

GOMA Wildlife & Fisheries Team Midyear Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2020

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street Mobile, Alabama 36602

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Date/Time	Topic/Activity
Morning session will convene in the Clipper meeting room	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome and Introduction to the Wildlife & Fisheries Team Working Session <i>John Huffman, WFT Federal Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i>
8:45 – 9:00 am	Status report – Team progress under Governors’ Action Plan III <i>Mikell Smith, WFT Coordinator, Harte Research Institute</i>
9:00 – 9:30 am	GCARP Project Update: “Developing Capacity for GCARP Professionals – An Online Course” <i>Caroline Gorga, FL Fish & Wildlife Commission</i>
9:30 – 9:45 am	New DOI Funding: Phase II GCARP project status
9:45 – 10:00 am	Gulf Star 2019 Project Update: “Development of a Diamondback Terrapin Conservation Action Plan in the Gulf of Mexico” <i>Thomas Mohrman, The Nature Conservancy, DTWG Gulf Coast Region Co-representative</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 – 10:45 am	Potential Team Project: Derelict crab traps <i>Julia Lightner, WFT State Lead, LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries</i>
10:45 – 11:45 am	APIV Structure, Timeline, and Planning <i>Facilitated by Christina Mohrman, Program Coordinator, Gulf of Mexico Alliance</i>
11:45 – noon	Wrap up and Next Steps Reminder about ongoing regional bird efforts
Noon – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (on your own; after lunch, please reconvene in the Schooner meeting room)



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Afternoon session will convene in the Schooner meeting room (breakouts in Windjammer and Clipper)	
1:30 – 5:00 PM	Joint Session: Oyster Management Data Sharing and Gaps Workshop Joint Meeting of the Data & Monitoring, Habitat Resources and Wildlife & Fisheries Priority Issue Teams: Developing an Oyster Blueprint for the Gulf
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Welcome, Goals and Objectives <u>Goal:</u> Produce an Oyster Habitat Management/Restoration blueprint for data needs (expected to be available for All Hands meeting in June). <u>Objectives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together and engage regional experts in oyster management • Provide updates from representative regional stakeholders • Identify data needs, gaps, and opportunities for information sharing • Discuss ways GOMA can support regional oyster data sharing
1:45 – 2:45 PM	State presentations: Oyster Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishery Management - Emma Clarkson, TX • Habitat Restoration - Thomas Mohrman, MS • Aquaculture - Bill Walton, AL • Research and Ecology - Ryan Moyer, FL
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Introduce Group discussion topics and charge to the group
BREAK	
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Small Group Discussions (Schooner, Windjammer and Clipper) Is there anything from the presentations that were not covered as a need/want/requirement? What research topics are you working on that we need to include? <u>Topical Areas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality • Degradation status/fisheries monitoring • Spatial planning (user conflict) • Substrate type (maps) • Permitting/leases issues <u>Discussion questions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What data do you use for oyster habitat management? 2. What data do you need? 3. How do you share/access that data? 4. Are there any guidance documents that you use for oyster habitat mgt and restoration?
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Report out (Reconvene in Schooner)



[Overall Midyear Meeting Schedule \(click for more information, agendas\)](#)

	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16					Friday, January 17		
	Bon Secour III	Windjammer	Clipper	Schooner	Riverboat	Jubilee	Mobile Bay III	Schooner	Mobile Bay I-II
8:00-10:00 AM	Monitoring Community of Practice	Habitat Resources	Wildlife & Fisheries				Habitat Resources	Data & Monitoring	HAB Workshop
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM									
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch (on your own)	Lunch (on your own)					Lunch (on your own)		
1:30-3:00 PM	Monitoring Community of Practice			Oyster Mgmt Workshop	Education & Engagement	Water Resources	Habitat Resources	Data & Monitoring	HAB Workshop
3:30-5:00 PM		Oyster Mgmt Small Group Discussions	Oyster Mgmt Small Group Discussions	Data & Monitoring Habitat Resources Wildlife & Fisheries					
5:00 PM	Adjourn	Adjourn					Adjourn		

*DM will host joint oyster blueprint session in Schooner

**EE and WR are leading this session



Mid-year Meeting Room Layout

