



2009 HAWAII CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Hawai'i in a Changing Climate:
Ecological, Cultural, Economic and
Policy Challenges and Solutions

July 28-30, 2009

Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, HI

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference, presented by the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance, is the largest gathering of people actively involved in the protection and management of the natural environment in Hawai'i and the Pacific Region. The conference facilitates interaction among resource managers, the scientific community, and other stakeholders. This is an annual opportunity to share experiences and ideas on a wide range of conservation issues affecting Hawai'i and the Pacific.

The conference committee is soliciting abstracts for presentations and posters that explore the 2009 *Hawai'i in a Changing Climate* theme. However, contributions on conservation topics divergent from this general theme are also encouraged and will be evaluated based on their level of significance as research and as contributions to conservation.

Oral presentations will be 20 minutes (18 minutes plus 2 minutes for questions). Contributions will be grouped into sessions with similar themes to the extent possible. Sessions will run concurrently with symposia and forums.

Poster presentations will be displayed July 28-30 in the exhibit hall. Authors are required to attend the evening poster session on July 28. Posters may be installed on the afternoon of July 27 and must be removed by 3 pm July 30.

Symposia, Forums and Workshops: The deadline for symposia, forums, and workshop proposals has passed and we are no longer accepting proposals. A list of proposed symposia, forums and workshops is posted on the HCC Web site.

The conference committee would like to see the following sessions (among others) of contributed papers at HCC. If you are interested in organizing and leading one of these sessions, and can coordinate with potential speakers, please contact us.

- **Climate Change Impacts on Ecosystem Services in Hawai'i.** This session could include the following issue areas: an explanation of what ecosystem services are and why its important for researchers and managers to know this; the pros-and-cons of different economic valuation methods (qualitative and quantitative); predictions about what services may be impacted in Hawai'i over the next 50-100 years; and suggestions about how agencies, landowners, managers, and researchers can start working with Hawaiian communities now to mitigate/reduce future ecosystem services impacts.
- **Carbon Sequestration and Carbon Trading: Emerging Enterprises in Hawai'i.** This session could explore a variety of issues beginning with an overview of carbon sequestration as a mitigation tool and ending with developing carbon credit markets in Hawai'i. Other potential topics are: the "best" methodologies for how to accurately calculate carbon sequestration; the pros and cons participating in carbon sequestration markets; biomass utilization; restoring native forests versus creating commercial forest plantations; Hawai'i's participation in the DOE's Carbon Sequestration Regional Partnership Program.
- **Climate Change and Hawai'i's Evolving Energy Policy.** This session could focus on government and private sector efforts to reduce Hawai'i's contributions to climate change and develop greater energy independence and "green" energies. Both regulatory and market-driven approaches could be explored, including: Hawai'i-DOE Clean Energy Initiative; the State's Greenhouse Gas Task Force; development of renewable energies (solar, wind, biofuels, biomass, etc.).

DEADLINE: All abstracts, including those for symposia, forums and workshops, must be received no later than **March 20, 2009.**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Abstracts must be submitted through the online form on the HCC Web site and must follow the guidelines (250-word maximum) posted on the site. The committee reserves the right to reject any abstract received that does not follow the HCC guidelines. For further information please contact Mariza Silva (808) 587-0061, or email hcastaff@hawaii.edu

2009 HCC Web site: http://hawaiiconservation.org/2009_hcc.asp