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Spring 2016 Meeting

April 14 - 16, 2016

York Harbor Inn, York Harbor, Maine

Post-meeting field trips will be offered Saturday afternoon.



Important Due Dates:

February 22 - abstracts due

March 9 - student travel award application due

March 30 - online meeting registration due

April 1 - last day for conference rate at the hotel

April 6 - registration payment due to Treasurer



Hosts

US Fish and Wildlife Service and Wells National Estuary Research Reserve

Susan C. Adamowicz, USFWS; Chris Feurt, Wells NEER;

Pam Morgan, University of New England; Bev Johnson, Bates College

Come welcome spring in southern Maine! Our Spring 2016 meeting venue is in York Harbor, Maine just an hour north of Boston. The York Harbor Inn will provide us with ocean views, Maine's own Cliff Walk, and is just a short ride to Kittery shopping, Ogunquit art galleries, scenic Nubble Light, Perkins Cove and Mt. Agamenticus.

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Organizations are always welcome to be meeting sponsors and support is greatly appreciated. Please contact NEERS treasurer, [Courtney Schmidt](#) to learn about our sponsorship levels and how to support the NEERS meeting.

Meeting Details

[Special Symposium](#) - "For Better or For Worse: Can Collaborative Research Improve Estuarine Sustainability?"

[Call For Papers](#) - presentation guidelines and submission form.

[Registration](#) - fee schedule and submission form.

[Program](#) - .pdf of the *draft* program

Abstracts *coming soon* - If you would like a hard copy of the abstracts at the meeting, please print your own copy prior to the meeting. A review copy will be available at the registration desk.

Society

[Students](#) - Presentation prizes and student travel awards.

Business Meeting - The NEERS Business Meeting will be held after the last presentation on Friday afternoon. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Abstracts - On-line access to abstracts *is not yet available*

Accommodations

[Accommodations](#) - Hotel information.

[Meeting Site](#) - meeting venue and local attractions

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Contacts

General Information - [Susan Adamowicz](#) ; 207-251-3231

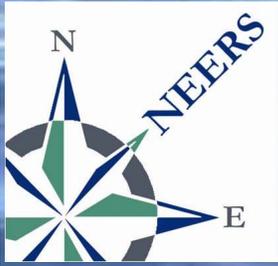
Abstracts or Other Program Concerns - [N. Tay Evans](#) or [Cathy Wigand](#)

Registration, Student Travel Awards - [Courtney Schmidt](#)

Website Issues - [Brett Branco](#)

Having trouble accessing the email addresses? Download a .pdf of the [Team NEERS](#) contact information.

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Conference Accommodations

[York Harbor Inn](#)

York Harbor, Maine

PO Box 573480 York Street | York Harbor, Maine, 03911

Tel: 207-363-5119 | Fax: 207-363-7151

Reservations: 800-343-3869 | info@yorkharborinn.com

Please identify yourself as registering for the NEERS conference rate.

register by **April 1** to get the conference room rate = \$96 / night + tax and maid gratuity

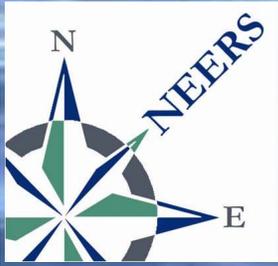
Other Options

Bed and Breakfasts

Hotels

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Meeting Venue

The Spring 2016 meeting of the New England Estuarine Research Society (NEERS) will be held at the [York Harbor Inn](#) in York Harbor, Maine, just an hour north of Boston.

The York Harbor Inn will provide us with ocean views, Maine's own Cliff Walk, and is just a short ride to Kittery shopping, Ogunquit art galleries, scenic Nubble Light, Perkins Cove and Mt. Agamenticus.

York Harbor Inn is a Maine Green Environmental Leader! <http://www.yorkharborinn.com/about/environment/>

DIRECTIONS

Local Attractions

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Field Trips - Saturday afternoon

There are several options for self-guided field trips.

We recommend clothing and foot gear appropriate for the weather. Southern Maine is in transition during this time. It can be snow and ice or strong hints of spring. Days are definitely longer and Nature is on the move.

Cliff walk: Adjacent to York Harbor Inn

Nubble Lighthouse: Just 3 miles from the York Harbor Inn, it's as scenic as a lighthouse can get.

