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CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE, RISING SEAS AND COASTAL EROSION

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CALL FOR POSTERS

SOS Saco Bay announces its Call for Abstracts and Call for Poster Presentations for 5th Annual Gulf of Maine Coastal Conference, to be held at the Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center in Saco, Maine on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The event provides opportunities for learning and networking as we confront significant environmental challenges facing our coastal infrastructure and ecosystems.

Presentation proposals can be either live or in a poster format. For live presentations, session duration will be 30 minutes.

Proposed presentations are encouraged to address a wide range of coastal issues, including science, ecology, coastal engineering, policy and more. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- **Sea level rise planning and policy**
- **Regulatory issues**
- **Living shoreline technology and best management practices**
- **Coastal wetland and marsh restoration**
- **Lessons learned from extreme storm events**
- **Climate change, storm surge, and coastal flooding**
- **Coastal construction case studies and lessons learned**

SOS Saco Bay is a non-partisan interest-based coastal protection advocacy group. Our previous conferences have attracted a wide range of attendees, with a special emphasis on student participation.

Poster presentation proposals should indicate topic, focus and goals of the presentation. **Live presentation proposals** can be up to 500 words in length.

Live presentation abstracts are due no later than April 7, 2026. Poster presentation abstracts are due September 22, 2026.

Email abstracts to: hanrahanenvironmental@yahoo.com