



Working Waterfronts Priority Area Overview

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Technical Team Core Members

▪ Mentor

- Chris Russo – N.C. Dept. of the Environment and Natural Resources

▪ State Representatives

- Maureen Meehan – N.C. Dept. of the Environment and Natural Resources (team leader)
- April Turner – S.C. Sea Grant Consortium
- Shawn Jordan – GA Dept. of Natural Resources
- Julie Dennis & Liesl Voges – FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity

Additional Team Members

■ Federal Support Partners

- Randy Schneider – DOC/NOAA
- Sherri Fields – DOI/USGS
- Margaret McIntosh – DOD/USACE

■ Regional Level Partners

- Amanda Smith – DOD/Navy
- Harry Simmons – N.C. Beach Inlet & Waterway Association
- Laura Geselbracht – The Nature Conservancy
- Hope Moorer – GA Ports Authority

■ Knowledge-Based Partners

- Camille Destafney – Navy Region Southeast
- Paul Friday – Marine Corps Installations East
- Joe Embres – Coast Guard, Aids to Navigation
- Michael Allen – National Park Service
- Kari MacLauchlin – South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
- Suzi Durant – S.C. Marine Association
- Barbara Garrity Blake – Marine Fisheries Commission

2012 Activities Summary or Progress Report

- Completed the Working Waterfronts section of the Implementation Plan
- Identified top 2 priority action items
 - Protect Military Infrastructure
 - Develop definitions & criteria for commercially, recreationally, and culturally important waterfronts in order to develop a regional inventory

Value of a Regional Alliance

- Working Waterfronts is an important issue for all states involved.
- Don't have to reinvent the wheel – can observe and evaluate existing programs.
- Contacts – opportunity to engage in regional collaborative efforts despite fiscal and geographic limitations.

Team Strengths

- Regional Level Collaboration and Contacts
- Strong Leadership
- Commitment to the Alliance
- Open Communication



Challenges

- Lack of funding for a WW –specific project
- Inability to meet in–person due to geographical and financial constraints
- Level of commitment
 - Goals & overall expectations of the Alliance
 - Level of engagement among Technical Team members



A Look to the Future...

- Secure funding for a WW Priority Area project
- In-person technical team meetings
- Focus on other priority tasks identified in the Implementation Plan



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