

Gulf of Mexico Benthic Habitat Mapping Workshops I and II – GOMOSSES 2018

Workshop I

February 5, 2018 – New Orleans, LA – 9am to 1pm – Celestin C

The morning session will consist of any and all stakeholders interested in comprehensive benthic mapping in the Gulf.

Agenda

1. Recap of last year's meeting
2. Update on several GOM mapping efforts
 - a. Florida Coastal Mapping Program
 - b. RESTORE Council Monitoring and Assessment Program
 - c. GOMA Master Mapping Plan
3. Identifying shared goals of a comprehensive GOM habitat/benthic map (see strawman)
4. Achieve alignment spatial zones and priority measurements
 - a. Coastal zone
 - b. 0-20m
 - c. 20-200m
 - d. 200m+
5. Articulating the conceptual model for how the different component pieces (see strawman for states, GOMA Master Mapping Plan, federal partners, RESTORE CMAP & COP, etc.)
6. Technical solutions to aggregating and sharing mapping data – Kathy Goodin

Workshop II

February 5, 2018 – New Orleans, LA – 2pm to 5pm – Celestin C

Afternoon session is specifically set aside for states to articulate their individual mapping needs and to evaluate these for alignment with one another, with the GOMA data and monitoring PIT Master Mapping Plan, and the larger Gulf CMAP effort funded by the RESTORE Council.