

Assessing Wetlands Loss/Conditions and Restoration

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Eastern: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

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A Watershed Academy Webcast:

Coastal wetlands play an integral role in the health of our nation's waters and our nation's fisheries. In addition, they buffer coastal communities against the impacts of storms and sea level rise due to global climate change. Coastal managers and others interested in protecting wetlands can learn from this Webcast presentation, which will highlight two National Estuary Programs impacted by significant wetlands losses.

Kerry St. Pe, Director of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and Jan Smith, Director of the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program, will discuss methods for assessing the condition of wetlands, measuring wetlands loss, and techniques for restoring coastal wetlands. This Webcast will also examine EPA's wetlands monitoring and assessment efforts at a national scale, including a discussion of the National Wetland Condition Assessment.

Instructors:



Kerry St. Pe, Executive Director, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP)

Kerry has been, for the past 10 years, the Executive Director of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, an effort dedicated to preserving and restoring the 4.2 million-acre area between the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers in Southeast, Louisiana. He worked for 23 years as a field biologist and regional coordinator for the Louisiana Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries and Environmental Quality. His wetlands restoration work has been featured in the best selling book *Bayou Farewell, The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast* by Mike Tidwell and most recently in the PBS documentary, *Washing Away: Losing Louisiana*.

Michael Scozzafava, Environmental Protection Specialist, USEPA

Michael Scozzafava has been with EPA since 2004 and in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds since May 2006. He is chair of the National Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Work Group (NWMWAG) and co-lead on the 2011 National Wetland Condition Assessment. Michael earned a M.S. in Energy and Environmental Policy from the University of Delaware in 2004 with a focus on Watershed Management and is a former Presidential Management Fellow.



Jan Smith, Director, Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program

For the past 10 years, Jan has been the Director of the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program, which covers the coastal waters and associated habitats from the tip of Cape Cod to the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border. He works on scientific projects and related regulatory development efforts, and is working to create a Rapid Assessment Method for evaluating coastal wetland systems.

The Watershed Academy

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Registration

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Questions?

Visit www.clu-in.org/live or contact Helen Siverling at helen.siverling@tetrattech-ffx.com or 703-385-6000.

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