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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | October 9, 2021   Greetings to all Connecticut Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions & staff,  On behalf of the CACIWC Board of Directors, I am very pleased to provide additional details on our **44th Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference**, scheduled for **Saturday, November 6, 2021**.  Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this event will again be a *virtual* conference.  We are excited to announce that David Vallee of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will serve as the keynote speaker for this conference with his presentation, entitled: “Torrential Rains from Slow Moving Tropical Systems; Is This the New Normal?”  The conference will also include informative workshops for both experienced and new conservation and inland wetlands commissioners and staff covering recycling and waste management, wetlands law, invasive insect pests and water resource management.  Additional details can be found on our website [www.caciwc.org](https://caciwc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ca5218d9e2c9f02699c10fff&id=d4550e2190&e=39440bbcdb).Individuals associated with CACIWC member commissions who **register before** **November 4, 2021**, can save $30 off the $60 standard registration fee *for each commission member or staff who register*.   Two methods are available to register for our 2021 Annual Meeting & Conference: 1) You can register by completing the printed registration form and mailing it to our deKoven House address along with your check.  This form is located on our website: [Registration Form (caciwc.org)](https://caciwc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ca5218d9e2c9f02699c10fff&id=0836f5429f&e=39440bbcdb)  2) You may also renew and pay by credit card using our online registration form located on our website at: [CACIWC Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference (wufoo.com)](https://caciwc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ca5218d9e2c9f02699c10fff&id=9bbd7a0f82&e=39440bbcdb)   Commissions who have not yet renewed their **2021-22** **CACIWC membership dues**can still do so and qualify for the highly discounted member conference registration fee.  Please note that the CACIWC Board of Directors had again decided *not* to raise membership dues for the July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, fiscal year.   Two methods are also available for you or your commission to renew your membership: 1) You can renew your CACIWC membership the traditional way by completing and mailing the printed form to our office along with your check; this form is located at: [Microsoft Word - Dues Renewal notice 2021-22.docx (caciwc.org)](https://caciwc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ca5218d9e2c9f02699c10fff&id=9ea1d19ae2&e=39440bbcdb)  2) You may also renew and pay by credit card using our online registration form located on our website: [CACIWC Membership Form 2021-22 (wufoo.com)](https://caciwc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1ca5218d9e2c9f02699c10fff&id=92aba9d33e&e=39440bbcdb)  The renewal of your membership dues will help us fund our 44th Annual Meeting and upcoming issues of *The Habitat,*and future educational forums.  Your commission's support of our membership dues has become even more critical in recent years as the costs of hosting our annual meeting and environmental conference have substantially increased.  Although, the costs to host a virtual conference are lower without meal charges and room rentals, new IT contractors are needed to ensure security and smooth operations.  Please also consider becoming a conference sponsor this year.  Your sponsorship at any level (see the categories listed on the registration form and on our website for more information) will help us meet these expenses and prepare for additional educational events.  We recognize that both 2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for Connecticut commission members and staff during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we thank you for your local efforts and your ongoing support.  Although we continue to miss the opportunities to network during lunch and among the exhibitors, we hope that you will join us at our 2021 Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference while we plan for future conferences!   Thank you, Alan J. Siniscalchi, President CACIWC | | | |