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December 12 - 13, 2018

Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) Marine Debris Cross Team Initiative: Mid-Year Stakeholder Meeting

NOAA Disaster Response Center (7344 Zeigler Blvd, Mobile, AL, 36608)

Workshop Goal | To strengthen regional effectiveness by bringing the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Marine Debris Cross Team Initiative stakeholder community together to work on **regional marine debris actions** that address both everyday marine debris and debris generated by severe weather.

Objectives | During this workshop, participants will:

- Bring together entities across the Gulf that currently address marine debris.
- Review the goals and objectives of the Marine Debris Cross Team in Governors' Action Plan III For Healthy and Resilient Coasts.
- Better understand how business and industry partners are working to address marine debris, and identify ways in which GOMA's Marine Debris Cross Team can be involved in their efforts.
- Become familiar with each working group's projects and have the opportunity to provide feedback.
- Establish a mechanism and timeframe for working groups to communicate between biannual meetings.
- Update Tier 2 project plans with current information, develop plans for projects that have not progressed, and propose new projects that address goals and objectives in Governors' Action Plan III.
- Learn more about issues identified by the Marine Debris Cross Team as key topics of interest

Outputs | As a result of the meeting, participants will be able to:

- Update status and next steps for each working group's Tier 2 projects.
- Complete work plans for new or underdeveloped project ideas to help teams take action.
- Agree upon mechanism and timeframe for working group communication between biannual meetings.

Day 1- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM)

- 8:30 AM** **Check-in** (Coffee/light refreshments available)
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:30 AM** **Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) Update**
Objectives:
- Understand GOMA and the status of *Governors' Action Plan III*, including Marine Debris Cross Team goals and actions
- 9:55 AM** **Business and Industry Marine Debris Panel**
Objectives:
- Better understand how business and industry partners are working to address marine debris and implement waste reduction programs
 - Identify ways in which GOMA's Marine Debris Cross Team can be involved in business and industry's efforts to address marine debris
- 11:00 AM** Coffee break
- 11:15 AM** **Marine Debris Cross Team Gulf Star Projects**
Objectives:
- Share final status and outcomes from the first round of marine debris projects funded through GOMA's Gulf Star Program
- 12:10 PM** Lunch and poster break
- 1:00 PM** **Working Group Breakouts: Benchmarking and Feedback**
Objectives:
- Review what a "Tier 2" planning document is, why the team is working on it, and how we hope to build on it during this meeting
 - Better understand each working group's projects and have the opportunity to provide feedback
- 2:10 PM** Coffee break
- 2:25 PM** **Working Group Breakouts: Benchmarking and Feedback Continued**
- 2:25 PM** **Working Group Breakouts: Updating Working Group Project Plans**
Objective:
- Update Tier 2 project plans with current information
- 4:30 PM** **Wrap-Up**
- 5:00 PM** Adjourn
- 5:30 PM** Optional networking happy hour (Location TBD)

Day 2- Thursday, December 13, 2018 (8:00 AM -12:00 PM)

- 8:00 AM. Check-in** (Coffee/light refreshments available)
- 8:15 AM Welcome Back**
Objective:
- Introduce new participants
- 8:30 AM. Special Topics in Marine Debris**
Objective:
- Learn more about issues identified by the Marine Debris Cross Team as key topics of interest, including microplastics
- 9:30 AM Working Group Breakouts: Updating Working Group Project Plans Continued**
Objectives:
- Establish a mechanism and timeframe for working groups to communicate between biannual meetings
 - Develop plans for projects that have not progressed and propose new projects that address goals and objectives in Governors' Action Plan III
- 10:00 AM** Coffee break
- 10:15 AM Working Group Breakouts: Updating Working Group Project Plans Continued**
- 11:15 AM Working Group Report Outs**
Objective:
- Share highlights from your group conversations and next steps for moving ahead
- 11:45 AM Wrap-Up**
- 12:00 PM** Adjourn

Please note the specific times may change due to day-of logistics and considerations. A final participant agenda will be sent closer to the date.