



**GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE ALL-HANDS MEETING
Wildlife & Fisheries Priority Issue Team**

AGENDA

June 10-13, 2019

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, 21196 E Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL

ALL HANDS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – JUNE 10, 2019

- 7:30am – 5:00pm Registration
- 8:00am – 5:00pm Pre-Meetings and Special Sessions
- 8:00am – 5:00pm Gulf of Mexico [Monitoring Community of Practice Workshop](#)
- 5:30pm – 8:30pm Tools Café and GOMA Reception

TUESDAY – JUNE 11, 2019

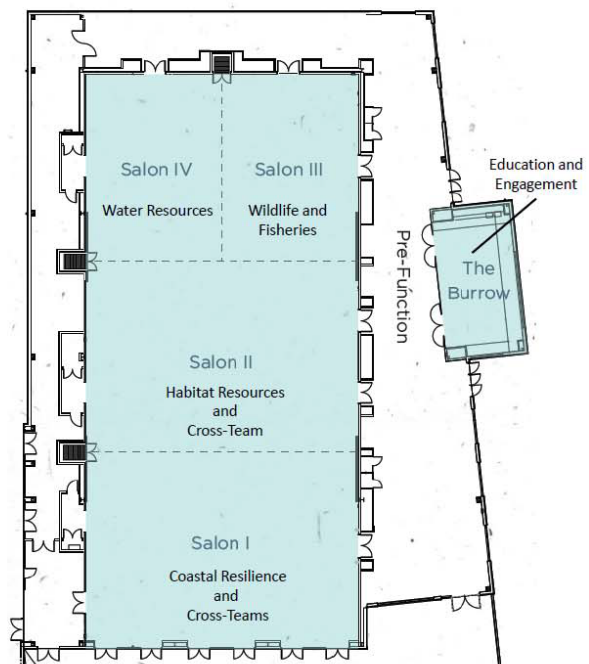
- 7:30am – 5:00pm Registration
- 7:30am – 9:00am Coffee, and networking
- 8:00am – 9:00am Get to Know GOMA Breakfast
- 9:00am – 12:00pm Opening Plenary
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30pm – 5:00pm Priority Issue Team Meetings Begin

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 12, 2019

- 7:30am – 5:00pm Registration
- 7:30am – 9:00am Coffee, and networking
- 8:00am – 12:00pm Priority Issue Team Meetings
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30pm – 5:00pm Priority Issue Team/Cross-Team Meetings

THURSDAY – JUNE 13, 2019

- 7:30am Coffee and networking
- 7:30am – 9:00am Coffee, and networking
- 8:00am – 12:00pm Priority Issue Team/Cross-Team Meetings
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30pm – 5:00pm Priority Issue Team Meetings/Cross-Team Meetings Conclude



Tuesday Afternoon, 11 June 2019

Date/Time	Topic/Activity
Wildlife & Fisheries Priority Issue Team Meeting, Gulfview Salon III	
1:30 – 1:50 pm	Welcome and Introduction to the Wildlife & Fisheries Team Working Sessions <i>Robin Riechers, WFT Chair, TX Parks & Wildlife Dept.</i>
1:50 – 2:00 pm	Status report – Team progress under Governors’ Action Plan III <i>Mikell Smith, WFT Coordinator, Harte Research Institute</i>
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Team member lightning round presentations – Round 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How land trusts can help natural resource managers protect and enhance habitat, <i>Julia Weaver, Coordinator, Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation</i>2. GOMA’s Marine Debris Cross-Team Initiative - Research, Removal, and Prevention, <i>Jennifer McGee, Marine Debris Cross-Team Initiative Coordinator</i>3. Using the Hydrocoast mapping paradigm for Gulf Coast Water Quality Influence on Estuarine Resources, including: Data & Monitoring, Habitat Resources, & Wildlife and Fisheries, <i>John Lopez, Director, Coast & Community Program</i>4. Outer Continental Shelf sand resources for restoration and resiliency, <i>Barton Rogers, Marine Biologist, BOEM Marine Minerals Program</i>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Group discussion
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Break
Joint Session (WFT, D&MT, HRT), Gulfview Salon II	
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Gulf of Mexico Master Mapping Plan – See Cross-Team Agenda for Details Joint session with HRT, D&M, and WFT



Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Date/Time	Topic/Activity
Wildlife & Fisheries Priority Issue Team Meeting, Gulfview Salon III	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Gulf Star 2017 Project report “Understanding Recovery and Nekton Utilization of Restored Nearshore Habitats in the nGOM: A Comprehensive Database and User-Friendly Guidebook” <i>Terill Hollweg, Abt Associates</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	Birds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Audubon’s Vision: Restoring the Gulf of Mexico for Birds and People”, <i>Kara Lankford, Director, Gulf Coast Restoration, National Audubon Society</i>• “Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network Strategic Avian Monitoring Plan”, <i>Randy Wilson, Chair, Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network</i>• Discussion: WFT action for birds
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – noon	Gulf Star 2019 Diamondback Terrapin project “Development of a Diamondback Terrapin Conservation Action Plan in the Gulf of Mexico”. Joint working session with Diamondback Terrapin Working Group (DTWG) to map out the proposed project and gain input, including species threats, data gaps, implementation ideas, and additional funding needs. <i>Thomas Mohrman, The Nature Conservancy, DTWG Gulf Coast Region Co-representative; Amanda Willard, Co-chair of the National DTWG</i>
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
Comprehensive Planning Cross-Team Initiative Meeting, Gulfview Salon I & II	
1:30 – 5:00 pm	See Cross-Team Agenda for Details



Thursday Morning, 13 June 2019

Date/Time	Topic/Activity
Wildlife & Fisheries Priority Issue Team Meeting, Gulfview Salon III	
8:00 – 8:45 am	Protecting land for wildlife and people: best practices and funding strategies Julia Weaver, Coordinator, Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, shares two reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Practices on Landscape Conservation in the Gulf region and• Results from 4 Years of the Project Assistance Fund
8:45 –9:00 am	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry Engagement, Industry Immersion project• GoM Regional Oyster Fishery Management workshop
9:00 – 9:50	Team member lightning round presentations – Round 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Quantitative, spatial tools for strategic habitat conservation, <i>James Cronin, Research Ecologist, USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center</i>2. Florida’s Fisheries Independent Monitoring Program, <i>Caroline Gorga, Species & Habitat Monitoring Coordinator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</i>3. The Texas Shorebird Habitat and Stewardship Program, <i>John Huffman, Gulf Restoration Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>4. Colonial waterbird monitoring implementation in Louisiana, <i>John Tirpak, Gulf of Mexico Science Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i>5. Wildlife risk assessment from molecules to models, <i>Jill Awkerman, Research Ecologist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>
9:50 – 10:00 am	Group discussion
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:30 am	Next steps for action and funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top project ideas, funding needs• \$15,000 for WFT under DOI Cooperative Agreement “Implementation of the Gulf Coast Adaptation and Resilience Plan (GCARP)”
11:30 – noon	Tier 2 actions for the next Acton Plan – how to organize based on what we learned the first time around
Noon	Adjourn Working Session
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own

