



# NCECER 2018

## National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration

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<b>Sunday, August 26, 2018</b>	
3:00pm-7:00pm	<b>Conference Registration Opens</b> <b>Poster Presenters and Sponsors Move-In Displays</b>
<b>Monday, August 27, 2018</b>	
7:30am-5:00pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
7:30am-9:00am	<b>Early Morning Refreshments in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
9:00am-5:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Opening Plenary Session</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gulf of Mexico - Defining Restoration Success from the Local to National Level</b></p> <p>A series of four panels will focus on a different aspect or component of restoration in order to address the following question from multiple angles: Gulf Ecosystem Restoration - What Does Success Look Like? Panelists represent a diverse cross-section of disciplines including scientists, decision-makers, restoration planners, and funders, from the Gulf Region and across the nation. This series is designed to provoke new ideas by engaging audience participants and facilitating dialogue among panel experts, furthering our understanding of restoration challenges, lessons-learned, and future opportunities. In keeping with the broader conference theme, what successful ecosystem restoration looks like will be examined from the local to national level, with a focus on identifying, measuring, achieving and communicating restoration goals. These discussions will also explore how restoration in the Gulf is influenced by work done elsewhere and how lessons learned in the Gulf might apply to other regions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Panel Sessions</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel 1: Restoration Planning for Success  Panel 2: How Do You Assess Cumulative Effects of Regional Restoration Efforts and Evaluate Success?  Panel 3: Integrating Restoration Science and Decision-Making  Panel 4: The Future of Restoration</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Keynote Presentation</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Susanne M. Torriente</b>, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Miami Beach</p> <p>Susanne will present the closing keynote address at the end of the Gulf of Mexico-themed plenary session - Gulf Ecosystem Restoration: What Does Success Look Like? As the Chief Resiliency Officer in a city tackling the challenges of sea level rise head on, Susanne Torriente will talk about the scale and complexity of scaling resilience planning and action at a city, county and regional level; as well as fully integrating resilience thinking into an organization's corporate culture and strategic budget process.</p>
10:00am-10:30am	<b>AM Refreshment Break in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
12noon-1:30pm	<b>Lunch on Own</b>
3:00pm-3:30pm	<b>PM Refreshment Break in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
5pm-6pm	<b>Welcome Social in the Poster Hall</b>

	<b>Tuesday, August 28, 2018</b>
7:30am-5:00pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
8:00am-9:00am	<b>Early Morning Refreshments in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
9:00am-10:00am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Plenary Session</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Barry Gold</i>, Environment Program Director, Walton Family Foundation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adaptive Management Planning and Implementation in Ecological Restoration: Opportunities &amp; Challenges</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A changing climate is forcing individuals, communities, businesses and governments to adapt. More frequent and more severe storms, prolonged droughts, and rising seas are among the challenges we all must confront as a “new normal” where we are working. This new approach is certainly true for those of us involved in coastal restoration. Barry Gold will talk about how the Walton Family Foundation is adapting its strategies, approaches and measures of success in the face of a changing climate, and what this means for the larger issue of the restoration of coastal wetlands across the Gulf of Mexico.</p>
10:00am-10:30am	<b>AM Break in Poster Hall</b>

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Concurrent Sessions — 10:30am - 12:00noon						
	Galerie 1	Galerie 2	Galerie 3	Galerie 4	Galerie 5	Galerie 6
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	<b>Restoration of 30,000 Acres of Habitat: Science or Science Fiction?</b>	<b>Current Challenges for Ecosystem Restoration in Today's Economic and Political Landscape</b>	<b>Stakeholder Engagement Part 1: Collaboration to Achieve Landscape-Scale Objectives</b>	<b>Building Resilient Urban Coastal Environments and Communities through Science Based Eco-engineering</b>	<b>Emerging Eco-engineering and Seed Enhancement Technologies to Combat Land Degradation</b>	<b>Tools and Strategies for Informed Decision Making</b>
	Darcy Austin Delta Stewardship Council Sacramento, CA	Natalie Peyronnin Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, DC	John Tull U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Reno, NV	Shimrit Perkol-Finkel EConcrete Tech Ltd Tel Aviv, Israel	Todd Erickson Univ. of Western Australia   Kings Park Science, Perth, Western Australia	Jeff Trulick US Army Corps of Engineers Washington, DC
10:30am	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
10:40am	<b>Lauren Hastings</b> Delta Stewardship Council  Developing an Adaptive Management Program for California EcoRestore	<b>Brett Berkley</b> GreenVest, LLC  Developing and Leveraging a Public-Private Partnership for A Large-Scale Stream and Wetland Restoration on Federal Property	<b>Bethany Carl Kraft</b> Volkert, Inc.  Can Every Stakeholder Feel Heard in Large-Scale, Multi-Resource Programs? Lessons From the Gulf of Mexico	<b>Shimrit Perkol-Finkel</b> EConcrete Tech Ltd  Bringing Concrete to Life: Harnessing Biological Processes for Building Resilient Coastal Infrastructure	<b>David Merritt</b> Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions  Addressing Limitations to Seed Recruitment in Large Scale Restoration	<b>Maggie Christman</b> Delta Stewardship Council  Linking Science to Decision-Making Through Synthesis and Communication in California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
