

2022 AMOY Working Group Meeting Information

Registration

Registration for all attendees, regardless of if attending in-person or virtually, will be \$30. This covers the cost of the website, shared band database, and other Working Group expenses. All information and fees are included at this [registration page](#).

Social Event and Field Trip Information for In-person Attendees

Dr. Bob Cooper has generously offered to host us for an evening Low Country Boil. This will likely take place at [Altama Plantation](#), a local Wildlife Management Area on the Altamaha River with some good birding options. If you want to attend, please register for it. Cost will cover food and beverages.

The field trip will be on Thursday, December 8th. It is free, but you will need to register so we can plan for the correct number. We are currently planning an early morning boat trip (probably to the Altamaha Delta), so come prepared with cold weather gear.

Location and Travel Information

Airports: There are two international airports, Savannah, GA and Jacksonville, FL. Both airports are approximately an hour drive from St. Simons Island. It is worth checking both for the best deal. There is also an airport in Brunswick, which is closest to the event, but it's typically more expensive.

Transportation to St. Simons Island: Public transit is not available to St. Simons, but GA DNR will have a van to assist with transport to St. Simons Island, as well as required travel during the conference. We can help connect folks based on arrival times to facilitate car-pooling. (Look for a Google Drive spreadsheet to be emailed to the list-serv.)

Meeting Facility: The meeting is being held at [Epworth by the Sea](#). This is a conference and retreat center overlooking the marsh and river on the west side of St. Simons Island. It is a close walk to a county park ([Gascoigne Bluff](#)).

Lodging and Meals: If you are staying onsite, the preferred option is to share a room (double occupancy). All rooms have two queen size beds and look over the river and marsh. Please try to coordinate with someone to share a room. If you are looking for a roommate, let us know (or see the Google document) and we can try to match you with another participant. If you prefer a room to yourself (single occupancy), the cost will be extra. See the registration page for pricing.

Lodging fees cover three meals a day at Epworth. If you are visiting the meeting for the day and not staying overnight, you can bring your own lunch, or register and pay for lunches at the registration link.

Local Attractions of the Golden Isles: This part of the Georgia Coast is named the [Golden Isles](#) for the color of the marsh. There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation and exploration as well as a rich history dating back 12,000 years.

[Fort Frederica](#) is a National Monument on the north end of St. Simons Island highlights the remains of a village and fort dating to the early mid 1700s.

[Cannon's Point](#) Managed by the St. Simons Land Trust this 644 acre natural area has trails, kayak launch, and bird observation towers.

Jekyll Island is a publicly accessible island with 9 miles of beach, many miles of walking/biking trails, a beautiful historic district and the [Sea Turtle Center](#), a rehab hospital, and museum for sea turtles.

Questions: If you have any questions about registration details, transportation, field trip etc., please contact Tim Keyes (tim.keyes@dnr.ga.gov / (912) 222-0424).