

Register for the Ninth Biennial State of the Bay Symposium Today!

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Register today and take advantage of this unique opportunity to join scientists, resource managers and policy makers in a critical and timely discussion on the sustainability of coastal resources in the Houston-Galveston area.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS DECEMBER 22, 2008!

Hosted by the Galveston Bay Estuary Program, the Ninth Biennial State of the Bay Symposium will explore elements of sustaining Galveston Bay in the midst of our region's rapid population growth and emerging challenges.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The latest on the impacts of and recovery from Hurricane Ike;
- The current state of Galveston Bay;
- Rebuilding after Hurricane Ike;
- Research and solutions for addressing our most challenging water quality problems;
- Environmental flows;
- Fostering sustainable behavior;
- The future of Galveston Bay from the region's leading experts;
- And much more!

SPECIAL GUESTS!

Honorable Judge Yarborough- Galveston County Judge
Honorable Jimmy Sylvia- Chambers County Judge
Mr. Carlos Rubinstein - Deputy Executive Director, TCEQ

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR WORKSHOPS

Best Management Practices workshop. Learn the latest strategies for funding Best Management Practices (BMPs) - including outreach and education - and obtain hands-on instruction for identifying and prioritizing impaired areas, determining placement of BMPs, and selecting the right BMP to meet your water quality needs.

Creating a Stewardship Campaign. Gain insight into how your program can play a key role in fostering sustainable behaviors within specific communities. Hear from Dr. William Smith, an expert in health communication, behavioral science and social marketing at the [Academy for Educational Development](#), and obtain skills in designing, developing and implementing effective environmental stewardship campaigns.

SALUTE A DEVOTED TEXAS CONSERVATIONIST!

On Tuesday evening, the Estuary Program will salute a devoted Texas conservationist: Ralph Rayburn. The *Ralph Rayburn Commemorative Poster Session* is an opportunity for attendees to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Mr. Rayburn while viewing a variety of posters.

GALVESTON ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER

As Hurricane Ike recovery efforts continue, the Galveston Bay Estuary Program is pleased to return to Galveston Island to support the City of Galveston and surrounding communities. The symposium will take place January 12-14, 2009 at the Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas.

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To register for the event, please visit the Galveston Bay Estuary Program Web site at: <http://www.gbep.state.tx.us/hot-topics/SOB%20IX%20Main%20Page.htm>. Download the **latest agenda**.

Symposium Rates (special discount categories available) as follows:

- **Full Price:** \$150 (\$125 Early Bird)
- **Student:** \$30
- **Speakers and moderators:** FREE the day speaking/moderating; \$50 for following day

Workshop Rates:

- **Best Management Practices:** \$50 (\$35 Early Bird)
- **Creating a Stewardship Campaign:** \$50 (\$35 Early Bird)

For questions **about registration**, please contact registration@conventiondecorating.com or Sue Phillips at sphillip@tceq.state.tx.us.

For exhibiting opportunities, please visit <http://www.gbep.state.tx.us/hot-topics/SOB%20IX%20Exhibitor.htm>, download the exhibitor application and send it to Sue Phillips at sphillip@tceq.state.tx.us.

The Ninth Biennial State of the Bay Symposium is hosted in partnership with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.