11:00am	<b>Campbell Ingram</b> Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy  Regional Restoration Planning: a Case Study in Collaborative Restoration Science and Planning	<b>Mindy Simmons</b> US Army Corps of Engineers  Ecosystem Restoration for the US Army Corps of Engineers in a Changing "Climate"- a National Perspective	<b>Rob Campellone</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  The ICASS Platform: Nine Principles for Landscape Conservation Design	<b>Mart Black</b> Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  Promoting Resiliency through Science-Based Eco-Engineering in a Coastal Louisiana Parish	<b>Matthew Madsen</b> Brigham Young University  Use of Seed Enhancement Technologies for Overcoming Abiotic and Biotic Limitations to Native Plant Establishment	<b>Douglas Norton</b> EPA  Informing Gulf Coast (DWH-NRDA) Ecological Restoration Options with the Recovery Potential Screening Tool
11:20am	<b>Rosemary Hartman</b> California Department of Fish and Wildlife  Evaluating Restoration Effectiveness: a Tidal Wetland Monitoring Framework for California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	<b>Simone Maloz</b> Restore or Retreat  Financing Louisiana's Coast	<b>Aimee Roberson</b> American Bird Observatory  Dos Ríos Conservation Collaborative: A Stakeholder-Driven Approach to Achieving Landscape-Scale Objectives	<b>Tyler Ortego</b> ORA Technologies  Let the Oysters Do the Work: A Proposal for Creating Truly Biogenic Structures for Resilience and Restoration	<b>Travis Sowards</b> Brigham Young University  Efficacy of Abscisic Acid (ABA) in Delaying Germination of <i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i> to Reduce Seeding Failure in Sagebrush-steppe Restoration Efforts	<b>Kate Buenau</b> Pacific Northwest National Laboratory  Missouri River Restoration: Science and Decision Strategies for Long-Term Recovery
11:40am	<b>Ramona Swenson</b> Environmental Science Associates (ESA)  Early Implementation: Lessons Learned from the Tule Red Restoration Project)	<b>Kathleen Sullivan Sealey</b> University of Miami  Hurricanes, Coastal Restoration and Climate Finance for Small Island Developing States: Study of the Bahamas	<b>John Tull</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  Results-Oriented Grazing for Ecological Resilience: A Case Example of Co-Producing Conservation-Based Outcomes on Working Lands in the Great Basin	<b>Leslie Suazo</b> Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  Powerful Partnerships Promote Community Resilience – The Role of NGOs in Coastal Louisiana	<b>Todd Erickson</b> Uni. of Western Australia / Kings Park Science  Recent Advancements in Restoration-engineering and Seed Enhancement Technologies for Use in Mine Rehabilitation	<b>Auriel Fournier</b> Mississippi State University  Guiding Coordinated Bird Monitoring Decisions Through Structured Decision Making
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<b>Maximizing Wetland functions from Restoration Dollars when Constructing Wetlands from Dredged Material: Part 1</b>		<b>Integrating Independent Science Review through the Adaptive Management Cycle</b>		<b>Stakeholder Engagement Part 2: Development and Communication of Landscape-Scale Adaptation Strategies</b>		<b>Ecosystem Restoration as a Tool for Enhancing Resiliency</b>		<b>Challenges and Changes in the Missouri River Recovery Program</b>		<b>The Apalachicola Regional Restoration Initiative: Restoring the Apalachicola River and Bay</b>	
John Andrew Nyman Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, LA		Todd Caplan GeoSystems Analysis, Inc Albuquerque, NM		Genevieve Johnson Bureau of Reclamation Boulder City, NV		Eric Sparks Mississippi State University Biloxi, MS		Mark Harberg USACE, Missouri River Recovery Program Senior Program Manager Omaha, NE		Jason Drake and Paul Medley National Forests in Florida Tallahassee, FL	
1:30pm		Introduction		Introduction		Introduction		Introduction		Introduction	
1:40pm		<b>Gregg Fell</b> Natural Resource Professionals, LLC  Privately Funded Marsh Creation Utilizing Dredge Material from the Mississippi River	<b>Tiffany Vanosdall</b> USACE, Omaha District  Use of Independent Science Review to Improve Science and Collaboration During Development and Implementation of Adaptive Management on the Missouri River	<b>Logan Benedict</b> Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute  Florida Keys Case Study on Incorporating Climate Change Considerations into Conservation Planning and Actions for Threatened and Endangered Species	<b>Michael Burton</b> Stantec Consulting Services  Planning and Designing Resilient Shoreline Stabilization Solutions – Case Study: Three Sisters Springs	<b>Craig Fleming</b> USACE, Integrated Science Program  Evolution of Adaptive Management for the Missouri River Recovery Program	<b>Brian Pelc</b> The Nature Conservancy  The Apalachicola Regional Restoration Initiative: Principles of Partnership				
2:00pm		<b>Leigh Anne Sharp</b> Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) Louisiana State University  Lessons Learned from Marsh Creation Vegetation Monitoring – Assessing the Need For Plantings and Regional Variation in Vegetation Establishment	<b>Steve Bosquin</b> South Florida Water Management District  The Role of Independent Science Review in Restoration Evaluation, Planning, Implementation, and Adaptive Management for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project	<b>Scott Hemmerling</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf  Incorporating Local Knowledge into Ecological Restoration Assessments – Case Studies in Coastal Louisiana	<b>Cathleen Wigand</b> US EPA  Salt Marsh Sustainability in New England: Progress and Remaining Challenges	<b>Brad Thompson</b> USACE, Omaha District  How to Deal with Uncertainty and Objectives: Pallid Sturgeon Case Study	<b>Amy Jenkins</b> Florida Natural Areas Inventory  Historic Natural Community Mapping and Rare Plant Surveys in the Apalachicola Region				
