

Marine Planning Questionnaire Summary

At the GSAA Annual Meeting, participants were invited to fill out a Marine Planning Questionnaire to capture their thoughts from the discussion that took place at the meeting. Responses were limited to the Marine Planning Questionnaire (n=11), but some recurring concepts were captured from the responses.

Most responses leaned in the direction of an RPB aiding the GSAA's and states' marine planning efforts. Respondents felt that acting as coordinator and facilitator was a best-fit approach for an RPB. Filling gaps within data collection and integration, acting as a liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, acting as a forum for stakeholders, and providing the states with a means of influence beyond their particular jurisdiction were all suggested roles provided by the respondents.

In addition, some responses focused on a need to limit redundancies within the two entities as part of any collaboration efforts. It was suggested this would reduce inefficiencies and, in doing so, some suggested integrating an RPB into the GSAA. The underlying theme from respondents was to look toward a cohesive effort on behalf of the region with a strong partnership among federal, state, and local governments providing the framework.

Specific suggestions on regional drivers for marine planning included regional sediment management, disaster resilience, offshore energy, fisheries, communications and transportation.