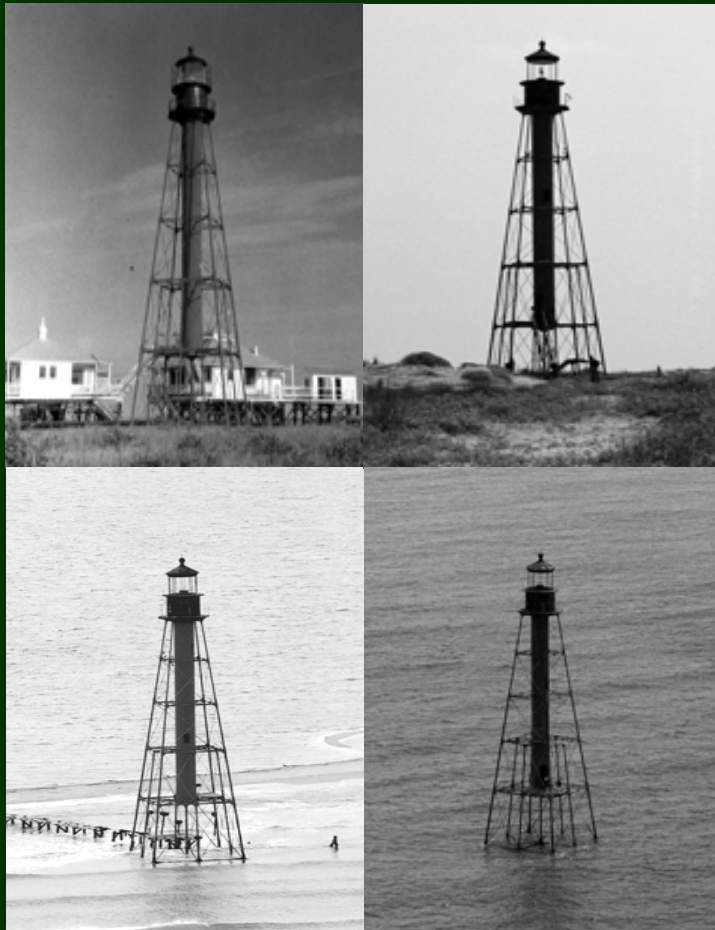


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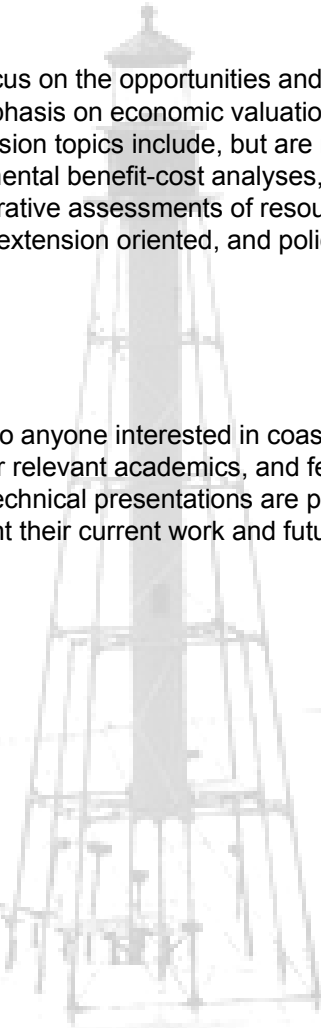
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**Motivation:** The importance of coastal wetland loss is widely documented, and nowhere more so than in Louisiana, where an estimated 1,900 square miles of coastal marsh has been lost in the past century. An increasing international body of scientific literature has identified hydrologic modification, nutrient and sediment starvation, and land subsidence as the primary causal agents for coastal erosion, and often calls for extensive ecosystem manipulation in order to arrest land loss and restore coastal wetlands. The justification for this proposed activity, however, is based on hypothesized socioeconomic losses that have yet to be rigorously estimated. The relative lack of formal economic linkages to biophysical processes is hindering the assessment of coastal wetland resources nationwide.

**Conference Topics:** This conference will focus on the opportunities and challenges of socioeconomic research in coastal systems, with particular emphasis on economic valuation and its use in developing coastal zone management policy. Potential session topics include, but are not limited to, market and non-market valuation of coastal resources, environmental benefit-cost analyses, economic linkage/impact assessment, input-output modeling, and comparative assessments of resource management and restoration policy. Basic and applied research, extension oriented, and policy discussion submissions are all welcome.

**Audience:** The conference will be of interest to anyone interested in coastal zone management policy, including applied economists, sociologists, other relevant academics, and federal, state, and local policy makers. A balanced mix of technical and non-technical presentations are planned, and noted research and policy professionals will be invited to present their current work and future ideas in keynote addresses to the conference.



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## **Abstract Submission Guidelines:**

Deadline for Submission is February 15, 2007

Please submit your 500 word (maximum) paper or poster abstract by email to the address below. Include the abstract as text in the body of your email rather than as an attachment. If emailing your abstract is not possible, you may submit it by postal mail or fax (information below).

With your abstract, please provide the title of the paper, names of authors, affiliations, and addresses (including email addresses), and key words for the paper. 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. A tentative conference schedule will be distributed in mid-February 2004 along with information on registration and accommodations. Full papers are due at the time of the conference to be considered for inclusion in the peer-reviewed conference proceedings.

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