

# CALL FOR PAPERS



## OCEANS PAST II An International Open Science Conference

26 – 29 May 2009

Aquatic Ecosystems Research Laboratory (AERL)  
University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, Canada

### Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the History and Future of Marine Animal Populations

2010 marks the completion of the first phase of the Census of Marine Life (CoML). As this crucial date approaches, the History of Marine Animal Populations of the Census, in cooperation with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC invites researchers from the natural sciences and humanities to discuss the dynamics of marine environmental change over the long-term. The three-day conference will be organized thematically and include both a plenary and break-out sessions. Two to three sessions on the same theme will be held concurrently. A poster session will be held on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be organized around five themes:

1. **Historical patterns of change in marine ecosystems**
2. **Social and economic drivers and consequences of ecosystem changes**
3. **Historical examples of ecosystem recoveries and recovery prospects**
4. **Development of multi-disciplinary studies of marine environmental history**
5. **The Sea Ahead: the future of marine ecosystems – sponsored by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies**

Three hundred-word abstracts should be submitted by December 1, 2008 to: [oceanspast.submissions@gmail.com](mailto:oceanspast.submissions@gmail.com). **The proposal must state at which thematic session they wish to present** and include the participant's institutional affiliation and mailing address, email address, and telephone number. All abstracts must be sent electronically.

The registration fee is US\$180. Participants must pay the registration fee when they register for the conference.

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