Marginal Way/ Perkins Cove: Off Route 1 in Ogunquit, Maine offers beautiful views along a rocky coastline. Bring your binoculars!

http://marginalwayfund.org/Marginal_Way_map.pdf

Mount Agamenticus: Hike or drive to the summit of Mt. Agamenticus for panoramic views. Biodiversity is high in this region where Bird Conservation Regions 14 & 30 overlap. <http://www.agamenticus.org/> <http://acjv.org/planning/bird-conservation-regions/>

Rachel Carson NWR: 321 Port Rd., Wells, Maine. Come walk the Carson Trail (leashed dogs are welcomed) after your lunch at the famous Maine Diner on Route 1. http://www.fws.gov/refuge/rachel_carson/

Wells Reserve/ Laudholm Farm: 7 miles of walking trails through meadows, woods and along the marsh. No pets please. Also in Wells, just a mile from Rachel Carson NWR. http://www.wellsreserve.org/visit/trail_system

Kittery Trading Post/ Kittery Outlet Stores: Had enough of the outdoors? Need gear? Weather bad? Consider dropping a dollar or two in Maine before you head home.

Stonewall Kitchen Store and Café: Drive up Route 1 and stop here before jumping on 95 to head home. Corporate HQ, cooking school, foods, kitchen supplies and gourmet knick-knacks. Free tastings of just about every jarred item.

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Meals and Social Events

NEERS Welcoming Social - Thursday

Location: York Harbor Inn

Time: TBA, will be listed on the meeting program

The Welcoming Social will be held immediately following the Symposium. There will be light refreshments served and a cash bar. Join us for a chance to mingle and chat about topics of estuarine and coastal significance with the astute and erudite NEERSians gathered for this special meeting.

Thursday dinner is not offered as part of the conference. A list of restaurants in the area will be provided at the registration desk.

The social is included with the cost of registration.

NEERS Social - Friday

Location: York Harbor Inn

Time: TBA, will be listed on the meeting program

The social is included with the cost of registration. There will be light refreshments served and a cash bar. Additional food will be available for order (cash) in the tavern.

There will be live music at the Inn's [Cellar Pub](#) on April 15th. As always, we will be on the lookout for the next Stickleback Award winner, so dance late and make sure you're physically (if not mentally) present at the first talk the next morning!

Other Meals

Meeting registration includes mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, the Thursday and Friday socials, and Friday lunch. No dinners are included with registration.

Breakfasts

Breakfast is not provided as part of the conference. Breakfast is included with the hotel room. If staying elsewhere, please check with your hotel.

Thursday Lunch

Thursday lunch is not included with registration. A number of restaurants can be found in the local area by searching on-line. A list of restaurants will be available at the registration desk.

Friday Lunch

Friday lunch is a fixed menu. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available.

If a guest of an attendee would like to join us for lunch without attending the meeting, there may be a small additional charge. Please contact the treasurer directly to register a guest.

Saturday Lunch

Saturday lunch will likely be orderd form a nearby shop. Please check with the registraiton desk at the meeting if you are interested in this option. This is highly recommended for folks joining a field trip.

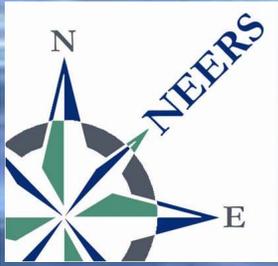
Thursday and Friday Dinners

Thursday and Friday dinners are not offered as part of the conference, though food will be available at the socials. A list of local restaurants will be available at the registration desk.

Dietary Concerns?

Please contact [Brett Branco](#) with any dietary concerns.

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Special Symposium

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Symposium Title - For Better or For Worse: Can Collaborative Research Improve Estuarine Sustainability?

The symposium will take place on Thursday and will "kick-off" the NEERS meeting.

Oral presentations will be followed by a social hour.

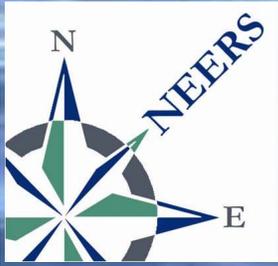
Symposium speakers will be invited by the local planning committee.

