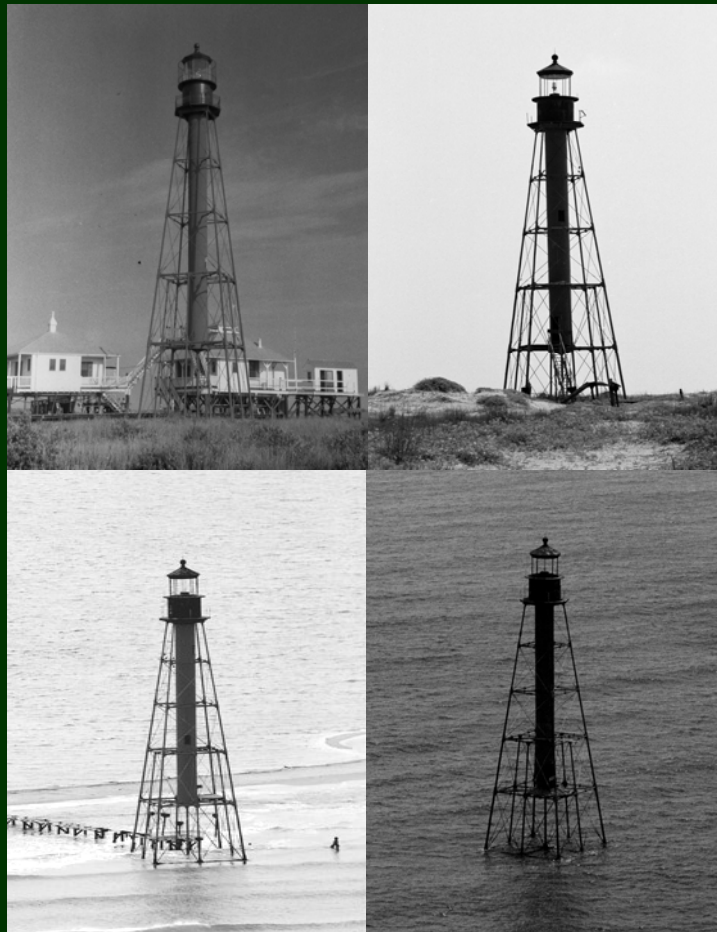


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Join Us in New Orleans

You are invited to interact with peers in a multidisciplinary setting that will highlight the status and challenges of socioeconomic research and policy in coastal systems. Mark your calendars for *CNREP 2007* to be held May 20-23, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

What Challenges?

The economic importance of natural capital is widely documented, and nowhere has this been more clearly demonstrated than in the coastal states of the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The catastrophic damage associated with the 2005 hurricane season has focused national attention on a region fraught with environmental challenges and tremendous opportunities for socioeconomic research and extension. *CNREP 2004* was held on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and emphasized the need for and approaches to integrating social science considerations into the restoration and management of coastal systems. *CNREP 2007* continues this effort to highlight the opportunities for research and the contributions that social scientists make to the management of our coastal resources, be they in Louisiana, the Everglades, Chesapeake Bay, Puget Sound, or any other region of the U.S. and the world.

What Are the Topics?

In 2007, the CNREP conference will continue to focus on the opportunities and challenges of socioeconomic research in coastal systems. Potential session topics include, but are not limited to:

- Examining the role and application of economics in coastal restoration policy
- Hurricanes, tsunamis, and drought: Assessing the economics of extreme events
- The next Farm Bill: Conservation policy and its relation to coastal management issues
- Identifying and reconciling public and private resource management conflicts
- Access and use of coastal lands, waters, and resources for recreation.
- Legal analyses of federal restoration policy (e.g., Water Resources Development Act)
- Identifying coastal linkages: Input-output models and impact assessments
- Market and non-market valuation studies of coastal resources
- Environmental benefit-cost analyses: *What benefits are we really after?*
- Market-based mechanisms for mitigating coastal development externalities
- Post-Katrina fisheries recovery and management
- Human dimensions and resiliency of coastal resources and communities

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

About the cover - On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina claimed one of the oldest and most remote lighthouses in the northern Gulf of Mexico, Chandeleur Light. Although Katrina provided the final blow, the structure had become increasingly vulnerable in recent years because of coastal land loss. Cover images depict this loss through archive photos from 1945, 1985, 1995, and 2005. Images provided by the Lighthouse People: www.thelighthousepeople.com

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
- Ecological and environmental researchers
- University extension specialists and marine agents
- State and federal resource managers
- Environmental consultants
- Environmental interest groups
- Graduate students

Call for Abstracts - Due February 15, 2007

Please submit your 500 word (maximum) paper or poster abstract via email (address below) by February 15, 2007. Include the abstract as text in the body of your email rather than as an attachment. With your abstract, please provide the title of the paper, names of authors, affiliations, and addresses (including email addresses), and key words. 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 the conference theme. Notifications of acceptance and a tentative conference schedule will be distributed in mid-March 2007. All abstracts, both oral and poster, will be published in the conference book of abstracts, and will be posted on the web site (www.CNREP.lsu.edu) following the conference.

All abstracts are to be submitted via email not later than February 15, 2007 to:

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