2:20pm		<b>Paul Leberg</b> University of Louisiana at Lafayette  Influences of Coastal Island Restoration on Seabird Populations and Their Nest Predators	<b>Edmund Yu</b> Delta Science Program, Delta Stewardship Council  Adaptively Managing the California Delta: The Use of Independent Review	<b>Kirsten Bouska</b> U.S. Geological Survey  A Resilience Assessment of the Upper Mississippi River System	<b>Thomas Ries</b> Environmental Science Associates  An Assessment of Living Shorelines/Natural Infrastructure Solutions - Towards Improving Ecosystem Resiliency	<b>Mike Snyder</b> USACE, Kansas City District  Walking the Tightrope: Balancing Certainty of Action for ESA Compliance and Scientific Uncertainty through Adaptive Management on the Missouri River	<b>John Hogland</b> USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station  Estimating Characteristics of Forests in the Apalachicola Region Using Remotely Sensed Imagery and Field Samples				
2:40pm		<b>Haoran Liu</b> Louisiana State University  Sediment Transport and Infilling Processes of Dredge Pits on the Louisiana Shelf	<b>Scott VanderKooi</b> US Geological Survey  The Role of Independent Science Review in Adaptive Management of the Colorado River in Grand Canyon	<b>Genevieve Johnson</b> Bureau of Reclamation  A Lessons-Learned Toolbox for Collaborative Conservation and Adaptation Strategies	<b>Matthew Starr</b> Stantec Consulting Services  Keys to Planning, Designing and Permitting Resilient Coastal Restoration Projects	<b>Mary Roth</b> USACE, Northwest Division  Missouri River Recovery Program Adaptive Management Governance and the Collaborative Process	<b>Cassandra Pallai</b> Chesapeake Conservancy, Conservation Innovation Center  Collaborative Planning for Apalachicola Restoration in High Resolution				
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Maximizing Wetland functions from Restoration Dollars When Constructing Wetlands from Dredged Material: Part 2	Use of Ecological Expertise for Communicating Sound Management Advice	Stakeholder Engagement Part 3: Community Engagement to Inform Planning and Maintain Project Support	A Multi-Discipline and Multi-Benefit Approach for Improving Natural Systems in the Greater Toronto Area	Gulf Coast Restoration Challenges and Opportunities	Coastal Restoration on Long Island: Getting to Scale	
Leigh Anne Sharp Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Lafayette, LA	Rebecca Allee National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Stennis Space Center, MS	Cary Ehrman Ramboll Columbus, OH	John Stille Toronto and Region Conservation Toronto, Ontario	Chris Warn Environmental Science Associates (ESA) Sarasota, FL	Stuart Lowrie The Nature Conservancy on Long Island East Hampton, NY	
3:30pm	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
3:40pm	Mike Carloss Ducks Unlimited  Beneficial Use of Dredged Material – A Texas Project Case Study with Public/Private Partnership Benefits and Future Plans	<u>Panelists:</u> <b>Ruth Carmichael</b> Dauphin Island Sea Lab <b>Renee Collini</b> Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative <b>Kelly Darnell</b> Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, University of Southern Mississippi <b>Kathy Goodin</b> NatureServe	Gabriela González-Olimón Sonoran Institute  A Community Meets a River: the Colorado River Delta Restoration Project	John Stille Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  Integrated Restoration Prioritization: A Strategic Tool for Improving Natural Systems in the Greater Toronto Area	Doug Robison Environmental Science Associates (ESA)  Overview of the RESTORE Act State Expenditure Plan for the State of Florida	Stuart Lowrie The Nature Conservancy on Long Island, East Hampton, NY  The Critical Path to Achieve Coastal Restoration on Long Island
4:00pm	Irving Mendelsohn Louisiana State University  Controls on Successful Marsh Restoration with Dredged Sediment-Slurries	The purpose of this panel is to open a dialogue about communicating ecosystem science to natural resource managers and other decision-makers. Panelist will discuss the inclusion of stakeholders throughout project conception and implementation and the transition of ecological knowledge to coastal managers to help identify suitable restoration sites and improve coastal resiliency. Panelists will discuss how data and new science can be integrated into daily decision-making processes at the local and regional levels.	Daniel Halsey SouthWoods Ecosystems  Visualizing Strategy for Stakeholder Engagement and Buy-In	Ralph Toninger Toronto and Region Conservation  Utilizing Collaborative Regional Based Prioritization to Garner Support and Funding for Restoration Implementation Programming	Roberta Swann Mobile Bay National Estuary Program  Using Science to Engage Communities in Restoring Alabama's Coast	Peter Scully Deputy County Executive for Administration, Suffolk County Executive's Office, NY  Government Leadership and Innovation to Restore Coastal Ecosystems on Long Island
4:20pm	Thomas McGinnis Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority  Dredged Material Settlement from Marsh Creation Projects Conducted in Coastal Louisiana		Matthew Harwell US EPA  Decision Support Tools as Opportunities for Engagement and Communication	John DiRocco Toronto and Region Conservation  Reach Based Restoration Construction Practices: Successes and Lessons Learned from Decades of Implementation	Brett Geesey HDR Engineering, Inc.  Keeping up with the Tide - Restoration Design Considerations in the Soft Soils of Coastal Louisiana	Chris Clapp The Nature Conservancy on Long Island  Implementation: Technology and Funding
4:40pm	John Andrew Nyman Louisiana State University Agricultural Center  Created Marshes Could Support More Fish and Crustaceans If They Were Designed with Lower Elevation and More Edges		Cary Ehrman Ramboll US Corporation  Case Study: Consulting Local Communities to Assess Impacts and Promote Awareness and Participation, Port of Port Moresby Relocation, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	Patrick Esson Toronto and Region Conservation  Determining Practical Key Performance Measures for Ecological Restoration Practitioners: Challenges and Considerations	Juan Moya Freese and Nichols  Recent Coastal Geomorphological Changes of the Old Brazos River Delta: Morphodynamic Processes Affecting Habitat Adaptations	Holly Drinkuth The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut  Replicating for Greater Impact: Adapting for Success in Long Island Sound

