

Call for Abstracts  
32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Pacific Estuarine Research Society (PERS)  
Coastal Horizons



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Thursday April 2 – Sunday April 5, 2009

Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, WA

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>

Conference Early Registration deadline: Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>

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**Conference Theme: Coastal Horizons**

The central theme of “Coastal Horizons” for this conference encourages adoption of an integrative and holistic approach for understanding and management of estuarine and coastal systems. We encourage colleagues to think beyond the scope of traditional individual research projects, disciplines, and expertise and work towards multidisciplinary and broader spatial- and or temporal-scale approaches that will ultimately contribute to more resilient and sustainable marine and estuarine ecosystems.

As always, PERS anticipates a vigorous and strong scientific program, along with new and innovative contributions for advancing education and broad-based participation from coastal planners, policy-makers, industry, NGO’s, and others interested in coastal and estuarine ecosystems. PERS strongly encourages

participation by students, young scientists and non-scientists interested in current research and management applications.

### **Abstract Submission**

Abstracts may be submitted prior to formal conference registration and we encourage all interested participants to submit abstracts early so we can begin building the scientific program for the meeting.

**Registration for the meeting by the early registration deadline is required for submitted abstracts to be included in the conference program. Any presenters not registered by March 16<sup>th</sup> will be removed from the program.**

Abstract submission guidelines:

- The title of the abstract must be in all caps and must not exceed 160 characters.
- The body of the abstract must adhere to a maximum count of 250 words (exclusive of the title). Please make the abstract as informative and representative of your presentation as possible.
- Try to avoid using special characters (e.g.  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\Pi$ ...) as these may not appear properly in the final program.
- Include three keywords in your submission that describe the content of your presentation. These will be used to categorize and group each abstract, so please think about these carefully.
- Include full names, affiliation, and contact information for coauthors.
- Identify the presenting author (this will be the primary contact for the Program Committee).
- Identify a preference for oral or poster presentation (note that final determination will be made by **the** Program Committee, based upon topic, capacity, and scheduling constraints).

Completed abstract forms are auto-submitted to [jude.apple@wwu.edu](mailto:jude.apple@wwu.edu) If you have changes or questions after you submit your form, please contact Jude direct at his wwu address.

Additional information regarding registration information, lodging, scientific program and other conference details may be found on the PERS website ([www.pers-erf.org](http://www.pers-erf.org)) and will be sent to PERS members, and others on the PERS listserve, as it is available.