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Spring 2019 Meeting

~12* p.m. Thursday, April 25 to ~12:30* p.m. Saturday, April 27

* exact start and end times have not yet been set

[York Harbor Inn](#), York Harbor, Maine

[Thursday Special Symposium](#) - A Festschrift to Honor Dr. Fred Short



Important Due Dates:

Feb 28- abstracts due

Mar 21- student travel award application due

Mar 28 - last day for conference rate at the hotel

Mar 25 - students notified re. travel awards

Apr 11 - early meeting registration due

Apr 18 - registration payment due to Treasurer



Local Organizers

Tristan Taber (Dept. of Biology, University of Southern Maine), Beverly Johnson (Dept. of Geology, Bates College), Rachel Stearns (), Tay Evans (MA Department of Marine Fisheries), Briana Fischella (Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve), Paul Geoghegan - (Normandeau Associates, Inc.)

NEERS is returning to York Harbor, ME, for the Spring 2019 meeting! Join us in this southern Maine community established as a prosperous seaport, which later became a gilded-age summer retreat for the wealthy. Situated along the York River and with just over three-thousand residents, York Harbor looks out on the Gulf of Maine to the east offering breathtaking vistas of the ocean. This highly walkable community is a sweet and relaxing retreat. We hope you join us.

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Organizations and individuals are always welcome to be meeting sponsors and support is greatly appreciated. Please contact NEERS treasurer, [Courtney Schmidt](#) to learn about our sponsorship levels and how to support the NEERS meeting.

Meeting Details

[Special Symposium](#) - A Festschrift to Honor Dr. Fred Short

[Call For Papers](#) - presentation guidelines and submission form.

[Registration](#) - fee schedule and submission form.

[Program](#) - .pdf of the program-at-a-glance, full program coming soon

Abstracts - (*coming soon*) - If you would like a hard copy of the abstracts at the meeting, please print your own copy prior to the meeting. A review copy will be available at the registration desk.

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[Students](#) - Presentation prizes and student travel awards.

Business Meeting - The NEERS Business Meeting will be held TBD. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

[Accommodations](#) - Hotel information.

[Meeting Site](#) - meeting venue and local attractions

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Contacts

General Information - [Tristan Taber](#) ; 207-313-8951

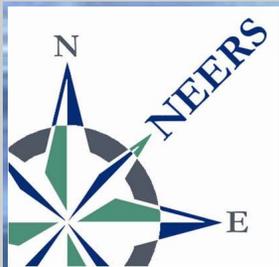
Abstracts or Other Program Concerns - [N. Tay Evans](#) or [Cathy Wigand](#)

Registration, Student Travel Awards - [Courtney Schmidt](#)

Website Issues - [Brett Branco](#)

Having trouble accessing the email addresses? Download a .pdf of the [Team NEERS](#) contact information.

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Special Symposium

Friday, 12:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location - [main meeting venue](#)

Symposium Title: A Festschrift to Honor Dr. Fred Short

Symposium speakers will be invited by the local planning committee.

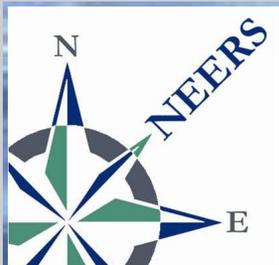
For more information, contact [Tay Evans](#).

Background and Goals:

A Festschrift is literally a "celebratory writing" showcasing the work of the honored academic's close colleagues and students. A Festschrift is one way to honor someone in academia that is not just retrospective but also prospective and as such acts as a continued call to work, and inspiration to others. Dr. Fred Short is a marine scientist at UNH and a long time NEERS member. Dr. Short has advanced the field of seagrass ecology and through his work, provided inspiration to many. After completing his PhD at the University of Alaska in 1981, Fred came to UNH where he still works at the UNH Jackson Estuarine Laboratory (JEL). At JEL Dr. Short studies seagrass off the dock in Great Bay and as far afield as the Phillipines, and everywhere in between. Fred co-founded and directs SeagrassNet.Org a worldwide seagrass monitoring program with 138 sites in 35 counties including 7 sites in New England. His recent work includes a study of the temporal variation in intertidal seagrass in China, genetics of the seagrass *Halophila* in Korea and eelgrass and macroalgae mapping using hyperspectral imagery in New Hampshire.

