

# GSAA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda

	Wed, Sept 3	Thu, Sept 4	Fri, Sept 5
8:00 am		8:30 am Networking	8:30 am Networking
		8:45 am <b>Welcome</b>	8:45 am <b>Welcome</b>
		9:00 am Executive Planning Team Meeting*	9:00 am <b>Intersections in Resilience and Marine Planning</b>
10:00 am	10:00 am Break	10:30 am <b>2015 Planning</b>	9:30 am <b>2015 Planning</b>
11:00 am			10:30 am Steering Group Meeting*
12:00 pm	12:00 pm Registration and Networking	12:00 pm Lunch and Film Screening <i>Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship</i>	12:00 pm <b>Closing Reports and Final Remarks</b>
1:00 pm	1:00 pm <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	1:00 pm <b>Joint GSAA-World Ocean Council Industry Forum on Marine Planning</b>	
2:00 pm	1:30 pm <b>GSAA Products &amp; Progress</b>		
	2:30 pm Break		
3:00 pm	3:00 pm <b>State of the South Atlantic, Resilience Edition</b>		
4:00 pm			
5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	
6:00 pm	<i>Reception sponsored by Friends of the GTM NERR</i>	<i>Reception sponsored by the World Ocean Council</i>	
7:00 pm			

\*By invitation only.

# GSAA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Objectives

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

## **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Welcome from Florida

*Deputy Secretary Drew Bartlett, FL DEP Water Policy and Eco Restoration  
Director Gil McRae, FL FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute*

Opening Remarks from Steering Group Chair

*Kevin Claridge, Director, Florida Coastal Office*

Opening Remarks from Lead Federal Co-Chair

*Eric Strom, Director, USGS South Carolina Water Science Center*

Opening Remarks from Partner Arm Chair

*Debra Hernandez, Executive Director, Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association*

## **GSAA Products and Progress**

Highlights of GSAA accomplishments in 2014.

*Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters – Dianne Reid (NC DENR)*

*Disaster-Resilient Communities – Tancred Miller (NC DENR)*

*Healthy Ecosystems – Amber Whittle (FL FWC)*

*Working Waterfronts – April Turner (SC Sea Grant)*

*Hazard Vulnerability Assessment – Chester Jackson (Georgia Southern University)*

## **State of the South Atlantic, Resilience Edition**

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

Panel Chair and Moderator: Jeff Payne, Acting Director, NOAA Coastal Services Center

Courtney T. Hackney

*Director of Coastal Biology, University of North Florida*

Frank Knapp

*President, CEO and Co-founder, SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce*

James Murley

*Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council*

Gavin Smith

*Executive Director, University of North Carolina Center for the Study of Natural Hazards and Disasters*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

### **Intersections in Resilience and Marine Planning**

Exploring the relationship between marine planning activities and resilience in the South Atlantic.

Panel Chair and Moderator: Rick Devoe, Executive Director, SC Sea Grant Consortium

Stephanie Bailenson

*Senior Policy Advisor for Oceans and Coasts, The Nature Conservancy*

Jamie Monty

*Manager, Coral Reef Conservation Program, FL Department of Environmental Protection*

Jayantha Obeysekera

*Chief Modeler, Hydrologic & Environmental Systems Modeling, South Florida Water Management District*

George Sedberry

*Science Coordinator, NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*

Ray Toll

*ODU Navy NOAA Liaison, Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography, Old Dominion University*

### **2015 Planning – Issue Area Technical Team (IATT) Meetings**

IATTs engage with stakeholders to identify opportunities for action, resourcing, and partnership on resilience activities through development of 2015 Work Plans.

### **Joint GSAA-World Ocean Council Industry Forum on Marine Planning**

Engaging the business community on the context and progress to date for marine planning as a tool for long-term ocean sustainability of the South Atlantic ecosystem.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

### **Launching the GSAA's EPA Grant Projects**

Overview of the final portfolio of projects funded through the EPA Region 4 Wetlands Program Development Grants and initial steps to launch the projects.

Kristine Cherry

*Coordinator, Governors' South Atlantic Alliance*

Cheryl Mannel

*Northeast Florida Aquatic Preserves Restoration Coordinator, GTM NERR*

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