

## Invitation to EaGLE Investigators - ERF 2003 Contributed Session



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IMPACTS OF WATERSHED STRUCTURE, LAND USE  
AND CONTAMINANTS ON ESTUARIES

Land Use Linkages to Estuarine Conditions (CS-24)

Theme of Session CS-24:

LAND USE AND COASTAL SYSTEMS: ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON ESTUARIES  
AND COASTAL ZONES

The management of estuaries and coastal zones requires effective integration of land margin and aquatic subsystems. Managers need indicators capable of distinguishing between natural and human-caused stresses to coastal systems. Land-based stressors that affect estuaries and the coastal zone range in scale from molecular to landscape levels of organization.

Papers in this area might investigate how land use within watersheds affects the ecological condition of estuaries and coastal zones, and highlight the use of indicators of ecosystem integrity measured at various scales. Papers that include studies conducted in different geographic regions are particularly encouraged.

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### MEETING DEADLINES

Abstract submission deadline—March 3, 2003

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