



## GOVERNORS' SOUTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING September 4-6, 2013 • Raleigh, NC

### Location

NC Museum of Natural Sciences  
Nature Research Center Environmental Conference Center  
121 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

### Overview

The Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) holds its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting to showcase GSAA accomplishments, identify a plan of work for the GSAA in 2014, and continue building the relationships that are vital to regional collaboration.

GSAA members and invited participants will

- Discuss key issues affecting the region's ocean and coasts and how these issues are being addressed in GSAA activities.
- Identify specific partnership and resource opportunities to support GSAA collaborative activities.
- Formulate 2014 Work Plans that continue to drive progress in implementing the GSAA Action Plan.

## AGENDA

### Day 1 – Wednesday, September 4

8:30am – 9:00am

#### Registration

9:00am – 9:30am

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30am – 11:30am

#### State of the South Atlantic

Overview of the key issues affecting the South Atlantic's ocean and coasts and the opportunities presented by GSAA collaborations.

Distinguished Panelists:

- *Mayor Harry Simmons*  
*President, The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association*
- *Douglas N. Rader, PhD*  
*Chief Oceans Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund*
- *Michael K. Orbach, PhD*  
*Professor of the Practice of Marine Affairs and Policy, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment*

11:30am – 12:30am

#### GSAA Products and Progress

Highlights of GSAA accomplishments in 2013

- *Debra Hernandez, SECOORA*



GSAA Coast and Ocean Data Portal

- *Clark Alexander, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography*  
Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment
- *Will Salters, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control*  
Disaster-Resilient Communities
- *Kelly Hill, GA Department of Natural Resources*  
Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

12:30pm – 2:00pm

### **Break for Lunch (on your own)**

2:00pm – 4:00pm

### **Marine Planning in the South Atlantic**

Discussion on the priorities and challenges for marine planning activities in the South Atlantic and opportunities for a South Atlantic Regional Planning Body to add value.

4:00pm – 4:30pm

### **Break**

4:30pm – 5:30pm

### **Steering Group Business Meeting**

5:30pm – 7:00pm

### **Evening Event and Keynote Speaker**

*Michael Allen*

*Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Commission*

Nature Research Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

## **Day 2 – Thursday, September 5**

9:00am – 9:15am

### **Opening Remarks**

9:15am – 9:30am

### **Charge to Breakouts**

9:30am – 10:30am

### **2014 Planning**

Panel presentations and discussion to identify practical steps for action, resourcing, and partnerships in 2014.

- Breakout Session #1: Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters  
Panel Chair –  
*Eric Strom, SC Water Science Center, USGS*  
Panel –
  - *Kelly Hill*  
*GA Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Geoff Scott*  
*NOAA Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research*
  - *Andy Miller*  
*SC Department of Health and Environmental Control*
  - *Dwayne Porter*  
*University of South Carolina*
- Breakout Session #2: Disaster-Resilient Communities  
Panel Chair –  
*Rick Devoe, SC Sea Grant Consortium*  
Panel –



- *Will Salters*  
*SC Department of Health and Environmental Control*
- *Jennifer Kline*  
*GA Department of Natural Resources*
- *Clark Alexander*  
*Skidaway Institute of Oceanography*

10:30am – 11:00am

## **Break**

11:00am – 12:00pm

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- **Breakout Session #3: Healthy Ecosystems**  
Panel Chair –  
*Mary Conley, The Nature Conservancy*  
Panel –
  - *Jan Landsberg*  
*FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission*
  - *Rua Mordecai*  
*South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative*
  - *Roger Pugliese*  
*South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*
- **Breakout Session #4: Working Waterfronts**  
Panel Chair –  
*Chris Russo, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources*  
Panel –
  - *April Turner*  
*SC Sea Grant Consortium*
  - *Brad Pickel*  
*Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association*
  - *Bob Swett*  
*FL Sea Grant*
  - *Paul Friday*  
*US Marine Corps Installations East*

12:00pm – 1:30pm

## **Break for Lunch (on your own)**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

## **Snap Shot Round Table**

Brief presentations and discussion of the partnership and resource opportunities available to develop and implement Snap Shots.

3:00pm – 3:30pm

## **Break**

3:30pm – 4:30pm

## **Snap Shot Breakout Sessions**

Concurrent breakout discussion sessions to prioritize and identify steps to take in 2014 Work Plans to initiate Snap Shots.

- **Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters**



- Disaster-Resilient Communities
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Working Waterfronts

4:30pm – 4:45pm

### Transition to Plenary

4:45pm – 5:30pm

### GSAA Leadership Panel: Summary and Wrap Up

5:30pm – 6:30pm

### Evening Event

Guided Walking Tour of Historic Oakwood  
<http://www.historicoakwood.org/>

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Leadership/Technical Team Mixer  
Busy Bee Café, 225 South Wilmington St

## Day 3 – Friday, September 6

9:00am – 9:15am

### Welcome and Charge for Day 3

9:15am – 10:15am

### IATT Cross Coordination Sessions

Issue Area Technical Teams consider opportunities for coordination across priority areas for 2014 Work Plans.

10:15am – 10:30am

### Break

10:30am – 11:30am

### IATT Meetings

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

- Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters
- Disaster-Resilient Communities
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Working Waterfronts

11:30am – 12:00pm

### Next Steps and Close

Identify the next steps needed to finalize 2014 Work Plans and begin implementation.