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Adaptive Management of Water Resources II
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8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 13: Panel – Adaptive Management on the Ground: Placed-Based Applications

Panelist Participants

Moderator – Carl Shapiro,

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Session 13 is the fourth and final in a track of four sessions (Sessions 1, 5, 9 and 13) addressing adaptive management and its use, applications, and the institutional framework. These sessions will provide a practical framework and approach to learning-based management of natural resources, whereby learning occurs through the process of management itself and management strategy is adjusted through time based on what is learned. Sessions 1, 5, 9 and 13 described below include panel discussions, technical presentations, and place-based examples of the adaptive management of aquatic resources.

Experiences with the use of an adaptive management process vary with changes in natural and human systems. This session consists of presentations describing the adaptive management of three specific aquatic resource systems and the resource management issues and institutional frameworks associated with each. The applications will be discussed in terms of the principles, techniques, and procedures covered in the previous three sessions and will address why an adaptive management process was used and how it was used. In addition, discussion will address the components of the adaptive management process that were successful and the parts in which challenges remain.