

Improving the Health of Coastal Ecosystems through Shellfish Restoration

9th International Conference on Shellfish Restoration

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The ICSR'06 Co-Chairs and Planning Committee are pleased to announce the Ninth International Conference on Shellfish Restoration (ICSR'06) and the Call for Abstracts. This year, we will continue to use electronic technology in organizing and communicating information about ICSR'06.

We encourage you to visit the ICSR'06 Web site now and often over the next few months to receive updates on the conference program, conference and hotel registration, field trips, golf tournament, and other activities. The Web site can be accessed at www.scseagrant.org/icsr.htm.

The conference will again provide an opportunity for government officials, resource managers, users, and residents to discuss approaches to restore coastal shellfish ecosystems through remediation and pollution abatement, habitat restoration, and stock enhancement.

A unique feature of ICSR is the diversity of individuals who participate. The opportunity for internationally and nationally recognized restoration experts to interact with local town planning officials does not occur often enough. ICSR provides that forum and also the building blocks for like interactions to occur in the future.

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ICSR'06 PROGRAM THEMES

The ICSR'06 program will feature a series of invited keynote and panel presentations, case studies, and contributed oral and poster presentations. All sessions will be presented in English.

In addition, three focused restoration science/policy issue sessions will be held on Water Quality Issues in Shellfish Restoration, Shellfish Restoration and Public Health, and Establishing Goals and Success Criteria for Shellfish Restoration Programs. Each session will be introduced by a keynote speaker and followed by facilitated discussions with conference participants.

Conference sessions will focus on the following four program themes, with examples of topical areas appropriate for panel sessions and contributed oral and poster abstracts:

PROGRAM THEMES

- Shellfish Resource Restoration, Enhancement, and Management
- Shellfish Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Management
- **▶** Water Quality Improvements in Shellfish Restoration
- Community-Based Strategies to Restore Shellfish and its Habitat

A list of specific topics appropriate for the preparation and submittal of abstracts are provided at the ICSR'06 Web site.

Abstracts for all (oral and poster) presentations should follow the instructions and guidelines provided on the ICSR'06 Web site.

If you are interested in convening and organizing special sessions, panels, or case study analyses in any of these theme areas, contact Rick DeVoe at rick.devoe@scseagrant.org.

ICSR'06 ABSTRACTS

Abstract Deadline: July 31, 2006

Abstracts are now being accepted for consideration by the Conference Planning Committee from anyone with experience in shellfish research, management, or restoration. Abstracts should be prepared according to guidelines provided at the ICSR'06 Web site and should be electronically submitted.

ICSR'06 FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES



Several activities are being planned for ICSR'06. Three field trips are being arranged: (1) Capers Island, a South Carolina Heritage Preserve (due to popular demand), and (2) a Kayak Eco-Tour on Shem Creek and surrounding areas. The ICSR'06 Golf Tournament will also be held. Participation for each of these activities is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Continue to check the Web site for registration information and additional details as they become available.

ICSR'06 CONFERENCE AND HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. Room rate will be \$105 single or double plus tax. Further information regarding conference and hotel registration is available on the Web site www.scseagrant.org/icsr.htm.