Dr. Short has supervised over 18 students throughout the years. Several of his former students and close collaborators are looking forward to coming together to present our work on seagrasses and beyond, all of which reflects on our mentor, Dr. Fred Short.

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Call For Papers

The abstract submission form is typically available 12 weeks prior to the abstract deadline. You may visit the abstract submission site at any time to renew your membership.



[Abstract Submission Form](#)

If you experience problems with submitting your abstract, contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) .



Abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations are invited on any subject related to estuaries or coastal environments. Reports of work in progress as well as work in advanced stages and reviews of relevant topics are encouraged. Contributed oral and poster presentations will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

You have a choice!

NEERS offers a few choices for presentation styles...

Standard Oral - Regale us with an oral presentation of your work. These talks will be limited to 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for discussion. The meeting begins with a **Thursday Special Symposium** within a specified thematic area. The meeting continues on Friday and Saturday with the **Regular Session**. Related topics are usually grouped together in the schedule.

Ignite - This fast-paced presentation style is a chance for speakers to really focus on their main message. Each speaker has 5 minutes to present 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds – when your slides are done, so are you! Ignite sessions provide an opportunity to share information that might not fit into a standard oral or poster session -- the more concise speaking slot and quick slide transitions lend themselves to a more conversational and storytelling presentation style. Please check the [Ignite](#) page for more information.

Poster - Poster presentations are a great way to get up close and personal with your audience. Poster presentations will be displayed throughout the meeting and dedicated time for poster viewing is built into the schedule.

A few details...

Abstracts must be submitted online (link above).

All presenters must be or become a NEERS member. Information on becoming a member is included on the pre-registration form, or at [Join NEERS](#).

Prizes

Students will compete for the **Ketchum** and **Rankin** Prizes for oral presentations or the **Dean** and **Warren** Prizes for posters ([prize information](#)). Presentation prizes will be awarded at the end of the meeting on Saturday. Students are automatically entered into the prize competition. Students who have won an award are ineligible to win that award again, though they may still compete for the other awards.

All poster presenters (students and non-students) will compete for the **3-3 Award**, which includes a cash award of \$33 (judged by students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey information more clearly to other scientists and the public. Please see the Poster Guidelines section below for more information. Many thanks to the folks at SEERS for the idea and judging form.

All attendees may compete in the **Poster Trivia Contest**, which includes an award of a \$20 NEERS membership. Details will be provided at the poster session. Meeting attendees answer a series of trivia question based on the poster presentations. A winner is chosen by lottery from complete and correct submissions.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

Please select your first, second, and third choice for presentation format. Although we will try very hard to accommodate everyone's first choice, selecting multiple options increases the likelihood of securing a spot in the program. Options will include: Standard Oral Presentation - Regular Session; [Ignite](#) Oral Presentation; Poster; and Invited Oral Presentation - Thursday Special Symposium.

If you are submitting your abstract for presentation in the special symposium, select "Invited Oral Presentation, Thursday Special Symposium", which appears under First Choice only. For this meeting, all symposium speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts, see the Special Symposium page for more details.

A confirmation page will be emailed to you upon successful submission of your abstract to the NEERS website. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please resubmit your abstract. Contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#), with recurring problems. Following the deadline for submitting abstracts, all submissions will be confirmed by the program chair and the lead author will be notified of his/her scheduled time. Contact one of the co-Program Chairs, [N. Tay Evans](#) or [Cathy Wigand](#), with questions.

