

Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Ecosystem Integration and Assessment Priority Issue Team Meeting Agenda
May 19-21, 2014
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel – Mobile, AL
Mobile Bay III – 2nd floor

Monday May 19, 2014:

1:00 – 1:30 pm Welcome and Introductions – *Cristina Carollo (Harte Research Institute) and Sheri Land (Texas General Land Office)*

1:30 – 2:00 pm Significant Wetlands of the Gulf Coast Website – *Larry Handley (CNL World)*

2:00 – 2:30 pm NOAA Restore Science Program – *Becky Allee (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Gulf Coast Services Center)*

2:30 – 3:00 pm Discussion about the future of the PIT; what's the EIA PIT focus? Are there any cross cutting issues across our focus areas? What are our priorities? What are possible funding sources we could go after?

3 main topics need to be covered:

1. What specific items does the EIA PIT want to carry over from the Governors' Action Plan II?
2. Does the EIA PIT have new objectives under the existing priorities? Or are there new priorities?
3. What projects or programmatic ideas that are regional in scope does the EIA PIT want to propose?

***2:30 pm Jeanne to EE PIT room*

3:00 – 3:15 pm *Break*

3:15 – 5:00 pm Discussion – continued

Tuesday May 20, 2014:

Tuesday morning: Joint Session with the Habitat Conservation and Restoration Team (2nd Floor Grand Bay I & II)

- 08:30 – 08:45 am Welcome and Introductions – *Cristina Carollo (Harte Research Institute) and James Pahl (Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority)*
- 08:45 – 09:15 am Status of the HCRT Project on Creation of a Best Management Practices Manual for Installing Living Shorelines – *Mike Shelton, Baldwin County, Alabama*
- 09:15 – 09:45 am Living Shoreline Site Suitability Modeling for Mobile Bay: A GIS & Remote Sensing-based Approach – *Chris Boyd (Mississippi State University) and Steve Jones (Geological Survey of Alabama)*
- 09:45 – 10:00 am *Break*
- 10:00 – 10:30 am The Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation’s Conservation Vision: A Consensus Map of Land Protection Opportunities for the Gulf Region”– *Elizabeth Rooks-Barber (Land Trust Alliance)*
- 10:30 – 11:00 am Funding GOMA’s Master Mapping Plan: Partnerships for a Gap Analysis and Priority Mapping Plan– *Libby Fetherston (Ocean Conservancy)*
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Next Steps and Joint Opportunities for the EIA PIT and HCRT – *Cristina Carollo (Harte Research Institute) and James Pahl (Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority)*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm *Lunch (on your own)*
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm Discussion about the future of the PIT; what's the EIA PIT focus? Are there any cross cutting issues across our focus areas? What are our priorities? What are possible funding sources we could go after?
1. What can GOMA do to help your agency accomplish its goals in the region?
 2. Are GOMA’s priorities still priorities for your agency? Is there a shift that we should be aware of?
 3. What does your agency think is the most valuable role for GOMA: as a networking/convening program – or – as regional project coordination – or - both – or – something else entirely?
 4. How can GOMA better support evolving programs and issues such as restoration, marine planning, or others?

5. Are there different ways to communicate to maintain the network that we are not currently using (i.e., social media, listservs, blogs, etc.)?

3:00 – 3:15 pm *Break*

3:15 – 5:00 pm Discussion – continued

6:00 – 8:00 pm *Gulf of Mexico Alliance 10-Year Celebration of Building Partnerships for a Healthier Gulf (Bon Secour Ballroom II & III – 2nd floor)*

Wednesday May 21, 2014 (08:30 am to 12:00 pm):

08:30 – 08:45 am Synthesize discussions from the previous days – *Cristina Carollo (Harte Research Institute) and Sheri Land (Texas General Land Office)*

08:45 – 09:15 am Prioritization of future activities

09:15 – 10:15 am Development of a "blueprint for the future" which will include carry-over items from the Governors' Action Plan II plus other high priority objectives/activities

10:15 – 10:30 am *Break*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Development of a "blueprint for the future" – continued

12:00 pm Adjourn