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National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium



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Call for Abstracts and Session Proposals!

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2015

You are invited to submit an abstract or session proposal to be considered for a Symposium presentation. NWWWS will provide a forum for stakeholders from across the U.S. to connect and showcase innovative, successful, and timely solutions to waterfront and waterway issues. Accepted abstracts and session proposals will be printed in the Symposium's online program, and with the authors' permission, the best examples will be incorporated into the online [Sustainable Working Waterfronts Toolkit](#) to live on as models for others.

Presentation and Session Options

NWWWS strongly encourages practical information and tools, rather than academic research. The program will feature several presentation formats and engagement opportunities to create an educational and interactive forum where emerging ideas, best practices, and information may be shared.

- **Individual Oral Presentation:** Proposal from an individual for a single presentation of approximately 20 minutes.
- **Breakout "Panel" Session:** Proposal for a 90-minute breakout session with a panel of speakers (max. 4 total) presenting on topics related to a specific theme.
- **Individual Poster Presentation:** Proposal from an individual for a self-explanatory visual presentation of their work.
- **Roundtable Discussion Session:** Proposal for a 90-minute breakout session designed to engage the participants in an interactive, facilitated discussion.

Who Should Participate?

Planners, managers, attorneys, policy makers, elected/appointed officials, waterway and waterfront advocates, users and developers, property and business owners, researchers and students, and others from the following entities:

- Federal, tribal, state, county & municipal governments
- Navigation districts & port authorities
- Citizen marine advisory committees and harbor boards
- Local, regional, state, tribal & federal government organizations
- Environmental & maritime consultancies
- Marine, boating, fishing, aquaculture and tourism industries
- Coastal & marine oriented non-profit organizations
- Educational organizations

Symposium Themes

The 2015 Symposium themes and examples of potential topics are below. This is not an exhaustive list. New ideas and emerging topics are critical to working waterfronts and waterways.

- **Recreational Boating** (Value of Recreational Boating; Anchoring and mooring fields; Access and infrastructure needs; Marinas; Waterway maintenance; Boating safety; Partnerships with ports to enhance access/opportunities)
- **Waterfront Industries** (Economics; Infrastructure and dredging; Funding and financing strategies; Land use; Environmental issues; Data & technology needs)
- **Working Waterfront Workforce Development** (Maritime labor issues; Training and education; Marine trades - boatbuilding, net repair; Economic value in context of jobs; Working with non-English speaking/underrepresented populations)
- **Climate Change** (Adaptation; Coastal hazards; Disaster preparedness and response; Resilience planning, engineering, and design; Water availability; Water levels; Resource protection)
- **Maritime Culture and Heritage** (Tourism; Historic preservation; Oral history projects; Waterfront festivals)



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