1. Abstracts are to be submitted electronically. If you are having problems with the submission form, contact the co-webmaster ([Brett Branco](#)).
2. All abstracts have a 1750-character limit (about 250 words). The character limit includes spaces, and applies to the body of the abstract only; the authors and title are excluded from the character limit. Web page submissions are constrained automatically to the allotted amount of text, you will be prompted if your abstract exceed 1750 characters. You may determine your character count with your word processing program.
3. Author/Address field. Author names have last names spelled out and initials for first (and middle if appropriate) names. If there are multiple authors, list all authors first followed by all addresses in the Sample Abstract format, and place an asterisk following the last name of the presenter. If authors are from different institutions, use numbers in parentheses to associate individuals with the correct address (no numbers are necessary if all authors are from the same institution). Addresses should include the institution,

town, and state -- no streets, no zip codes. Separate addresses with semicolons.

4. The presentation title must be in capital letters.

5. Special characters. Do not use your Word Processing program for special fonts such as underlining, italics, superscripts, or subscripts, as these font codes will not be transmitted correctly via the web form. Rather, use the following codes for special fonts. For example, for the genus *Zostera* to appear in italics it should be surrounded by the "start italics" and "end italics" codes as follows:

<i>Zostera</i>

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*** SAMPLE ABSTRACT FORMAT***

Cadillac*, M. T.(1) and I. M. A. Hiker (2).

(1) Department of Environmental Sociology and Outdoor Recreation, Coastal College, State-of-Mind, ME; (2) Department of Trail Maintenance, For Est College, ME.

A SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING OF THE ALLURE OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Acadia National Park boasts many dazzling spectacles, including the pounding surf of Thunder Hole, stunning views of Somes Sound and Frenchman Bay, and the first glimpse of sunrise in the US. Evidence suggests, however, that the park's true charm lies in its quiet beauty. We hiked ten trails from sea level to mountain summit, paddled eight 5-km stretches of island shoreline, and biked along 100 km of carriage roads, recording observations at regular intervals. Results confirm the importance of cumulative, small pleasures to the park's allure, such as sights of cliffs tumbling into the sea, islands emerging from the fog, pristine marshes, 300+ species of birds including breeding peregrine falcons, dense <i>Ruppia</i> and eelgrass beds, and diverse woodlands. We conclude that excursions off the loop road will enhance visitor experiences.

PowerPoint Presentations

The conference computer (PC) will use PowerPoint 2010. Please be sure to check your presentation for compatibility with this version.

We will load all PowerPoint presentations onto an IBM-compatible laptop well before each session. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a USB thumb drive to the projection desk at the NEERS meeting. We will load your presentations the evening before your talk. Please make sure your file can be read by another computer before you hand it in. Speakers should not plan to use their own computers for their presentations.

For presentations that include graphics or media other than standard PowerPoint slides (e.g., complicated animations or embedded video clips; photographic slides or overheads), authors will need to make additional arrangements. Please contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) , for more information.

Poster Guidelines

There will be a poster session on Friday afternoon. Presenters are expected to be present during the dedicated poster viewing sessions. Posters may be mounted beginning Thursday evening. All posters will remain on display through Saturday morning.

In designing your poster, keep content simple and provide a clear message in text that is large enough to read from a distance. Further details can be provided in discussions with attendees or via a handout that also includes your contact information. Good resources for preparing posters can be found at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/>

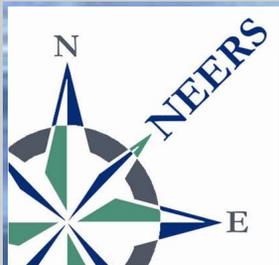
NEERS will have available our foam-core mounting boards, pushpins, and tape to display posters. The maximum poster dimensions are 36" x 48". For those of you who prefer conversational discussion of your work, this may be the most appropriate presentation style. Please check the poster option on your abstract form. If you have special needs (a power outlet, etc.) contact the co-webmaster, [Brett Branco](#) .

