The NERRS Network

- Mission
- Culture
- Organization
- System-wide Programs
- Benefits to NAML
Over 1.4 Million Acres Protected

- Long-term research and monitoring
- Education
- Resource stewardship

Mission: To practice and promote the stewardship of coasts and estuaries through innovative research, education, and training using a place-based system of protected areas.
LIST OF RESERVES

Great Lakes
1. Lake Superior, Wisconsin
2. Old Woman Creek, Ohio

Northeast
3. Wells, Maine
4. Great Bay, New Hampshire
5. Wauquoit Bay, Massachusetts
6. Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island
7. Connecticut (Proposed)

Mid-Atlantic
8. Hudson River, New York
9. Jacques Cousteau, New Jersey
10. Delaware
11. Chesapeake Bay, Maryland
12. Chesapeake Bay, Virginia

Southeast
13. North Carolina
14. North Inlet-Winyah Bay, South Carolina
15. ACE Basin, South Carolina
16. Sapelo Island, Georgia
17. Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida

Gulf of Mexico
18. Rookery Bay, Florida
19. Apalachicola, Florida
20. Weeks Bay, Alabama
21. Grand Bay, Mississippi
22. Mission-Aransas, Texas

West
23. Tijuana River, California
24. Elkhorn Slough, California
25. San Francisco Bay, California
26. South Slough, Oregon
27. Padilla Bay, Washington
28. Kachemak Bay, Alaska

Pacific
29. He'eia, Hawai'i

Caribbean
30. Jobos Bay, Puerto Rico
Culture

- 29 unique places - common purpose & approach
- Collaborative approach to program development and decision-making
- Build strong relationships and share outcomes
- Facilitate partnerships and engage end users
- Celebrate success
- Have fun together!
Organizational Best Practices

**Engagement Tools**
- Meet as sectors twice annually – virtual and in-person
- Meet as a whole system annually

**Communication Tools**
- Listserves for sectors and workgroups
- Intranet to facilitate document sharing

- Encourage cross sector dialogue
- Seek input often Aim for consensus
- Facilitation tools & collaborative decision-making
System-Wide Program Best Practices

- System-Wide Monitoring Program
- Coastal Training Program
- K-12 Estuarine Education Program
  - same approaches & protocols
  - data analysis multiple scales
  - program evaluation
National Efforts

• Science Collaborative
  – Competitive funding
  – Enhance the reserves’ ability to address critical challenges

On the Horizon....

• Margaret A Davidson Fellowship
  – Competitive funding for graduate students
  – Research, mentoring, and professional development

• NERRS Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery Framework
Opportunities

• Reference sites
• Platform for regional/national comparison studies
• SWMP data supports research
• Partner for Science Collaborative projects
• Student opportunities - Fellowship
Get to know a NERR near you

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