

July 22 through 26, 2007

AT A GLANCE

Participants

- 920 people attended, representing 16 countries
- Attendees were from the following sectors:
 - o Federal: 37% o State: 22%
 - o University (including Sea Grant): 20%
 - Nonprofit: 10%Private: 8%Local: 3%
- Participants who completed the evaluation (578) categorized their primary job function as follows:
 - o Resource management, conservation, environmental science: 44%
 - o Atmospheric, earth, oceanographic science: 9%
 - o Urban, regional planning: 8%
 - o Biological science: 8%
 - o Outreach, public relations: 8%
 - o Education, training: 6%
 - Sociology, anthropology, economics: 5%
 - o Geographic information system mapping, cartography, photogrammetry: 5%
 - o Engineering, surveying: 3%
 - o Information technology: 2%
 - o Emergency management: 1%

Technical Program

- 2 plenaries
- 108 concurrent sessions (for a total of 333 speakers)
- 66 poster presenters
- 3 trainings
- 5 field trips

Sponsors (18 total)

- Federal: 12
- State: 2
- Commercial: 3
- Nonprofit: 1

Top Three Reasons Why People Attended the Conference:

- Hearing new information
- Networking
- Meeting new people

Priority Topics at the Conference

- Ecological protection and restoration
- Ecosystem-based management
- Coastal hazards
- Land use planning, especially at the local and state level
- Public education and media
- Fisheries
- Reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act
- Marine protected areas

Emerging Issues

- Alternative energy
- Climate change
- Regional ocean governance
- Human dimensions

Participants Need Assistance With

- Developing performance measures and evaluations
- Using remote sensing data
- Mapping habitats, as well as organizing the data and sharing it
- Using Integrated Ocean Observing System data
- Accessing and using social and economic data