All posters will be eligible for the **3-3 Award**, which includes a \$33 cash prize (judged by the students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey their information clearly to the public. The award is not meant to trivialize presentations into just "pretty" formats without serious content. Rather, the award is sincerely intended to urge presentation of data and information in a simple, understandable format – a "story" – without large blocks of text. The intent is for the presenter to think like the viewer – is the story clearly presented with only its essential elements? "Viewer" includes not only fellow scientists in your field – rather, the entire NEERS audience, from physiologist to geologist, and perhaps, ultimately, the general public. Streamlining makes the storyline easy to understand. This understanding facilitates interaction. (Many thanks to the folks at SEERS who provided the original 3-3 idea and the [judging form](#).) Two additional resources to help get you thinking are provided below...

[Creating Effective Poster Presentations](#) from NC State University

[Designing an Effective Research Poster](#) from UC Merced

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Registration

Early registration closes on April 11, 2019.

After April 11, walk-in registration rates apply. You may still register on-line.



[Registration Form](#)

If you experience problems submitting your registration, contact the webmaster, [Brett Branco](#)



Have you already registered but still need to pay? Visit the [registration site](#), login, "View Profile" and check your Invoices.



Payment accepted by check, money order, PayPal, or credit card (via PayPal).

Registration Fee Schedule

	Early Registration Rate	Walk-in Rate
3-day student	\$70	\$85
3-day member	\$125	\$145
3-day non-member	\$145	\$165
1-day student	\$35 (Th); \$45 (Fr); \$30 (Sa)	\$45 (Th); \$55 (Fr); \$40 (Sa)
1-day member	\$60 (Th); \$85 (Fr); \$50 (Sa)	\$70 (Th); \$95 (Fr); \$60 (Sa)
1-day non-member	\$80 (Th); \$105 (Fr); \$70 (Sa)	\$90 (Th); \$115 (Fr); \$80 (Sa)

Registration includes Friday lunch and all coffee breaks. The Thursday and Friday socials are included with the cost of registration.

One-day registration is for a specific day. See the [Meals and Social Events](#) page for details on the options being offered.

Additional Fees

NEERS Membership - student*	\$5
NEERS Membership - regular*	\$20

[Saturday Box Lunch](#)

\$

[Field Trip](#)

free

* The registration form includes a link to join NEERS ([membership details](#)). Loyal NEERS members, annual dues are collected at the spring meeting.

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Conference Accommodations

Please mention NEERS when booking!

York Harbor Inn

York Harbor, Maine

PO Box 573480 York Street | York Harbor, Maine, 03911

Tel: 207-363-5119 | Fax: 207-363-7151

Reservations: 800-343-3869 | info@yorkharborinn.com

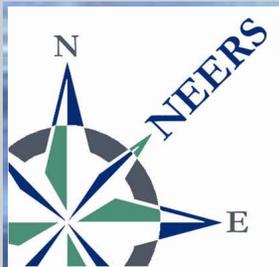
Please identify yourself as registering for the NEERS conference rate.

register by **March 28th** to get the conference room rate = \$93 / night + tax and maid gratuity

Other Options

This city boasts a multitude of hotels and bed & breakfasts. Most options are viewable by searching the web.

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Meeting Venue

The Spring 2019 meeting of the New England Estuarine Research Society (NEERS) will return to the [York Harbor Inn](#) in York Harbor, Maine, just an hour north of Boston.

The York Harbor Inn will provide us with ocean views, Maine's own Cliff Walk, and is just a short ride to Kittery shopping, Ogunquit art galleries, scenic Nubble Light, Perkins Cove and Mt. Agamenticus.

