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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND SESSION PROPOSALS**

*Deadline for Submittals – November 30, 2015*

The 2016 State of the Coast Conference (SOC16) – the fourth iteration of the largest state-wide conference of its kind providing an interdisciplinary forum to exchange timely and relevant information on the dynamic conditions of Louisiana's coastal communities, environment, and economy – is now accepting abstracts and session proposals. SOC16 will take place June 1-3, 2016, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL), The Water Institute of the Gulf, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA) partner to produce this forum, the need for which grows with every acre of land lost to the Gulf.

SOC16 will consist of three full days of presentations by leading experts in concurrent sessions, keynote presentations, poster sessions, and networking opportunities. More than 1,000 scientists, landowners/managers, federal and state agency personnel, local officials, industry and business leaders, resource users, and interested citizens will be in attendance at the biennial conference.

Louisiana's coastal landscape is rapidly changing, from continued deterioration of the coastal wetlands, to injuries from storms and other events, to changes in ecosystem service capacity, politics, and economics. All individuals interested in Louisiana's coastal restoration and protection activities are invited to submit.

Please visit the Call for Proposals tab on the [State of the Coast website](#) for more information on requested abstracts and session proposals. Please read all directions and have all required information ready in the appropriate form before beginning the electronic submittal process. Applicants will not be able to save their work once the process begins.

You will receive an automatic response email once your proposal has been submitted. If you do not receive a reply email, please call Jackson Rollings at 504-708-5865 or email [SOCsubmissions@crcl.org](mailto:SOCsubmissions@crcl.org).

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:** Abstracts must be received by 9:00 a.m. on November 30th, 2015. Abstracts received after this time will not be accepted.

Abstracts must be submitted using the electronic submittal tool. Email verification will be sent to confirm receipt of your abstract.

For questions or to verify the status of your abstract contact Jackson Rollings at 504-708-5865 or email [SOCsubmissions@crcl.org](mailto:SOCsubmissions@crcl.org).

All other inquiries not concerning submittals or the submittal process may be directed to [stateofthecoast@crcl.org](mailto:stateofthecoast@crcl.org).

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