

35TH ANNUAL EVERGLADES COALITION CONFERENCE

# ★ AMERICA'S ★ EVERGLADES:



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## All Hands On Deck

Hosted by  
**“Ding” Darling  
Wildlife Society**

**January 9–11, 2020**  
South Seas Island Resort  
Captiva Island, Florida

# Schedule & Registration

## Thursday, January 9th

- 3:00 pm **Public Event** - Everglades 101: History and Restoration  
Moderated by Marisa Carrozzo, Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- 6:00 pm **Welcome Reception** - Hosted by City of Sanibel

## Friday, January 10th

- 8:00 am **Breakfast & Guest Speaker** - Hosted by Sierra Club
- 9:00 am **Plenary I - Water Quality: From Crisis to Action**  
Moderated by Rae Ann Wessel, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
- 10:30 am **Plenary II - Restoration Ready: Removing Barriers to Sending Water South**  
Moderated by Celeste De Palma, Audubon Florida
- 12:00 pm **Lunch & Keynote Remarks** - Hosted by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
- 2:00 pm **Plenary III - Lake Okeechobee Management: The Big Water**  
Moderated by Mark Perry, Florida Oceanographic Society
- 3:30 pm **Breakout I**
- A) Acronym Soup: The ABC's of Everglades Restoration**  
Moderated by Doug Gaston, Audubon Florida
  - B) Clean Water Connection: Everglades Restoration and Marine Health**  
Moderated by Caroline McLaughlin, National Parks Conservation Association
  - C) Protecting the Everglades Headwaters: Multi-Agency Conservation Efforts**  
Moderated by Jon Andrew, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 5:30 pm **Reception** - Hosted by Everglades Foundation
- 7:00 pm **Dinner & Keynote Remarks** - Co-hosted by Conservancy of Southwest Florida & Florida Oceanographic Society

## Saturday, January 11th

- 8:00 am **Breakfast & Guest Speakers** - Hosted by South Florida Water Management District
- 9:00 am **Plenary IV - Resilience Through Restoration: Connecting America's Everglades to Climate Mitigation & Adaptation**  
Moderated by Dr. Melissa Abdo, National Parks Conservation Association
- 10:30 am **Breakout II**
- A) National Wildlife Refuges: 800,000 Acres in Support of Everglades Restoration**  
Moderated by Dr. Jim Metzler, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society
  - B) Regenerative Agriculture, Everglades Restoration and Climate Resiliency**  
Moderated by Paul McCullough, Sierra Club
  - C) The Digital Everglades: New Media, New Audiences**  
Moderated by Deborah Mitchell, AIRIE (Artists in Residence in Everglades)
- 12:00 pm **Lunch & Keynote Remarks** - Hosted by National Parks Conservation Association
- 2:00 pm **Plenary V - Funding and Leadership to Expedite Restoration**  
Moderated by Jessie Ritter, National Wildlife Federation
- 3:30 pm **Breakout III**
- A) The (Small) Business of Restoration**  
Moderated by Laura Aguirre, Audubon Florida
  - B) The Road to Everglades Restoration is... Not Paved: How Oil, Residential and Toll Road Development Threaten the Western Everglades**  
Moderated by Alison Kelly, Natural Resources Defense Council
  - C) Seagrass: The Regrowth of Florida's Natural Infrastructure**  
Moderated by Brett Fitzgerald, Angler Action Foundation
- 6:30 pm **Dinner & Keynote Remarks**  
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## Registration

Register online today at [www.evergladescoalition.org/conference](http://www.evergladescoalition.org/conference) to take advantage of early registration rates! If you need registration assistance, please contact [info@evergladescoalition.org](mailto:info@evergladescoalition.org).

**Early registration** by December 10th, 2019: \$150 full conference, \$100 single day  
**General registration** after December 10th, 2019: \$190 full conference, \$120 single day

Registration includes access to the plenary and breakout sessions, all conference materials and admittance to all receptions.

Meal tickets must be purchased separately; purchasing meals ahead of time is strongly encouraged. Rates for meals are:

Breakfast – \$20, Lunch – \$29, Dinner – \$60.

## Accommodations

The Everglades Coalition is proud to hold the 35th annual conference at South Seas Island Resort, 5400 Plantation Road, Captiva Island, Florida 33924. Special rate of \$199/night (plus tax) is available for limited rooms on a first-come first-served basis through December 10th, 2019. Please call 1-800-282-3402, and reference “Everglades Coalition 2020” for the discounted rate, or visit [www.southseas.com](http://www.southseas.com) for online booking – discount code 0X67A5.

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## 35TH ANNUAL EVERGLADES COALITION CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Everglades Coalition, we invite you to join us at South Seas Island Resort in Captiva, Florida, for the 35th Annual Everglades Coalition Conference, the largest event and forum for discussing progress on restoring America's Everglades. This year's conference theme is "America's Everglades: All Hands on Deck": recognizing that the year 2020 marks the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan's 20th anniversary. As we embark on this milestone year, we challenge conference attendees to come together on deck, build upon the progress made over the past twenty years and accelerate restoration projects and ecosystem benefits. Achieving our shared vision of a restored Everglades will continue to take the combined efforts of our diverse Everglades community, state and federal agency partners, and strong bipartisan leadership to launch restoration into the next decade.

**MARK PERRY**, Co-Chair  
Florida Oceanographic Society

**MARISA CARROZZO**, Co-Chair  
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