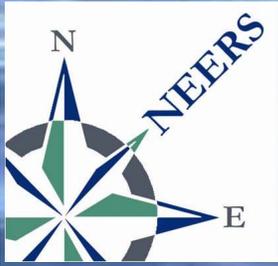
York Harbor Inn is a Maine Green Environmental Leader! <http://www.yorkharborinn.com/about/environment/>

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Night Life

Local Attractions

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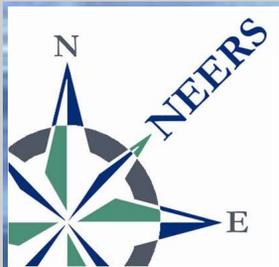
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Field Trip - Saturday afternoon

The field trip is still in the planning stages. One option is a visit to the Cutts Island Trail on the Rachel Carson Nature Preserve.

Please check back later for more details!

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Meals and Social Events

NEERS Welcoming Social - Thursday evening

Location: Yorkshire Ballroom, York Harbor Inn

Time: 5:00 p.m. - TBD

The Welcoming Social will be held immediately following the Symposium. There will be light refreshments served and a cash bar. Join us for a chance to mingle and chat about topics of estuarine and coastal significance with the astute and erudite NEERSians gathered for this special meeting.

The social is included with the cost of the 3-day registration and Thursday 1-day registration. If a guest of an attendee would like to join us for the social without attending the meeting, there is a small additional charge. If the option to register a guest is not included on the registration form, please contact the treasurer directly to register a guest. The menu for this event is TBD.

Thursday dinner is not offered as part of the conference. A list of restaurants in the area will be provided at the registration desk.

NEERS Social - Friday

Location: Yorkshire Ballroom, York Harbor Inn

Time: 6:00 p.m. - TBD

The Friday Social will be held immediately following the Business Meeting. There will be light refreshments served and a cash bar. Join us for a chance to continue to mingle and chat with fellow NEERSians.

The social is included with the cost of registration, both 3-day registration and 1-day Friday registration. If a guest of an attendee would like to join us for the social without attending the meeting, there is a small additional charge. If the option to register a guest is not included on the registration form, please contact the treasurer directly to register a guest. The menu for this event is TBD.

Friday dinner is not offered as part of the conference. A list of restaurants in the area will be provided at the registration desk.

We are then planning to meet-up at a nearby location. As always we will be on the lookout for the next Stickleback Award winner, so dance late and make sure you're physically (if not mentally) present at the first talk the next morning.

Other Meals

Meeting registration includes mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, the Thursday and Friday socials, and Friday lunch. No dinners

are included with registration.

Breakfasts

Breakfasts are not provided as part of the conference. Check with your hotel for local options.

Breaks

Thursday Morning Break:

Thursday Afternoon Break:

Friday Morning Break:

Friday Afternoon Break:

Saturday Morning Break:

Thursday Lunch

Thursday lunch is NOT included as part of the meeting. Please use this opportunity to check out the local area!

Friday Lunch

Friday lunch is included with registration and will be catered by the York Harbor Inn. Lunch will include: broccoloi-cheddar soup, cloe slaw, cranberry nut salad, and a sandwich bar (BLT panini, Harborside grilled haddock sandwich on a deli roll, chicken salad on whole wheat, shrimp salad roll, or a wrap with hummus, grated carrot, sprouts and ripe tomato.) You will be asked to pre-register for your sandwich choice during registration.

If a guest of an attendee would like to join us for lunch without attending the meeting, there is a small additional charge. If the option to register a guest is not included on the registration form, please contact the treasurer directly to register a guest.

Saturday Lunch

A box lunch will be available for an additional cost (listed on the [registration page](#)). This is highly recommended for folks joining a field trip. Sandwich options include: veggie, roast beef, ham, turkey. Chips, fruit and water are included with all lunches.

Thursday and Friday Dinners

Thursday and Friday dinners are not offered as part of the conference, though food will be available at the socials. A list of local restaurants will be available at the registration desk.

Dietary Concerns?

Please contact [Brett Branco](#) with any dietary concerns.

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