



October 20-21, 2020

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

Virtual: Zoom Meeting

Workshop Goal | To strengthen regional effectiveness by bringing the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Marine Debris Cross Team Initiative 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:

- 1) Bring together entities across the Gulf that currently address marine debris.
- 2) Review the NEW Marine Debris Cross Team in *Governors' Action Plan IV for Healthy and Resilient Coasts*.
- 3) **Better understand** how to write a successful grant proposal.
- 4) Create Tier 2 project plans and metric trackers to be used to track the status of our work over the next 5 years...

Key Outputs |

- Grant writing workshop
- Working group tier 2 and metrics tracker

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 20, 2020 (8:30 AM - 12:00 PM central)

8:15 AM **Technical Check** (Zoom hosted by Gulf of Mexico Alliance)

8:30 AM **Welcome and Survey Introductions**

9:00 AM **Marine Debris Cross Team: Action Plan IV & GOMA Updates**

- Christina Mohrman, *Gulf of Mexico Alliance*
- Caitlin Wessel, *NOAA Marine Debris Program*
- Doug Jacobson, *EPA*

Objectives:

- Hear about the status of *Governors' Action Plan IV*, planning timelines, and Gulf of Mexico Alliance updates
- Learn about the Marine Debris Cross Team's new Goals and Focus areas for *Action Plan IV*

9:15 AM **Working Group Actions for Action Plan IV**

- Calista Mills, *EPA* and Leslie Peart, *TX*
- Katie Swanson, *Mission Aransas NERR*
- Amy Newbold, *EPA*

Objective:

- Learn about new Actions for *Governors' Action Plan IV*

9:45 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **Grant Writing Workshop: Part 1**

- Meghan Gombos, *Sea Change Consulting*

Objectives:

- How to write a problem statement and goals/objectives

11:45 AM **Day 1 Wrap-up**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (8:00 AM -3:30 PM central)

7:45 AM **Technical Check** (Zoom hosted by Gulf of Mexico Alliance)

8:00 AM **Grant Writing Workshop: Part 2**

- Meghan Gombos, *Sea Change Consulting*

Objectives:

- Develop a project narrative
- Complete a budget and budget narrative
- Federal Grants Applications Tips & Tricks

11:30 AM **Lunch Break**

12:30 PM **Breakouts: Working Groups**

Objectives:

- Review Actions for AP4
- Develop Tier 2 document/spreadsheet to track *Governors' Action Plan IV* projects
- Finalize metrics for each Action and develop document/spreadsheet to track them

2:00 PM **Break**

2:15 PM **Working Group Takeaways**

Objective:

- Share highlights from your group conversations and next steps for moving ahead

2:30 PM **Wrap-Up**

3:00 PM **Adjourn**