

## 2015 Annual Meeting – Estuaries Section Business Meeting – Attachment 4

### Ideas for Symposia

#### **What accomplishments do you want to celebrate in 2024? What goals do you have for the Estuaries Section?**

Accomplishments in 2023 looking ahead – hope to see some portion of the Conservation Blueprint developed by the South Atlantic Landscape Cooperative implemented.

Goals – try to secure water rights for all U.S. estuaries.

We have focused much on habitat quantity (acres of wetlands, river miles) but with less focus on quality. We need more emphasis on chemistry, underwater sound, acidification, and other issues. Our future must include quality!

For 2023: Lots of awesome training sessions and workshops.

More \$ for student grants.

2023 Accomplishments – We will have restored estuaries along the Atlantic coast.

Critical habitats will be on the rebound due to climate change and new innovative management strategies.  
# of restored estuaries > # of degraded estuaries.

Maintain a tally of removed dams and returns of diadromous fish.

Develop a tool that is of extreme use and value (don't know what it would be...).

Membership of 500!

Keep up interesting, stimulating, interdisciplinary research at the nexus of land and sea and river.

Hopefully I can continue to take a more active role in the section and hopefully be a professor in my own right bringing my own students to the meeting (and hopefully they are winning awards).

Increase student mentorship/membership.

Involve more marine and coastal AFS members. Give them a reason to want to join.

At 69 years old in 2014 I hope to still be on the right side of the grass in 2023 and still contributing to AFS and fishery science.

Having published papers over the decade influencing stock assessments.