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Conference to highlight current research in coastal and estuarine science

Nearly 1,500 estuarine scientists, managers, students, and professionals from academia, government, nonprofit, and related organizations will gather on November 3-7 at the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama for the 25th Biennial Conference of the [Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation \(CERF\)](http://www.cerf.science). The [CERF 2019](http://www.cerf.science) theme of “Responsive | Relevant | Ready” provides an exciting opportunity to connect science and society in the collective goals of preserving coastal and estuarine habitats, resources, and heritage.

CERF 2019 will examine current topics in coastal and estuarine science, including:

- New insights in the Gulf of Mexico nine years after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
 - Charles Martin presenting “Nine years after Deepwater Horizon, what have we learned about nearshore fishes?”
 - Savannah Swinea presenting “Resilience or vulnerability of Gulf fisheries economies following Deepwater Horizon?”
- Gulf of Mexico oxygen deficiency: when, where, what to do?
 - Donald Boesch presenting “Why there is no progress in abating Gulf hypoxia and scientists must effectively resolve controversies”
 - Stephan Howden presenting “Observations of seafloor hypoxia in the western Mississippi Bight”
 - Alfonse Martignette presenting “*Karenia brevis* bloom induced dead zone in the Southeast Gulf of Mexico”
- Advances in coastal harmful algal bloom (HAB) science
 - Meagan Schrandt presenting “One HAB, three Estuaries: Insights from long-term fisheries-independent monitoring along Florida’s Gulf coast”
 - Natalie Nelson presenting “Are human-managed freshwater discharges fueling Florida’s red tides?”
 - Lisa Krimsky presenting “Building consensus on Florida’s harmful algal blooms”
- Using citizen science to address complex environmental problems
 - Jessie Kastler presenting “Citizen science in oil spill research - building relationships to build trust in science”
 - Daiane Maygarden presenting “Community-Based data generation to assess shoreline change and background oiling”

The full CERF 2019 program can be searched online at <http://bit.ly/CERF2019-app>.

Anyone interested in registering to attend CERF 2019 or to learn more about the scientific program should visit www.cerf.science/CERF-2019. Members of the media interested in attending the event should contact Susan Park at spark@cerf.science or 804-381-6658.

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About CERF

The Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing the understanding and wise stewardship of estuarine and coastal ecosystems worldwide. Members of the Federation include students, researchers, resource managers, policy makers, and educators representing academic and research institutions, government, industry and consulting, and non-governmental organizations. The CERF Biennial Conference is recognized as the premier conference on the science and management of coastal and estuarine systems and resources. Learn more about CERF at www.cerf.science.