

Federal Working Group Call
April 25, 2013

Attendees by Agency:

ACOE Jennifer Wozencraft	FWS Linda Walker Chris Pease	NOAA Todd Davison Russ Beard Heidi Stiller	NPS Cherry Green
BOEM James Sinclair	GOMA Laura Bowie	Amy Clark Heather Young	USGS Alyssa Dausman Kate Spear Scott Wilson
EPA John Bowie Jeannie Allen Jerry Boos Drew Puffer	GCOOS Ann Jochens Navy Camille Destafney	Becky Allee Robin Burns Julien Lartigue Chris Sinigalliano	

The first speaker is Dr. Alyssa Dausman

USGS Science Advisor to the Southeastern Region

This was an overview of what USGS is doing in and for the Gulf. USGS organizes science capabilities around an interdisciplinary view creating six societally relevant issue areas. Dr. Dausman focused on the Ecosystems issue area for this presentation. Three centers support the gulf, and one Water Science Center in each state. In addition to these centers, there are 8 Regional Climate Science Centers which support collaborations in research education and outreach, and support the landscape conservation cooperatives. USGS is working with many of the GOMA issue teams. They are involved with the water quality and nutrients team, tracking, modeling and working to reduce the hypoxic zone. Additionally, they work with the resilience team to model and collect information and data pre and post hazards, the Habitat Conservation and Restoration Team collecting data about restoring and conserving habitat, and replenishing and protecting living coastal and marine resources through understanding survival and reproduction. In all of the research they do, they use an adaptive management approach to ensure sound science. Please see the attached presentation for more details.

Next speaker is Dr. Ann Jochens

Executive Director, GCOOS Regional Association,
Editor, Marine Technology Society Journal

Dr. Jochens gave a brief overview of Gulf Coast Ocean Observing System and the Regional Association structure. She focused on GCOOS activities that support and collaborate with GOMA. The RA participates on every issue team, contributes to development of products for GOMA, supports workshops and hosts meetings. The GCOOS build-out plan is available and open for comments and inputs. Please see the attached presentation for more details.