

## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PAPER FOR THE COASTAL SOCIETY'S CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Please join us in Newport, Rhode Island to examine and discuss these challenging questions. The Coastal Society's 19th biennial conference (TCS19) will focus on how coastal managers, resource users, law and policy makers, educators and students, and other coastal community members measure and assess coastal resources, functions and human impacts.

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What is "successful" governance? Who makes decisions about the manner in which coastal areas or resources are used? What cultural, social, economic and political factors influence governance and how? Can good governance models be transferred from one area (or resource) to another? TCS19 will examine international, national, regional and local governance issues.

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How do we use the land in our coastal zones? What functions do coastal lands provide? Are we loving the coasts to death? Are current laws and policies adequate and/or effective? TCS19 will examine issues regarding the manner in which coastal lands may be managed and used. We invite contributions dealing with the socio-economic, biophysical, legal and political aspects of coastal land stewardship. Particularly welcome are contributions regarding information collection and assessment systems (including GIS) that inform myriad coastal land use debates. Also welcome are contributions dealing with water-dependent industries, private property use, public access and zoning.

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How do we assess water quality? What factors influence differentiated water quality standards and how? TCS 19 will examine the manner in which biophysical information is collected, analyzed and used in water quality program design, implementation and evaluation. We encourage contributions dealing with nutrient control efforts, non-point source programs, contaminated sediments management, oil spill damage assessment and environmental restoration. Also welcome will be discussions on approaches to measuring political will, human values (exemplified through "acceptable" baselines), economic values, and other human dimensions of this theme. Finally, we seek examples of measurement innovations applied to management and regulatory issues that may drive future program development.

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What is an ecosystem? How do we define and manage 'essential' or 'critical'

habitat? What approaches can be employed to monitor ecosystems and habitat areas? Can humans effectively manage large natural systems? What roles should marine protected areas (MPAs) play? TCS19 will examine the manner in which measurement and assessment methods influence habitat and ecosystem-based management. We are particularly interested in contributions dealing with ecosystem function evaluation. We are also interested in contributions regarding the identification of threatened systems (e.g. certain wetlands or coral reefs) and the methods and processes designed to protect them.

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