**North Carolina Beach Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Annual Conference**

*November 3 & 4, 2022*

*The Terraces on Sir Tyler, Wilmington, N.C.*

NCBIWA`s annual conference will focus on the key issues facing North Carolina’s coast. NCBIWA continues to attract a diverse cross-section of local government managers, planners and elected officials; State and federal resource managers and regulators; practicing and research engineers, geologists, biologists, oceanographers, environmental specialists; real estate and insurance professionals, commerce and tourism authorities; and the marine trade and boating industries.

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| **The following themes will be the focal point for several SESSIONS; HOWEVER, we are looking for and VERY MUCH welcome abstracts on any coastal topic in addition to those listed below;** |

* ***Coastal Policy*** – Changes in Environmental Policy and or Legislative Changes that have or may impact the protection and preservation of the coast.

* ***Shallow draft Waterway Planning, Funding, and Projects*** – Case studies, dredged material management, beneficial use of dredged materials, funding, and more.
* ***Permitting and Design of Beach Nourishment Projects*** – Innovative techniques or emerging issues with regards to the permitting and design of Beach Nourishment Projects.
* ***Offshore Renewable Energy*** – Planning efforts, research, or emerging technologies focused on the development of offshore renewable energy.

* ***Coastal Resiliency*** – Project planning and implementation, funding opportunities, research and development associated with improving coastal resiliency.
* ***Beach, Inlet, and Waterways Monitoring*** – Innovative techniques, research, development, and/or case studies related to the physical or environmental monitoring of beach, inlet, and waterway projects.

If you have an idea for a presentation topic or would like to augment the above topics, please submit an abstract to execdirector@ncbiwa.org ***prior to close of business on Wednesday, August 31, 2022*** Please feel free to forward this email to any contacts in your profession or interest.

In order to facilitate review of the abstracts, please note they should be no longer than one page; and must include your name, affiliation, and contact information, including email address. The abstracts can be submitted in .doc., docx, or .pdf formats and presentations will range from 15 – 30 minutes depending on the volume of abstracts/presentations that are received. The abstract should generally describe the content of the proposed presentation and why it may be of interest to conference attendees. All abstracts will be reviewed by an independent panel, ranked, and selected for acceptance or refusal. You will be notified on or before ***September 7th*** if your abstract has been accepted for a presentation. Speakers are responsible for all registration, travel, and lodging costs.