

Harmful Algal Blooms in Coastal Alabama and Mississippi

June 13th, 2019

NOAA Disaster Response Center, Mobile, AL

12:45 Registration and coffee/tea

1:00 Opening remarks

1:10-2:20 Introductory information on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) for general discussion

1:10 History and future of HABs in the northern Gulf

1:30 Forecasting red tide: What we can and cannot do

1:50 Questions/answers

2:00 National Centers for Environmental Information Harmful Algal Bloom Observing System (HABSOS)

(i) Online tool

(ii) Streamlining exchange of data

(iii) Data management and accessibility

2:20-3:45 Concurrent sessions on regulations and impacts to shellfish and tourism

Shellfish Session

2:20 FDA and the model ordinance

2:40 Shellfish grower's perspective

3:00 ISSC's role with HAB response

3:20 Questions/answers

Beaches and Tourism Session

2:20 Understanding the roles of state agencies and impacts on local communities

2:40 The BEACH Act

2:55 What does tourism need and how do they need it?

3:15 Balancing multiple needs: Human health and local economies

3:30 Questions/answers

3:45 Coffee Break

4:00-4:30 Next steps: A facilitated discussion, feedback on HABSOS

4:30 Closing remarks, adjourn