<b>Tuesday, August 28, 2018</b>	
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Special Plenary Session:</b>  <b>Join us for Two Meetings of the Society for Ecological Restoration</b>                      [Galerie 2]</p>
5:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) Q&amp;A Session</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR: Jennifer Lyndall</b>, SER Certification Program Coordinator</p> <p>All NCER attendees are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about SER's ecological restoration practitioner certification program that encourages a high professional standard for those who are designing, implementing, overseeing, and monitoring restoration projects throughout the world.</p>
5:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Annual Meeting of SER's Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS)</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR: Matt Grabau</b>, LERS President</p> <p>All NCER attendees involved in large scale restoration are invited to attend this session and learn how you can collaborate with the best and brightest from across the globe to advance ecosystem restoration.</p> <p>LERS provides a forum for exchanging ideas, approaches, lessons learned, and data relevant to the planning, policy, science, and engineering of large-scale ecosystem restoration programs. <i><b>Please join us!</b></i></p>
6:00pm	<p><b>Evening on Own</b></p>

	<b>Wednesday, August 29, 2018</b>
7:30am-5:30pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
8:00am-9:00am	<b>Early Morning Refreshments in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
9:00am-10:00am	<p><b><u>Plenary Session</u></b>  <i>Peter Goodwin</i>, President, UMCES</p> <p><b>Integrating Science into Decision Making: Linking River Management and Coastal Restoration</b></p> <p>Water quality and quantity have broad impacts including ecosystem health, agricultural and fishery resources, and quality of life. Environmental managers face challenges from estimating effectiveness of restoration practices, competing stakeholder requests, and potentially high financial and societal costs. Peter Goodwin will speak about his experiences applying ecohydraulic (linkages between physical processes, management actions, and ecological responses) principles while serving as the Lead Scientist for the California Delta Science Program as well as a former member of the CALFED Independent Science Board.</p>
10:00am-10:30am	<b>AM Break in Poster Hall</b>

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	<b>Data Management Best Practices for Ecological Restoration</b>	<b>Approaches to Demonstrating the Cumulative Effects of Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration</b>	<b>Drones 101: An Introduction to Drones as a Restoration Tool</b>	<b>Engaging Non-traditional Partners in Restoration Projects</b>	<b>Chesapeake Bay Adaptive Management and Decision-making</b>	<b>Use of Models in Ecosystem Restoration</b>
	Judith Schofield GDIT, Alexandria, VA and Louis Blume, USEPA, Chicago, IL	Heida Diefenderfer and Gary E. Johnson Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Sequim, WA	Joe Baustian The Nature Conservancy Baton Rouge, LA	Kim Reyher Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Baton Rouge, LA	Mike Chotkowski US Geological Survey Sacramento, CA	Moderator TBD
10:30am	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
10:40am	Robert Sutter GDIT  A Future For Data: An Overview of Data Management for Analysis, Decision-making and Reuse	<b>Panelists:</b> <b>Kate E. Buenau</b> Pacific Northwest National Laboratory <b>Andrew J. Loschiavo</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Jacksonville District <b>Gregory D. Steyer</b> U.S. Geological Survey <b>Elene Trujillo</b> Puget Sound Partnership	<b>Session Description:</b> Unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, are becoming increasingly popular tools in the research and restoration community, but how useful are they really? This session gives an overview of drone technology, operation principles, applicable laws, equipment costs, limitations, training and learning curves and usefulness of this technology for research and restoration professionals.	<b>Helen Rose Patterson</b> National Wildlife Federation  A Rabbi, A Priest and An Imam Get on Boat: Engaging the Faith Community in Louisiana's Land Loss Crisis	<b>Mike Chotkowski</b> US Geological Survey  Using Decision Support Relationships to Improve Ecosystem Management	<b>Leonard Pearlstine</b> Everglades National Park  Probabilistic Simulation of Vegetation Dynamics in the Everglades Vegetation Succession Model (ELVES)
11:00am	Craig Palmer GDIT  The Role of Data Management in Quality Assurance of Ecological Restoration Data	Panelists representing the Florida Everglades, Gulf Coast, Missouri River and Puget Sound will discuss emerging methods that large-scale ecosystem restoration programs nationwide are developing to evaluate cumulative effects of multiple restoration actions at ecosystem and landscape scales.		<b>Samantha Carter</b> National Wildlife Federation  Cooking Up the Coast: How Chefs Can Help Restoration Efforts	<b>David Goshorn</b> Maryland Department of Natural Resources  The Chesapeake Bay Partnership's Strategy Review System: Developing an Adaptive Management System for Restoring the Chesapeake Bay	<b>Zhonglong Zhang</b> LimnoTech, ERDC Environmental Laboratory  An Integrated HEC-RAS and Riparian Vegetation Simulation Module System and Its Application to the Sacramento River
11:20am	Brick Fevold GDIT  A Data Management Plan Template for Ecological Restoration and Monitoring			<b>John O'Donnell</b> Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation  Improving Water Quality through Intensive Community Engagement	<b>Laura Drescher</b> US EPA  Is It Working? Evaluating Successes and Challenges in Implementing Adaptive Management in the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership	<b>Andrew Guzzomi</b> University of Western Australia  Restoration-Engineering – A Blended Science-Engineering Model
