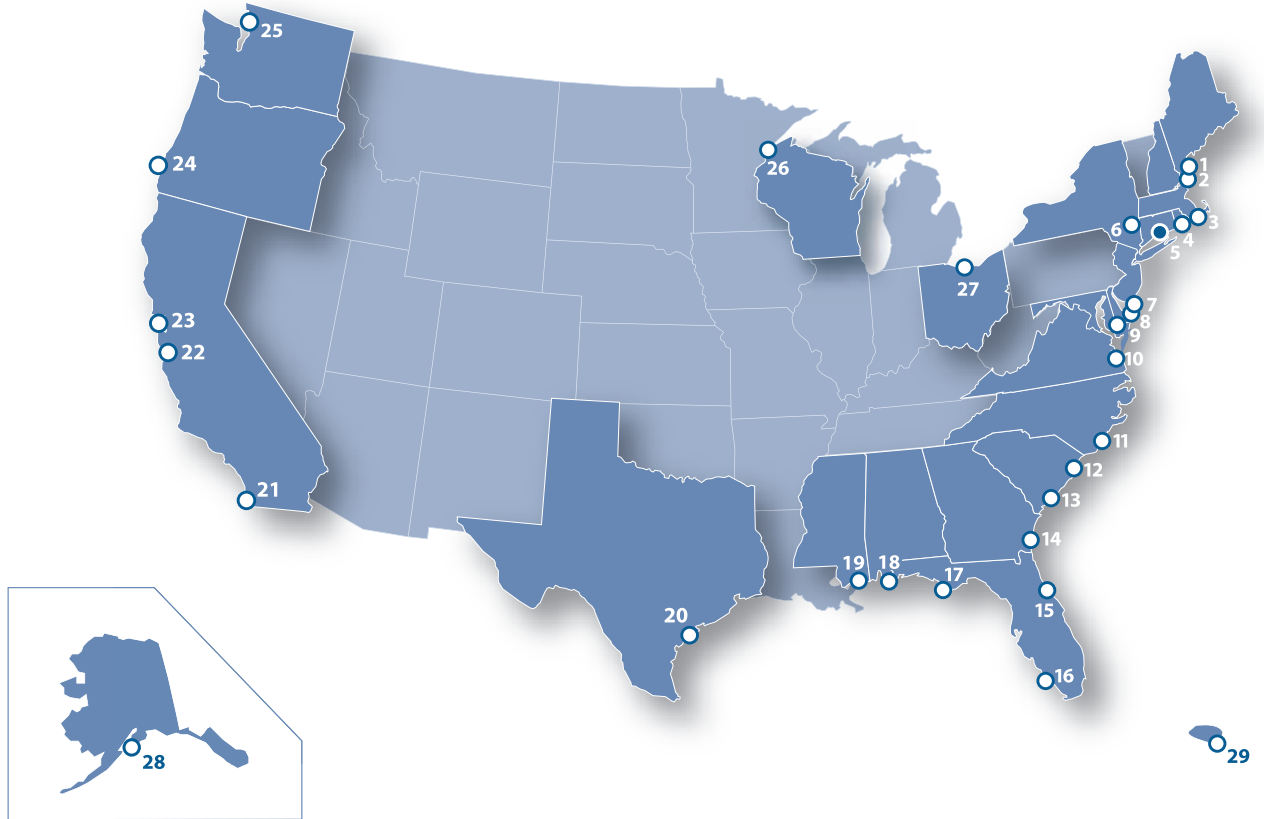# Coastal Training Program

Through the Coastal Training Program, National Estuarine Research Reserves address critical coastal resource management issues by providing the most up-to-date scientific information, access to technologies and skill-building opportunities to key professionals responsible for making decisions about coastal resources. Topical areas include coastal habitat restoration, water quality, stormwater management, land use and coastal development issues. Programs target land-use planners, elected officials, regulators, land developers, community groups, environmental non-profits, private consultants and business leaders.

Using a strategic approach, reserves conduct comprehensive market analysis to determine training niches and identify audiences. Targeted needs assessments are used to help identify the training needs of specific decison-maker audiences. Program development and marketing strategies are based on these careful audience assessments. In addition, reserves establish coordinating committees, including representatives from state coastal programs and Sea Grant College programs, to provide ongoing direction and to develop strategies for partnering with regional organizations on specific training initiatives.

Programs range from seminars, hands-on skill training, participatory workshops, lectures and technology demonstrations. Participants benefit from opportunities to share experiences and network in a multidisciplinary setting, often with a reserve-based field activity.

For more information, see http://www8.nos.noaa.gov/publicnerrs/training.aspx

NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM

1. Wells, Maine
2. Great Bay, New Hampshire
3. Waquoit Bay, Massachusetts
4. Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island
5. Connecticut *
6. Hudson River, New York
7. Jacques Cousteau, New Jersey
8. Delaware
9. Chesapeake Bay, Maryland
10. Chesapeake Bay, Virginia
11. North Carolina
12. North Inlet-Winyah Bay, South Carolina
13. ACE Basin, South Carolina
14. Sapelo Island, Georgia
15. Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida

16. Rookery Bay, Florida
17. Apalachicola, Florida
18. Weeks Bay, Alabama
19. Grand Bay, Mississippi
20. Mission-Aransas, Texas
21. Tijuana River, California
22. Elkhorn Slough, California
23. San Francisco Bay, California
24. South Slough, Oregon
25. Padilla Bay, Washington
26. Lake Superior, Wisconsin
27. Old Woman Creek, Ohio
28. Kachemak Bay, Alaska
29. Jobos Bay, Puerto Rico

Proposed Reserve

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