

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND THE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVES

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This presentation on ecosystem services will explore the context, history, and potential for conducting and applying Ecosystem Services Research in the National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRS) It will include a review of ongoing, planned and recently completed project as well as activities to assess the status and usefulness this information in the system. It will also address how we can build on this momentum toward concrete actions that will take advantage of the thinking that we have been doing as a system and learning lessons from the ongoing and completed projects. It will start with setting the stage with the NOAA and NERRS perspectives on ecosystem services work, describe how the NERRS continue to be appropriate places to conduct this work, and describe how this information is useful to individual reserves and their missions. It will also include information on an; Ecosystem Services Summit; held last year. It will also detail how the system can move forward in an effective and impactful way.