11:40am	Todd Redder LimnoTech  Application of Data Management and Decision Support Tools to Support Coastal Wetland Management in the Laurentian Great Lakes		<b>Whitney Broussard</b> JESCO, Inc.  Mapping Coastal Land Use, Elevation, and Wetland Vegetation with UAS (Drone) Imagery	<b>Corey Miller</b> Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana  Managing Natural Resource Conflicts while Implementing Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration	<b>Lucinda Power</b> US EPA  A Changing Chesapeake Bay: A New Paradigm for Stakeholder Engagement	<b>Kevin McIntyre</b> Jones Research Center  Using Wildlife Habitat Models to Evaluate Management Endpoints for Open Pine Woodland and Savanna
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	<b>Approaches to Improve Quality and Reliability of Data Collected for Ecological Restoration Projects</b>	<b>Measuring Success of Multiple Gulf Coast Restoration Programs: Accountability for Long-Term Success</b>	<b>Drones 201: A Primer on Analyzing Drone Data</b>	<b>Plant Materials: The Seeds of Restoration</b>	<b>Tools for Assessing Ecosystem Services in Restoration: Part 1</b>	<b>Changing Hydrologic Conditions</b>
	Craig Palmer GDIT Alexandria, VA	David Hanson HansonRM Blaine, WA	Dan Staley Arbor Drone, LLC Aurora, CO	TBD	Matt Harwell USEPA, Gulf Breeze, FL	Mirka Zapletal US Geological Survey Lafayette, LA
1:30pm	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
1:40pm	<b>Louis Blume</b> USEPA  Guidance for the Application of Quality Assurance and Quality Control Principles to Ecological Restoration Project Monitoring	<b>Panelists:</b> <b>Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley (ret)</b> <b>Sharon Mesick</b> NOAA National Center for Environmental Information <b>Robert Moorhead</b> Northern Gulf Institute, Mississippi State University <b>Buck Sutter</b> RESTORE Council  Expert panelists will discuss innovative approaches to measuring the cumulative success and benefits from multiple restoration programs while focusing on (1) the challenges and opportunities associated with meta-analysis of the massive amount of data generated from DWH settlement activities; and (2) how advancements in technology can be incorporated in the effort to understand overall restoration success when the focus on funding monitoring activities is on project performance.	<b>Session Description:</b>  This session details what research and restoration professionals need to know when considering how to collect and analyze data with a drone. We'll cover sensors ranging from visual to multispectral, hyperspectral and LiDAR; and, data analysis ranging from laptop programs, cloud-based subscriptions, and data analysis companies. Attendees will also learn issues surrounding data collection in the field, costs of data analysis, and view equipment and data from several widely differing missions.	<b>Joan Walker</b> US Forest Service, Southern Research Station  Are Seed Collection Zones Needed for Sourcing Plant Materials in Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration?  <b>R. Alan Shadow</b> USDA NRCS  Longleaf Pine Understory Native Plant Development at The USDA NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center	<b>Leah Sharpe</b> US Environmental Protection Agency  A Tool for Assessing Ecosystem Goods and Services in Ecosystem Restoration - The Final Ecosystem Goods and Services Scoping Tool  <b>Marc Russell</b> US Environmental Protection Agency  Assessing Ecosystem Services Supply for Restoration Scenarios	<b>Jennifer Mouton</b> CPRA  Lowermost Mississippi River Management Program  <b>David Tomasko</b> Environmental Science Associates  Ecosystem Restoration Via Reestablishing Historical Tidal Patterns
2:00pm	<b>Justin Telech</b> GDIT  Project Planning Tools to Improve Data Quality			<b>Justin Blake Taylor</b> Brigham Young University  Seed Coating Technologies that Reduce Rodent Granivory during Rangeland Re seeding	<b>Justin Bousquin</b> US Environmental Protection Agency  Benefit Indicator Tools for Assessing Restoration Projects Based on Who Benefits From Restored Ecosystem Services	<b>Honora Buras</b> CPRA  Evaluating Future Success of a Freshwater River Re-Introduction to the Floodplain Forests of Maurepas Swamp, Louisiana
2:20pm	<b>Raymond D'Hollander</b> Parsons  Integration of Design Factors into Post-Construction Ecological Restoration QA/QC			<b>Miriam Muñoz-Rojas</b> The University of Western Australia  Innovative Strategies for Restoring Functionality of Reconstructed Soils in Dry Land	<b>Kamran Abdollahi</b> Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center  Monitoring Urban Forest Structure and Function after Hurricane and Assessing Ecosystem Services for Louisiana Cities	<b>Fred Sklar</b> South Florida Water Management District  The Everglades: At the Forefront of Transition
2:40pm	<b>Edward Roseman</b> USGS Great Lakes Science Center  Developing a Science and Monitoring Strategy to Assess Recovery of Fisheries Habitats and Populations in the St. Clair-Detroit River System					
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	<p><b>Colorado River Delta Restoration – Insights into Binational Cooperation and Sustainability</b></p> <p>Peter Skidmore Walton Family Foundation, Denver, CO</p>	<p><b>Implementation of Large-Scale River Diversions: Stakeholders’ Perspectives</b></p> <p>Brad Inman US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, LA</p>	<p><b>Incorporation of Science, Monitoring, and Modeling in System Wide Restoration Planning</b></p> <p>Ann Hijuelos US Geological Survey, New Orleans, LA</p>	<p><b>Hurricanes and Other Extreme Weather Events: How they Impact Ecosystem Restoration Plans</b></p> <p>Mike Donahue AECOM, Traverse City, MI</p>	<p><b>Tools for Assessing Ecosystem Services in Restoration: Part 2</b></p> <p>Deborah January-Bevers Houston Wilderness, Houston, TX</p>
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3:40pm	<p><b>Osvel Hinojosa</b> Pronatura Noroeste</p> <p>Binational Cooperation in Restoring the Colorado River Delta - Stakeholder and Government Engagement Across Borders</p>	<p><b>Jeff Varisco</b> US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District</p> <p>Implementation of Large-Scale River Diversions: A Regulatory Agency’s Perspective</p>	<p><b>Julien Lartigue</b> NOAA RESTORE Science Program</p> <p>Actionable Science in The Gulf of Mexico: Connecting Researchers and Resource Managers</p>	<p><b>Tony Williams</b> Texas General Land Office</p> <p>Coastal Planning in Texas</p>	<p><b>Gary Palmer</b> Griffith University</p> <p>Turning Over a New Leaf: Long-Term Monitoring for Improved Ecological Restoration</p>
