The Beaches Conference

Our Maine and New Hampshire Beaches and Coast

Field Day, 13 June, 2019 | Conference, 14 June
Kittery Community Center, Kittery, ME

An Invitation to Submit Proposals for Presentations, Field Trips & Exhibits

Join us in celebrating our beaches and coast throughout the year.

The goal of The Beaches Conference

The Beaches Conference works to provide continuing opportunities for exchange of the most current information among beach and coastal stakeholders with diverse interests in order to facilitate informed decision-making. We invite you to join us in celebrating beach monitoring and stewardship, building strong partnerships, and taking informed action on coastal issues.

The goal of this invitation

To promote the equitable inclusion of diverse stakeholder interests among our speakers and exhibitors, the conference steering committee invites you to propose a presentation, field trip, and/or exhibit your work, ideas, or art related to beaches and the coast.

Who should consider joining us as a speaker or exhibitor?

If you care about beaches and other vulnerable coastlines, consider this a personal invitation to submit a proposal for a presentation or exhibit. To be more specific, we invite proposals from: Recreational beach users • Beach monitors • Coastal property owners • Artists • Commercial/business owners • K – 16 Students and Teachers • Nonprofit and Community organizations • Federal, State, Local Government officials, staff, boards • Environmental interest groups • Real estate professionals and developers • Attorneys • Consultants • Tourism industry representatives • Scientists/researchers • Commercial and recreational ocean harvesters • Planners • Seasonal residents and visitors • and all others who care about beaches and coasts

Due date for your proposals

December 14, 2018. Enter proposal information to the online submission form at *seagrant.umaine.edu/extension/beaches-conference*, or fill out and send this document via email to Kristen Grant, Program Committee Chair at *kngrant@maine.edu*

Review of your proposals

Your proposal(s) will be reviewed by the conference steering committee and you will be notified by mid-February if your idea has been accepted. If accepted, the steering committee will ask that you inform us by mid-March if you will be joining us to present or exhibit.

Registration

All accepted presenters and exhibiters are expected to pay the reduced registration fee of $25. K – 16 students who are presenting and/or exhibiting are asked to pay the student registration fee of $10.

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Submission Form

Name _____

Affiliation, if any _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Website, if any _____

I am submitting a proposal for a

PRESENTATION: on Friday, June 14, 2019

Presentation formats – *please identify the format you prefer for your presentation*

Individual presentation*

Panel session**

Lightning talk***

A story that needs to be told

Roundtable or facilitated discussion with report-out

Other (please describe):

Formally-structured debate

Work session

Training

Film or other media viewing and discussion

Art, music, drama, poetry, literature, creative communication

Note: Mentors are available to work with presenters who would appreciate support.

I would like to work with a mentor   Yes   No

* Individual presentation – speaker(s) proposing a single presentation of approximately 20 min. The steering committee will organize related individual presentations to develop breakout and/or plenary sessions.

** Panel session – a panel of speakers proposing to present on topics related to a specific theme. Proposed panel sessions of approximately 1½ hours will be considered for stand-alone break-out or plenary sessions.

*** Lightning Talk(s) - an individual speaker or group of speakers proposing presentations of less than 10 minutes. The steering committee will organize related individual lightning talks in a Lightning Round Series, and groups can propose a Lightning Round Series.

FIELD TRIP: Thursday, June 13, 2019

Field trip**** to _____

Transportation plan

***Field trip — a session of up to 4 hours based at a location where participants can explore. Participants may transport themselves to the site, and presenters need to identify a transportation plan (ex. Parking availability, public transportation access, etc.)

EXHIBIT: on Friday, June 14, 2019

Exhibit formats — please identify the format that best describes your exhibit

Poster   Multimedia   Art, photography   Demonstration

Other (please describe):

My idea is related to the following theme (please select up to 3):

What makes for a healthy beach system?

Implementing coastal projects to support people and environment

What's in the water? (i.e. bacteria, toxic contaminants, stormwater, etc.)

Coastal regulation for municipalities

Other (please describe):

Impacts of marine plastics and litter

Harvesting from the sea: interactions with other uses

What's happening with marine animals?

Planning for climate uncertainty using the best science

Public participation in coastal science

Coastal access for multiple uses

The culture, history and economics of our beaches

Flooding, Erosion, and Storms: preparing and responding

Describe your idea.

In 200 words or less, please tell us about your idea for the presentation, field trip or exhibit and what you hope the audience will learn from it.

If you anticipate that other people would be presenting or exhibiting with you, please provide their names and affiliations. Note: to promote sessions that include diverse perspectives, preference will be given to sessions that include multiple stakeholders from the "Who should consider joining us" list on page 1.

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Describe yourself

Tell us about your background in relation to your presentation or exhibit (relevant experience, education, etc.) in 3 sentences or less.

Have you presented at a prior Beaches Conference?   Yes   No

If so, what was the topic? _____   What year did you present?_____

Have you shared this information at other events?   Yes   No

If so, please describe when and where.

Submit your idea.

By **December 14, 2018**, please submit your proposal by one of these methods:

Enter proposal information to the online submission form at
seagrant.umaine.edu/extension/beaches-conference   or

Forward this complete submission form via email to Kristen Grant, Program Committee Chair
at *kngrant@maine.edu*

If submitting multiple proposals, please provide the information for each idea in a separate email, or online form. With questions, please contact Kristen by email or at 207.646.1555 ext 115.

Additional notes