

**GoM Monitoring Community of Practice and GOMA Team Midyear Meetings
January 15th - 17th, 2020**

**The Renaissance Riverview, Mobile, AL
Bon Secour Bay III**

MCoP Workshop Agenda

Summary:

The Gulf of Mexico Monitoring Community of Practice (GoM MCoP) provides a forum for sharing and coordinating monitoring and mapping knowledge with the larger restoration community. The focus of this workshop is to coordinate with water quality and habitat monitoring and mapping experts to support the activities of the RESTORE Council's Monitoring and Assessment Program (CMAP) and enable the larger restoration community to leverage CMAP activities.

Objectives:

- Share project accomplishments and solicit feedback on CMAP outputs including core parameter identification process, webtool functionality, and process for evaluating gaps via targeted watersheds.
- Provide opportunity for regional initiatives to share progress, lessons learned, and request feedback from the larger monitoring community.
- Provide opportunity for DWH restoration organizations to share information synthesis status and plans.

Wednesday January 15th

7:30 Sign-in and Breakfast

8:15 Welcome and Review of Agenda and Objectives

8:30 CMAP Activity Updates: Building the Foundation

- Inventory and baseline assessments

Objective: Share final report outputs of the CMAP monitoring program inventory and baseline assessments catalog.

9:00 CMAP Activity Updates: Discovering Common Attributes

- Core monitoring parameters and methodologies

Objective: Community will understand the process taken to identify core parameters and methodologies and provide feedback on preliminary findings.

10:00 BREAK

- 10:30 Regional Projects/Focal Area Updates
- Seagrass CoP
 - Regional Data Sharing - GoM Open Data Platform (GoMOD)
 - Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network (GoMAMN)
 - Harmful Algal Blooms Session Overview
- 11:30 Webtool Overview: Exploring the Interface
- Objective: Share beta version of webtool and request user feedback on potential features and functions.
- 12:00 Lunch on your own**
- 1:30 MCoP in Action
- Objective: Community will reflect on application of CMAP outputs through an area of interest case study.
- 2:15 Gulf Information Synthesis: Status and Future Efforts
- RESTORE
 - GoMRI
 - NOAA RESTORE Science Program
- 3:00 Break**
- 3:30 A Watershed Approach to Understanding Monitoring Gaps
- Objective: Participants will understand the purpose of the CMAP gap assessment and the approach taken through pilot watersheds.
- 4:30 Next Steps/Wrap-up
- 5:00 Adjourn**

Thursday, January 16th

- 8:00** Gap Assessment - Watershed Breakouts
- Objective: Discuss and request participant feedback on process for evaluating gaps in watershed pilots.
- Perdido River (Alabama) – *Schooner Suite*
Calcasieu/Sabine-Neches (Louisiana) – *Riverboat Suite*
Salt Bayou (Texas) – *Jubilee Suite*
- 10:00 Break**
- 10:30 Gap Assessment - Watershed Breakouts (Cont.)
- 12:00 Adjourn**