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# Natural Resource Decision Making Tools

A Workshop for  
Forestry, Natural Resource,  
Policy and Planning Professionals

*Approved for 10.5 CFEs  
APA Credits Requested*



**June 15-16, 2006**

***J.S. McKimmon Center  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, North Carolina***

*Sponsored by*  
North Carolina State University  
Forestry & Environmental Outreach Program  
Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources  
College of Natural Resources

## About the Workshop

This course will focus on building *substantive knowledge* about natural resource issues as well as *professional analytical skills*. The goal of the workshop is to teach you to think more effectively and therefore act more responsibly in decision making about natural resources. Perhaps the biggest mistake made in natural resource decision making is the failure to fully understand the precise nature of the problem at hand. This short course will use three frameworks - **Social Process, Decision Process, and Problem Orientation** - to help participants understand the societal and decision aspects of any natural resource issue, which will better orient them to solving the actual problem. Topics will include:

### Introduction and the Social Process

The interaction of individuals and organizations in society sets the stage for every natural resource problem. Therefore, neither the policy problem nor the decision process can be understood until the context of this interaction is known. To make sense of this social context, the instructor will map the *Social Process*. The case study of the proposed Outlying Landing Field in eastern NC will be used to explore these issues.

### Review and the Decision Process

The *Decision Process* identifies the functions and activities involved in decision making. Careful investigation of the decision-making aspects of any policy process allows observers, analysts or participants to better understand what is going on and where improvements might be made. The practice of Open Space Planning will be used to explore these issues.

### Review, Problem Orientation and Conclusions

Too often people jump immediately to recommend solutions to natural resource problems when they arise. Analyzing and understanding problems fully before suggesting solutions is critical to avoid recommending inappropriate, infeasible and/or misguided policies. Sound *Problem Orientation* forces participants to be realistic in their recognition of the scope of the problem and its varying complexities. A case study of Falls Lake Water Quality will be used to explore these issues.

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### Who Should Attend?

This workshop series is designed for foresters and other natural resource professionals, as well as local, state and national policy makers and planners who want to better understand how natural resource decisions are made, how to make these decisions more effectively and how to more actively engage in the process and have an impact on the decision.

### Registration

The registration fee is \$225 for the day and a half workshop. The registration fee includes the book *The Policy Process: A Practical Guide for Natural Resource Professionals*, a course notebook, refreshments, and lunch on Thursday. **Registration deadline is June 5th.** Space in the workshops is limited so early registration is encouraged. We will create a waiting list if necessary. Lodging is not included in the registration fee.

Registrants will be mailed the course book in advance and are expected to complete assigned readings prior to the start of the workshop.

### Workshop Location and Lodging

The workshop will be held at the J.S. McKimmon Center at NC State University in Raleigh, NC. Directions to the workshops will be included with your registration confirmation letter. Lodging is not included in the registration fee, but a block of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn-Brownstone under "Natural Resource Tools Workshop" at a special rate of \$77. To reserve a room, call 919-828-0811 or 1-800 HOLIDAY by May 24.

### Continuing Education Credits

The workshop is approved for **10.5 Category 1** Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits from the Society of American Foresters. Credits are also requested from the American Planners Association.

### For More Information

Contact Susan Moore by e-mail: [susan\\_moore@ncsu.edu](mailto:susan_moore@ncsu.edu) or phone: 919-515-3184

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### Workshop Schedule

#### Thursday, June 15

8:00 - Registration and Coffee  
8:30 - Introduction and the Social Process  
12:00 - Lunch (provided)  
12:45 - The Decision Process  
5:15 - Adjourn

#### Friday, June 16

8:00 - Registration and Coffee  
8:30 - Problem Orientation and Conclusions  
12:30 - Adjourn

**NOTE: A detailed agenda will be posted on-line at [www.ncsu.edu/feop/Agenda2006/nrtools](http://www.ncsu.edu/feop/Agenda2006/nrtools)**

### About the Instructor

The workshop series will be instructed by Dr. Toddi Steelman, Associate Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in NCSU's Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources. She holds a masters degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University and a doctorate in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy from Duke University. She is the co-author of *Collaborative Environmental Management: What Role for Government?* and *Adaptive Governance: Integrating Science, Policy and Decision Making*. She teaches courses on Environmental Regulation, Current Issues in Natural Resources, Collaborative and Community Based Environmental Management, and Natural Resource Governance.



## Registration Form

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**Registration Deadline June 5, 2006**

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Registration Fee \$225.00

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