4:00pm	<p><b>Edgar Carrera</b> The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Restoration Monitoring - A Spectrum of Questions, Interests, and Audiences</p>	<p><b>Mel Landry</b> NOAA Restoration Center</p> <p>Implementation of Large-Scale River Diversions: A Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Trustee’s Perspective</p>	<p><b>George Ramseur Jr.</b> State of Mississippi</p> <p>The LA, MS, AL Coastal System (LMACS) Comprehensive Estuarine Assessment &amp; Restoration Implementation Plan</p>	<p><b>Maria Lamm</b> South Carolina Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>The South Carolina Floods: Enhancing Community Resiliency</p>	<p><b>Eldon Blancher</b> Moffat &amp; Nichol</p> <p>Calculating Net Ecosystem Service Benefits for the Lightning Point Living Shoreline, Bayou La Batre, Alabama</p>
4:20pm	<p><b>Karen Schlatter</b> Sonoran Institute</p> <p>Progress and Trends in Restoration Planning and Implementation in the Colorado River Delta</p>	<p><b>Bradley Barth</b> Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) of Louisiana</p> <p>Implementation of Large-Scale River Diversions: An Applicant’s Perspective</p>	<p><b>Ann Hijuelos</b> US Geological Survey</p> <p>Monitoring and Adaptive Management Manual to Support Integrated Ecosystem Restoration for The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill</p>	<p><b>Christopher Benosky</b> AECOM</p> <p>Resiliency in Design: the RBD Meadowlands Project</p>	<p><b>Matt Gorstein</b> NOAA</p> <p>Storm Damage Reduction Benefits Of Natural Infrastructure In The Jacques Cousteau Nerr</p>
4:40pm	<p><b>Peter Skidmore</b> Walton Family Foundation</p> <p>Looking Forward: Scale, Sustainability, and Governance Opportunities and Challenges in the Colorado River Delta</p>	<p><b>Eddy Carter</b> G.E.C., Inc.</p> <p>Implementation of Large-Scale River Diversions: A Contractor’s Perspective</p>	<p><b>Michelle Meyers</b> US Geological Survey</p> <p>A Network of Networks: Building Out the Restore Council’s Monitoring and Assessment Program</p>	<p><b>Denise Reed</b> University of New Orleans</p> <p>Extreme Events: Obstacles and Opportunities for Large Scale Ecosystem Restoration</p>	<p><b>Deborah January-Bevers</b> Houston Wilderness</p> <p>Environmental Attitudes and Florida Resident’s Willingness to Pay for Everglades Restoration</p>
5:00pm-8:00pm	Poster Session and Networking Reception				

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7:30am-5:30pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
8:00am-9:00am	<b>Early Morning Refreshments in Poster &amp; Sponsor Display Area</b>
9:00am-10:00am	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p><i>PJ Marshall</i>, Co-Founder, Restore the Earth</p> <p><b>Bridging Upland and Coastal Restoration at the Watershed Scale: Restoring North America’s Amazon to its Natural State</b></p> <p>At the Paris Agreement discussions about Climate Change, the buzz was about the potential for landscape scale restoration of forests and wetlands to reduce global warming by 0.5°C, twenty-five percent of the 2°C reduction goal. Restore the Earth is restoring 1 million acres in the Mississippi River Basin and its coastal wetlands, “North America’s Amazon”. P.J. Marshall will share the business case Restore the Earth developed and implemented in the gulf coast, securing major private and public investment in landscape-scale restoration. This project is a business-led model that leverages private funds to access public funds, can be scaled and replicated and is supported by the EcoMetrics™ to account, verify and report on the multiple benefits and value for multiple stakeholders.</p>
10:00am-10:30am	<b>AM Break in Poster Hall</b>

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	Session 36	Session 37	Session 38	Session 39	Session 40
	<b>Hydrologic Restoration Part 1: Re-Establishing Ecological Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems</b>	<b>Public-Private-NGO Partnerships for Enhancing Resilience of the Working Coast via Ecosystem Restoration</b>	<b>Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs): Introduction to a Landscape Restoration Tool</b>	<b>Ecosystem Scale Oyster Reef Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay: Lessons in Partnerships and Science to Achieve Results</b>	<b>Determining Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Benefits for Projects</b>
	<b>Matthew Grabau</b> US Fish and Wildlife Service, Tucson, AZ	<b>Justin Ehrenwerth</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf, Baton Rouge, LA	<b>Terrell Erickson</b> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, D.C.	<b>Bruce Vogt</b> NOAA, Annapolis, MD	<b>Andrew LoSchiavo</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL
10:30am	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
10:40am	<b>Nicholas Nelson</b> Inter-Fluve, Inc.  The Ecology of Dam Removal - A National Look at Ecosystem Restoration Challenges and Opportunities for Removal of River Barriers	<b>Panelists:</b> <b>Ian Voparil</b> Shell <b>Joni Tuck</b> Greater Lafourche Port Commission <b>Simone Maloz</b> Restore or Retreat <b>Mead Allison</b> Tulane University <b>Leah Brown</b> Chevron	<b>Jamin Johanson</b> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  Introduction and Overview of Ecological Site Descriptions and their History	<b>Susan Conner</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Tributary Scale Oyster Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay: Setting Goals to Drive Partnerships and Collaboration	<b>Jenna May</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  RECOVER Applied Science Framework Supporting Everglades Restoration Implementation
11:00am	<b>Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy</b> American Rivers  Sediment Management for Dam Removal: A Review of Regulations, Guidance, and Best Practices	Public-Private-NGO Partnerships (P3+) were formed to combine the resources and expertise of public, private, and NGOs to enhance coastal habitat and provide protection to critical infrastructure and communities, using the dredged material created by port expansion. Advanced science and engineering are being used to optimize the protective and habitat services provided by the restored ecosystems. This approach can serve as a model for collaborative planning and shared funding to construct nature-based defenses for infrastructure and communities.	<b>Sarah Quistberg</b> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  Ecological Site Concepts for Wet Areas	<b>Andrew McGowan</b> NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office - ERT  Location Matters: Habitat Mapping and GIS Tools Improve Oyster Restoration Siting And Survival	<b>Michael Simmons</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  RECOVER Evaluation of Restoration Outcomes
