

## UNCERTAINTY IN NUMERICAL MODEL APPLICATIONS TO MANAGE COASTAL EUTROPHICATION

Spring 2021 Webinar Series and Workshop

### Webinar Series and Workshop Goals

The goals of this virtual webinar series and workshop are to:

- #1 Educate managers on basic approaches to estimating uncertainty in numerical model applications to investigate coastal eutrophication.
- #2 Discuss the relevance of these approaches for ongoing investigations of effects of land-based nutrients in the San Francisco Bay estuary and the southern California Current System.

### Who Should Attend? How to Sign Up?

**Who Should Attend:** Scientists, staff of California sanitary agencies, stormwater agencies, water quality regulatory and natural resource agencies.

**To sign up for our listserv and get updates, click [here](#).**

**To review background materials, click [here](#).**

**Why Uncertainty?** Two separate efforts are independently using coupled physical and biogeochemical numerical models to quantify the effect of land-based nutrients on eutrophication in the San Francisco Bay (San Francisco Nutrient Management Strategy) and on the California Coast (Ocean Protection Council Coastal Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH) Modeling). The outcomes of these modelling research programs could drive important management decisions on nutrient management to the tune of billions of dollars. For managers and policy makers to confidently use the results of the model, the model uncertainty would ideally be smaller than the change the model is predicting is attributable to anthropogenic nutrients. Managers are seeking information on approaches to take these uncertainty analyses to the next level and their efficacy in how models are used to support management conversations.

## WEBINAR SERIES: April 15- May 5, 2021

**REGISTER NOW FOR OUR NEXT WEBINAR**



**Samantha Siedlecki, Ph.D.**  
Professor, University of  
Connecticut

**When: Wed. Apr 28  
12pm-2pm PDT**

**[Register here](#)**

Dr. Siedlecki is a biogeochemical oceanographer who uses numerical models to understand mechanism and influences on biogeochemical dynamics in coastal ocean ecosystems. Go [here](#) for more information on her research.

**Talk Title: Forecasting the future of ocean acidification and hypoxic conditions in the Northern California Current system**

**Abstract:** Corrosive and hypoxic events in coastal waters are of increasing concern to local fisheries. Due to the higher spatial and temporal resolution of models combined with more comprehensive observations, it is now possible to predict the timing of hypoxic and corrosive conditions, their spatial variability, and changes in their duration. A suite of well-evaluated forecasts and projections have been in development for the Pacific Northwest coast including short-term forecasts as well as high-emissions scenario projections out to 2100. These simulations and their evaluations enable us to identify the importance of coastal processes in the region on these timescales of prediction, and conveying uncertainty in the forecasts.

## Final Webinar



### **John Dunne, Ph.D.**

Oceanographer,  
NOAA Geophysical  
Fluid Dynamics Lab,  
Princeton, NJ

**When: Wed. May 05  
12pm-2pm PDT**

**[Register here](#)**

Dr. Dunne is an expert in ocean biogeochemistry, climate, and earth system modeling with 30 years of experience developing instruments, collecting field observations, and performing analysis and modeling studies. Go [here](#) for more information.

**Talk Title: Uncertainties in global projection of biogeochemical change on the US West Coast**

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## Half Day Virtual Workshop and Panel Discussion

**Friday, May 28, 8:15 AM - noon PDT**

The virtual workshop will consist of a panel of scientists, modelers and agency staff that discuss the key benefits and limitations of uncertainty approaches for the two California coastal modeling research programs. Selected panelists will give short, summary talks and the facilitator will engage the group in discussion on questions related to the workshop theme and from the audience. The ultimate goal is to educate workshop attendees on what uncertainty approaches are relevant and how they could be specifically used to inform the key management questions.

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## Completed Webinars



### **Marjorie Friedrichs, Ph.D.**

Professor, Virginia Institute  
of Marine Science (VIMS)

**When: Thu. Apr 15  
12pm-2pm PDT**

**[Link to Slides and  
Recording](#)**

Dr. Friedrichs uses mathematical computer models and observations to quantify the impacts of climate, land-use changes and local management efforts on hypoxia, acidification, and biogeochemistry in coastal systems. Go [here](#) for more on her research.

**Talk Title: Quantifying and communicating model uncertainty: a Chesapeake Bay case study**



### **Christopher Edwards, Ph.D.**

Professor, University of  
California, Santa Cruz

**When: Wed. Apr 21  
12pm-2pm PDT**

**[Link to Slides and  
Recording](#)**

Dr. Edwards conducts research in physical oceanography and ocean ecosystem dynamics, and geophysical fluid dynamics using numerical modeling and ocean observing systems. Go [here](#) for more on his research.

**Talk Title: Uncertainty in coastal ocean biological and physical modeling**

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## Questions?

**Contact us at [uncertaintyinfo@sccwrp.org](mailto:uncertaintyinfo@sccwrp.org)**

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