

## Save the Date!

### The 10th biennial Conference on Communication and Environment (COCE)

Sponsored by the Department of Environmental Science,  
University of Southern Maine

Portland, Maine June 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2009

For those not familiar with COCE, Tracylee Clarke describes it best. "What sets apart COCE from other conferences is its interdisciplinary nature, the sense of community developed among participants during the conference, and the presented and accessible opportunities for scholarly collaboration."<sup>1</sup> To learn more about COCE go to:

<http://www.esf.edu/ecn/coce.htm>

The working central theme for the 10th COCE will be, to borrow from Steve Depoe and his editor's note in the inaugural edition of *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, the nexus of Environmental Communication with relevant "environmental" disciplines. Important questions to answer during the conference would include how environmental communication can best be applied to achieve and advance environmental protection ranging from increasing society's understanding of the environment and environmental problems to implementing socially difficult solutions.

**A formal call for papers will be issued later this summer.**

A major goal for this COCE will be to make the conference as carbon neutral as possible including food service, energy use, and the buildings. Additional information will follow.

Conference updates, accommodations, logistics, events, schedules, and all other important information will be posted on the Environmental Communication Network's website: <http://www.esf.edu/ecn/coceconf.htm>

If you would like to volunteer or have ideas, suggestions, or questions please contact me, Travis Wagner, the conference host and primary organizer, off the list serve at [twagner@usm.maine.edu](mailto:twagner@usm.maine.edu)

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<sup>1</sup> Clarke, T. (2007). COCE in review. *Ecologue*, Summer 2007, p. 3.