11:20am	<b>Dave Buzan</b> Freese and Nichols  Environmental Flows in Texas: Successes and Lessons Learned		<b>Stacey Clark</b> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  Use of Ecological Site Descriptions for Restoration and Conservation Planning	<b>David Bruce</b> NOAA Fisheries  Quantifying Ecosystem Services of Restored Oyster Reefs	<b>Gretchen Ehlinger</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Assessment of Actual Restoration Benefits
11:40am	<b>G. Lynn Wingard</b> US Geological Survey  Estimating Pre-20th Century Hydrologic Conditions for Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem		<b>Skye Wills</b> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  Dynamic Soil Properties in Organic Soils of Southeast Michigan: Case Study in Use of Ecological Site Concepts	<b>Lauren Taneyhill</b> ERT, Inc. / NOAA  Sustaining Restored Oyster Reefs through Cross-Sector Partnerships	<b>Howard Gonzales, Jr.</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Adaptive Management Actions to Improve Restoration Outcomes
12noon-1:30pm	<b>Lunch on Own</b>				

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<p><b>Hydrologic Restoration Part 2: Delivery of Water to the Coast and Managed through-estuary Flows</b></p>	<p><b>Sea Level Rise: Overcoming the Problems of Connecting Science to Management Part 1: Science</b></p>	<p><b>Local-scale Planning and Implementation of Restoration and Conservation</b></p>	<p><b>Thin Layer Placement of Dredged Material to Maintain Elevation in Salt Marshes Facing Sea Level Rise</b></p>	<p><b>Using Restorability and Resilience Concepts in Evaluating and Valuing Ecosystem Service Benefits of Restoration</b></p>	
<p><b>Ryan Clark</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf, Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p>Lynn Wingard, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, VA and Michael Savarese, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p><b>Alice Bailey</b> Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc Ann Arbor , MI</p>	<p><b>Damarys Acevedo-Mackey</b> US Army Engineer Research and Development Center Vicksburg, MS</p>	<p><b>Lisa Wainger</b> Univ of Maryland Ctr Environmental Science Solomons, MD</p>	
1:30pm	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
1:40pm	<p><b>Rainer Hoenicke</b> Delta Stewardship Council</p> <p>Advances in Establishing Science-based Inflow and Outflow Goals in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta</p>	<p><b>Donald Cahoon</b> U.S. Geological Survey</p> <p>Factors to Consider in Developing a Strategic Monitoring Network of Set-Mh Stations in the Northeast United States</p>	<p><b>Thomas Ankersen</b> University of Florida College of Law</p> <p>From Shoreline to State Line: Integrating Marine Resource Restoration, Enhancement and Protection into Local Government Planning Processes</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Murray</b> US Army Engineer Research and Development Center</p> <p>Maintaining Salt Marshes in the Face of Sea Level Rise: Thin Layer Placement Opportunities, Practice and Challenges</p>	<p><b>Kristen Hychka</b> Univ of Maryland Ctr for Environmental Science</p> <p>Measuring Resilience Derived from Habitat Connectivity to Improve Estimates of Restoration Benefits</p>
2:00pm	<p><b>Francisco Zamora</b> Sonoran Institute</p> <p>Developing a Strategy for Reconnecting the Colorado River with the Sea</p>	<p><b>David Mallinson</b> East Carolina University</p> <p>Past and Future Relative Sea-Level Rise and Coastal System Response; Southeast U.S. Atlantic Margin</p>	<p><b>Savanna Barry</b> UF/IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station</p> <p>Building Consensus, Building A Shoreline: A Stakeholder-Driven Process to Address Erosion Along Cedar Key's Daughtry Bayou</p>	<p><b>Christine VanZomeren</b> US Army Engineer Research and Development Center</p> <p>Soil Biogeochemistry Response Following Thin Layer Placement in a New Jersey Salt Marsh</p>	<p><b>Solange Filoso</b> Univ of Maryland Ctr for Environmental Science</p> <p>Opportunities and Limits for Stream Restoration to Improve Watershed Functions and Increase Resilience</p>
2:20pm	<p><b>Sharlene Leurig</b> Meadows Center for Water and the Environment</p> <p>Market-based Strategies for Ensuring Freshwater Inflows in Texas</p>	<p><b>Michael Savarese</b> Florida Gulf Coast University</p> <p>Sea-Level Rise Rates, Projections, and Effects in Southern Florida: Connecting Science to Natural and Urban Resource Management</p>	<p><b>Peter Sheng</b> University of Florida</p> <p>Adaptation of Coastal Natural and Urban Ecosystems (ACUNE) in SW Florida</p>	<p><b>Richard Ambrose</b> University of California, Los Angeles</p> <p>Soils and Marsh Creek Evolution at a Marsh Augmentation Project in Seal Beach, Ca</p>	<p><b>Carolyn Currin</b> NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science</p> <p>Measuring the Resilience of Salt Marshes Integrated into Living Shoreline and Other Nature-Based Efforts to Protect Coastal Infrastructure</p>
2:40pm	<p><b>Eric White</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf</p> <p>Ecological Flow Modeling in Louisiana &amp; Texas Estuaries</p>	<p><b>Krista Jankowski</b> Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and Tulane University</p> <p>Ecosystem Vulnerability in a Changing World: The Case of Coastal Louisiana</p>	<p><b>Shaddi Kamel</b> Louis Berger</p> <p>Higbee Beach Restoration Project – Restoration Built on the Shoulders of Collaboration</p>	<p><b>Susan Bailey</b> US Army Engineer Research and Development Center</p> <p>Adapting a Model of Sediment Consolidation for Use in Marsh Thin Layer Projects</p>	<p><b>Susan Taylor</b> Abt Associates</p> <p>Building Ecological and Community Resilience and Measuring Success of the Department of Interior Sandy Resilience and Monitoring Projects</p>