Background and Goals:

Estuarine and coasts have been the focus for developing and applying new collaborative research approaches. Whether you call it Social Ecological Systems, Coupled Human and Natural Systems or just plain science, researchers are increasingly joining forces with coastal managers to collaboratively tackle management questions that have never been more critical. Bridging disciplinary boundaries and organizational borders is hard work, time intensive and expensive. Is it worth the effort? This symposium features invited speakers working on the front lines of collaborative research in coasts and estuaries sharing their challenges and approaches. The symposium will include a facilitated discussion of best practices for tackling wicked challenges.

Location - [main meeting venue](#)

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Call For Papers

Abstracts are due February 22, 2016



[Abstract Submission Form](#)

If you experience problems with submitting your abstract, contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) .



Abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations are invited on any subject related to estuaries or coastal environments. Reports of work in progress as well as work in advanced stages and reviews of relevant topics are encouraged. Contributed oral and poster presentations will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

You have a choice!

NEERS offers a few choices for presentation styles...

Standard Oral - Regale us with an oral presentation of your work. These talks will be limited to 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for discussion. The meeting begins with a **Thursday Special Symposium** within a specified thematic area. The meeting continues on Friday and Saturday with the **Regular Session**. Related topics are usually grouped together in the schedule.

Ignite -This fast-paced presentation style is a chance for speakers to really focus on their main message. Each speaker has 5 minutes to present 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds – when your slides are done, so are you! Ignite sessions provide an opportunity to share information that might not fit into a standard oral or poster session -- the more concise speaking slot and quick slide transitions lend themselves to a more conversational and storytelling presentation style. Please check the **Ignite** page for more information.

Poster - Poster presentations are a great way to get up close and personal with your audience. Poster presentations will be displayed throughout the meeting and dedicated time for poster viewing is built into the schedule.

A few details...

Abstracts must be submitted online (link above).

All presenters must be or become a NEERS member. Information on becoming a member is included on the pre-registration form, or at [Join NEERS](#).

Prizes

Students will compete for the **Ketchum** and **Rankin** Prizes for oral presentations or the **Dean** and **Warren** Prizes for posters ([prize information](#)). Presentation prizes will be awarded at the end of the meeting on Saturday. Students are automatically entered into the prize competition. Students who have won an award are ineligible to win that award again, though they may still compete for the other awards.

All poster presenters (students and non-students) will compete for the **3-3 Award**, which includes a cash award of \$33 (judged by students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey information more clearly to other scientists and the public. Please see the Poster Guidelines section below for more information. Many thanks to the folks at SEERS for the idea and judging form.

All attendees may compete in the **Poster Trivia Contest**, which includes an award of a \$20 NEERS membership. Details will be provided at the poster session. Meeting attendees answer a series of trivia question based on the poster presentations. A winner is chosen by lottery from complete and correct submissions.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

Please select your first, second, and third choice for presentation format. Although we will try very hard to accommodate everyone's first choice, selecting multiple options increases the likelihood of securing a spot in the program. Options will include: Standard Oral Presentation - Regular Session; [Ignite](#) Oral Presentation; Poster; and Invited Oral Presentation - Thursday Special Symposium.

If you are submitting your abstract for presentation in the special symposium, select "Invited Oral Presentation, Thursday Special Symposium", which appears under First Choice only. For this meeting, all symposium speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts, see the Special Symposium page for more details.

A confirmation page will be emailed to you upon successful submission of your abstract to the NEERS website. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please resubmit your abstract. Contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) , with recurring problems. Following the deadline for submitting abstracts, all submissions will be confirmed by the program chair and the lead author will be notified of his/her scheduled time. Contact one of the co-Program Chairs, [N. Tay Evans](#) or [Cathy Wigand](#) , with questions.

1. Abstracts are to be submitted electronically. If you are having problems with the submission form, contact the co-webmaster ([Brett Branco](#)).
2. All abstracts have a 1750-character limit (about 250 words). The character limit includes spaces, and applies to the body of the abstract only; the authors and title are excluded from the character limit. Web page submissions are constrained automatically to the allotted amount of text, you will be prompted if your abstract exceed 1750 characters. You may determine your character count with your word processing program.
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***** SAMPLE ABSTRACT FORMAT*****

Cadillac*, M. T.(1) and I. M. A. Hiker (2).

