets could prove insurmountable for many of the smaller, isolated communities that lack the financial resources required to adapt to coastal change. This session invites presentations on the economic, social and political realities surrounding the prospect of coastal community resiliency and retreat.

Access and Use of Coastal Resources for Commercial and Recreational Uses

As populations and land values increase in coastal and waterfront areas, the incentive to "privatize" land and water bottoms has led some to lay claim to shorefront and submerged areas that have traditionally been considered public. Many courts are ill informed about the Public Trust Doctrine and other traditional divisions between public and private lands, and they often have trouble balancing public access to these economically important areas with the protection of private property rights. The legal and policy issues in these conflicts are often difficult for the public and property owners to understand. This session invites case studies and analyses that help inform and lessen conflicts.

Legal Mechanisms to Ensure Sustainable Development

The hurricanes of 2005 and 2008 demonstrated that in many areas meaningful and long term planning for disasters is almost nonexistent. This lack of foresight leaves coastal communities vulnerable and threatens their continued sustainability. Education and awareness are a necessary first step in reversing the cycle of destruction, rebuilding, and destruction. This session will focus on innovative legal and policy methods for changing destructive patterns of development, including specific case studies from communities currently struggling with these issues.

Understanding Fisheries Management

Commercial and recreational fishermen have become increasingly critical of state and federal fisheries management. In some cases, criticism arises from a lack of targeted outreach on the rationale and mechanics of specific policy actions. This session will focus on revision of the publication “Understanding Fisheries Management”. An expert panel convened by Sea Grant legal and marine extension faculty will provide updates and lead a discussion on the biological, economic, and legal contributions needed for the third revision of this fisheries extension publication.
**Who Should Attend?**
A balanced mix of technical and non-technical presentations is planned, and noted research and policy professionals will be invited to present keynote addresses to the conference that provide a framework for conference sessions and discussions. Attendees will include:

- Economists and sociologists
- Legal scholars and policy analysts
- Anthropologist, archaeologist, and historians
- Ecological and environmental researchers
- University extension specialists and agents
- Public and private land owners and managers
- State and federal resource managers
- Coastal policy makers
- Coastal community planners
- Environmental consultants
- Environmental interest groups and NGOs
- Graduate students

**Call for Abstracts – Due February 19, 2010**
Please submit your 500 word (maximum) paper or poster abstract via email (address below) by February 19, 2010. Include the abstract as text in the body of your email or as an attachment in MS Word format. Please provide the title of the paper, names and affiliations of authors, addresses (including email addresses), and key words for the paper. Please also indicate the presenting author and whether you would like to present the paper orally or as a poster.

Abstracts received by the deadline will be reviewed for quality and the potential for facilitating communication relevant to forum themes. Notification of acceptance and a tentative conference schedule will be distributed near the end of March 2010. All abstracts, both oral and poster, will be published electronically in the conference book of abstracts and will be posted on the CNREP web site following the conference.

**All abstracts are to be submitted via email no later than February 19, 2010**
Please email abstracts to:

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**Conference Registration**
Registration for CNREP 2010 is now open. Full registration cost is $280 for regular attendees and $150 for students. Registration covers the cost of all breaks, two breakfasts, two lunches, and three receptions. An additional seafood banquet will be held on Thursday, May 27th for an optional fee of $30 per person. Online registration is available through our secure website, which can be reached using the link below:

**Click here to register online for CNREP 2010**

**Hotel Accommodations**
The venue for CNREP 2010 is the elegant Royal Sonesta Hotel located in the heart of the historic French Quarter of downtown New Orleans. The special conference rate is $129/night + tax for single or double occupancy. This rate will be available for the duration of the conference and the following weekend. Rooms must be reserved no later than April 30th to obtain this special rate. If you wish to contact the hotel directly, call 504-586-0300 and be sure to request the CNREP 2010 group rate. We encourage you to reserve your room early as the number of rooms is limited.

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