



GOMA All Hands Meeting - Tools Café

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Call for Tool Demonstrations

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) All Hands Meeting is requesting submissions for the 2025 Tools Café to take place at the Golden Nugget in Biloxi, MS. Submissions are requested from any Gulf of Mexico stakeholder interested in sharing more about their online or paper-based tool(s). Please see below for additional information on criteria and format guidelines for demonstrations. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Submissions are due by COB on Monday, February 3rd, 2025. You will be notified of acceptance by Friday, February 7th, 2025. Presenters of accepted tools will be required to register and pay the meeting registration fee (\$175). If you are registered as an All Hands attendee, Tools Café registration fees are included. Presenters will also be responsible for providing their own monitors or will have the option of renting monitors from the venue. The Tools Café is scheduled to run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and we ask presenters to be available for demonstrations throughout the duration of the event. Therefore, presenters may wish to have more than one person working their table to share the responsibility during the café. One tool per table.

Tool demonstrations may not include marketing or advertising propaganda. The Tools Café is intended to be an interactive experience where participants learn how the tool works and have an opportunity to ask questions or walk through a demonstration of tool functionality.

Submissions should detail tools applicable to one or more of the following GOMA Teams and Cross-Team Initiative:

- Coastal Community Resilience
- Data & Monitoring
- Education & Engagement
- Habitat Resources
- Human Benefits of Nature
- Integrated Planning
- Marine Debris
- Water Resources
- Wildlife & Fisheries

Submission Format Guidelines:

1. Email: Point of contact email address (Lead presenter or PI for the tool).
2. Title: The title of the tool should be written in title case (not all caps).
3. Type names of presenter(s) in upper/lower case as you would like them to appear in the program.
4. Institution(s) and email: Type all presenters' institutional affiliations and the e-mail address of the lead presenter only.
5. Web address of the tool (if applicable).
6. Brief tool description (75 words)
7. Each submission must contain the following:
 - INTENDED AUDIENCE (Who was the tool designed for?);
 - MAIN USE (Briefly describe the tool's functionality, purpose, and the main reason this audience would use this tool);
 - GEOGRAPHY & SCALE (What geographic location is covered by the tool and at what scale?);
 - ACCESSIBILITY (Is this tool available online, in printed form, etc. and how would a user access it?).
8. Maximum Word Count: 500 Words.

All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the GOMA Programming Committee, with particular attention paid to: (1) Applicability to GOMA teams, (2) Relevant geography (i.e., Gulf of Mexico region), (3) Appropriate audience(s), and (4) Adherence to submission guidelines.

For questions regarding your submission, please contact Katie Wallace at katie.wallace@gomxa.org.