(1) Department of Environmental Sociology and Outdoor Recreation, Coastal College, State-of-Mind, ME; (2) Department of Trail Maintenance, For Est College, ME.

A SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING OF THE ALLURE OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Acadia National Park boasts many dazzling spectacles, including the pounding surf of Thunder Hole, stunning views of Somes Sound and Frenchman Bay, and the first glimpse of sunrise in the US. Evidence suggests, however, that the park's true charm lies in its quiet beauty. We hiked ten trails from sea level to mountain summit, paddled eight 5-km stretches of island shoreline, and biked along 100 km of carriage roads, recording observations at regular intervals. Results confirm the importance of cumulative, small pleasures to the park's allure, such as sights of cliffs tumbling into the sea, islands emerging from the fog, pristine marshes, 300+ species of birds including breeding peregrine falcons, dense <i>Ruppia</i> and eelgrass beds, and diverse woodlands. We conclude that excursions off the loop road will enhance visitor experiences.

PowerPoint Presentations

The conference computer (PC) will use PowerPoint 2010. Please be sure to check your presentation for compatibility with this version.

We will load all PowerPoint presentations onto an IBM-compatible laptop well before each session. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a USB thumb drive to the projection desk at the NEERS meeting. We will load your presentations the evening before your talk. Please make sure your file can be read by another computer before you hand it in. Speakers should not plan to use their own computers for their presentations.

For presentations that include graphics or media other than standard PowerPoint slides (e.g., complicated animations or embedded video clips; photographic slides or overheads), authors will need to make additional arrangements. Please contact the co-webmaster,

[Brett Branco](#) , for more information.

Poster Guidelines

There will be a poster session on Friday afternoon. Presenters are expected to be present during the dedicated poster viewing sessions. Posters may be mounted beginning Thursday evening. All posters will remain on display through Saturday morning.

In designing your poster, keep content simple and provide a clear message in text that is large enough to read from a distance. Further details can be provided in discussions with attendees or via a handout that also includes your contact information. Good resources for preparing posters can be found at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/>

NEERS will have available our foam-core mounting boards, pushpins, and tape to display posters. The maximum poster dimensions are 36" x 48". For those of you who prefer conversational discussion of your work, this may be the most appropriate presentation style. Please check the poster option on your abstract form. If you have special needs (a power outlet, etc.) contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) .

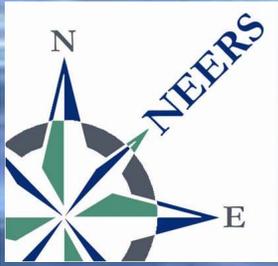
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[Creating Effective Poster Presentations](#) from NC State University

[Designing an Effective Research Poster](#) from UC Merced

[Good Poster Presentation Practices](#) from Eastern Michigan University

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Registration

Registration opens on 2/22/2016.

Early registration closes on March 30, 2016.

After March 30, walk-in registration rates apply. You may still register on-line.



[Registration Form](#)

If you experience problems submitting your registration, contact the webmaster, [Brett Branco](#)



Have you already registered but still need to pay? Visit the [registration site](#), login, "View Profile" and check your Invoices.



Payment accepted by check, money order, PayPal, or credit card (via PayPal).

Registration Fee Schedule

	Early Registration Rate	Walk-in Rate
student	\$45	\$60
member	\$90	\$110
non-member	\$110	\$130
one-day student	\$20 (Th); \$30 (Fr); \$15 (Sa)	\$30 (Th); \$40 (Fr); \$25 (Sa)
one-day member	\$40 (Th); \$60 (Fr); \$30 (Sa)	\$50 (Th); \$70 (Fr); \$40 (Sa)
one-day non-member	\$60 (Th); \$80 (Fr); \$50 (Sa)	\$70 (Th); \$90 (Fr); \$60 (Sa)

Registration includes the Thursday and Friday Socials, Friday lunch, and all coffee breaks. One-day registration is for a specific day. See the [Meals and Social Events](#) page for details on the options being offered.

Additional Fees

[NEERS Membership](#) - student* \$5

NEERS Membership - regular*	\$20
Saturday Box Lunch	\$12
Field Trip	free

* The registration form includes a link to join NEERS ([membership details](#)). Loyal NEERS members, annual dues are collected at the spring meeting.

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