3:00pm-3:30pm	PM Break in Poster Hall				

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	<b>Hydrologic Restoration Part 3: Stream and Wetland Restoration in an Urban Environment</b>	<b>Sea Level Rise: Overcoming the Problems of Connecting Science to Management Part 2: Strategies</b>	<b>Drought and Coastal Ecosystems: Monitoring and Modeling Using the Coastal Salinity Index</b>	<b>Multiple Benefits of Ecosystem Restoration Via the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material</b>	<b>Using Ecosystem Models to Evaluate Restoration Projects and Nature Based Defenses</b>
	<b>Sharlene Leurig</b> Meadow Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX	<b>Lynn Wingard, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, VA and Michael Savarese, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL</b>	<b>Kirsten Lackstrom</b> Carolinas Integrated Sciences & Assessments Columbia, SC	Moderator TBD	<b>Ehab Meselhe and Melissa Baustian</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf, Baton Rouge, LA
3:30pm	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
3:40pm	<b>Lynde Dodd</b> US Army Research and Development Center  Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration in an Urban Environment: The Dallas Floodway Extension, Dallas, Texas	<b>Jennifer Jurado</b> Natural Resources and Management Division, Broward County, FL  <b>John Tirpak</b> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  <b>Denise Reed</b> University of New Orleans  <b>David Kidwell</b> NOAA  The purpose of this session is to discuss strategies for effectively connecting scientific information on sea level rise to planners and decision makers addressing the impacts of sea level rise on ecosystems and communities. Panel members will discuss tools and methods that have worked, identify information gaps, and areas for improvement. The session will present the perspectives of decision-makers and scientists and will encourage audience participation to identify a path forward.	<b>Kirsten Lackstrom</b> Carolinas Integrated Sciences & Assessments  Coastal Drought and Need for a Coastal Salinity Index	<b>Burton Suedel</b> US Army Engineer Research and Development Center  Restoring River Island Habitat in the Atchafalaya River, LA, Using Engineering with Nature Principles	<b>Gary Brown</b> US Army Corps of Engineers  Hydrodynamic, Salinity, And Morphologic Modeling of Basin-Side Effects Associated with Proposed Mississippi River Sediment Diversions using the Adaptive Hydraulics Model Coupled with the SEDLIB Sediment Transport Library
4:00pm	<b>Isaac Hinson</b> City of Charlotte Storm Water Services Division  Consideration of Small-scale Stream and Wetland Restoration Efforts in an Urban Environment		<b>Matthew Petkewich</b> USGS  Application of the Coastal Salinity Index along the Gulf of Mexico and the Southeastern Atlantic Ocean	<b>Joseph Berlin</b> AECOM  Evaluation of a Beneficial Use Bank to Promote the Beneficial Use of Federal Dredged Material	<b>Hongqing Wang</b> USGS WARC  Monitoring and Modeling of Wave and Current Energy Reduction by Living Shoreline Structures in Gandy's Beach, New Jersey
4:20pm	<b>Sachin Apte</b> Louis Berger Group  New York City Overcomes Ecosystem Restoration Challenges in Current Economic Landscape by Constructing Its First Mitigation Bank as A Means to Restore Degraded Urban Wetlands		<b>Christopher Swarzenski</b> USGS  Linking the Coastal Salinity Index with Freshwater Inflows to Characterize Salinity Variability in Gulf of Mexico Estuaries	<b>Jamil Ibrahim</b> Stantec Consulting Services  Strategic Placement of Dredged Sediment to Naturally Accrete in Salt Marsh Systems	<b>Ehab Meselhe</b> The Water Institute of the Gulf  Working with Local Communities to Develop a Nature-Based Defense Assessment and Solution Tool
4:40pm	<b>John O'Meara</b> Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.  Implementation of Coastal Habitat in The Detroit Area of Concern - Stony and Celeron Islands		<b>Simeon Yurek</b> USGS  Predicting Long Term Performance and Risk of Oyster Reef Restorations Under Deep Uncertainty in Climate and Management Policy	<b>Tim Carruthers</b> The Water Institute  Potential Benefits to Wave Attenuation, Sediment Processes, and SAV Habitat from Terrace Restoration (SREDS)	<b>Dubravko Justic</b> Louisiana State University  Forecasting Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia under Scenarios of Watershed and River Management

<b>Thursday, August 30, 2018</b>	
5:00pm-5:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Closing Plenary</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Don Boesch</i></b>, Professor of Marine Science, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Annapolis, MD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wrapping-up with the Big Picture: Science Communications and Stakeholder Engagement – <i>The Future of Restoration</i></b></p> <p>Throughout this conference multiple presentations and plenary talks will have focused on restoring coastal ecosystems under multiple threats including continued growth and development pressures, pollution loading, a warming climate, and increasing rates of sea level rise. Don Boesch, relying on his vast scientific experience in the Chesapeake Bay and Gulf of Mexico, will summarize the important take-away messages from this conference in the context of federal and state environmental leadership (or lack thereof) while identifying important next steps for the scientific and management communities.</p>
5:30pm-6:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcement of SER-LERS Student Competition Award Recipients and Networking Social</b></p> <p>The Large Scale Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS) of the Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) is sponsoring a Student Competition will be held in conjunction with NCER 2018. All students giving presentations are automatically enrolled. Winners will receive an Award Certificate and a \$100 gift certificate during the social.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Attention Sponsors and Poster Presenters: Please remove display materials from poster hall immediately following the social.]</i></p>
6:00pm	<b>NCER 2018 Concludes</b>