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## 2015 IATT Activities and GSAA Grant Activities

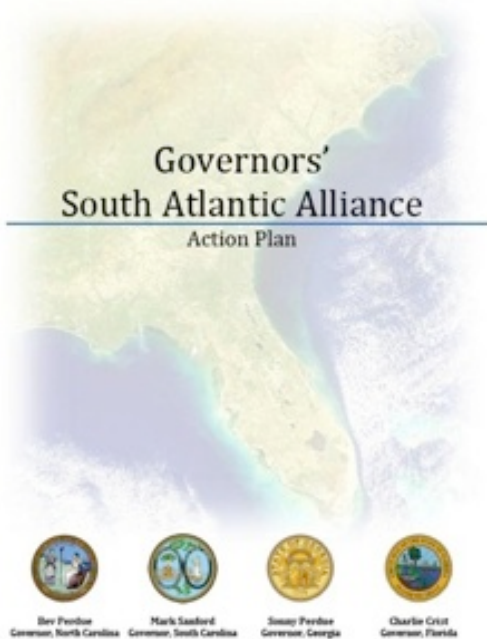
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EPT Meeting  
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# Presentation Outline

- IATT Activities
- Grant Calendar and Deliverables
- Discussion and Feedback

# Governors' Action Plan (2010)



- Action Plan signed by the Governors in December 2010
- The states identified a set of four priority issue areas (48 actions)

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

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## IATT Activities

# Healthy Ecosystems IATT

States submitted proposal to USFWS State Wildlife Grant Program with Lance Gunderson, Emory University

“Assessing the Resilience of Oyster Reefs in Shallow Marine Ecosystems of the Southern Atlantic States”

## 3 Objectives:

- Map targeted gap areas of oyster reef systems in FL, GA, and NC, and map in higher resolution two areas of SC. (state mapping)
- Assess resilience of reef systems to changing biophysical environment. (3 workshops)
- Provide project oversight and development of a resilience network. (with GSAA partners)

## Project Cost (\$683,590)

- \$492,558 Federal
- \$191,032 Match

Award notice by July 1

# Working Waterfronts IATT

## Working Waterfront Community Resources Catalogue (WW2A)

- Pro-bono work by law student Thomas Adam, Stetson University
- Prepared database of sample ordinances or municipal programs on approaches to preserve working waterfronts

## Clean and Resilient Marinas Initiative (DRC2, WW2)

- February call – Consensus by state leads and Clean Marina program leads in each state to pursue incorporating “resilience” component, standard resilience checklist across four states.
- Key issues:
  - Funding and staff resources
  - Motivation to participate / Publicity
  - Certification program structure

# Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters IATT

Comparative analysis of state watershed/water quality processes (CCOW1A)

- Proposed Masters Project at Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment
- USC students started SC analysis

EPA Wetlands Program Development Grant

- Water Quality BMP Curriculum and Training Workshops (CCOW1C)
  - BMP Compendium completed by WIWG (Jan 2015)
- Regional Monitoring Workgroup to assess comparability of monitoring data (CCOW3A)

Nutrient Criteria (CCOW1B)

- USGS SPARROW report on “problematic” Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUCs), will be evaluated for impacts on coastal watersheds

CCOW Team Meeting planned for May/June 2015

- Will request travel and meeting support

# Disaster-Resilient Communities IATT

## Implement National Disaster Recovery Framework and Economic Recovery Support Function (DRC3C)

- Proposal in preparation for NOAA Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program
  - Implement NDRF in one coastal community in each state
  - Facilitate industry engagement in economic recovery planning
  - Support communication, sharing of best practices and lessons learned across region
- Partnerships critical
  - FEMA
  - State emergency managers and hazard mitigation officers
- Leverage outcomes of Ad-hoc Workgroup on Business Post-Disaster Recovery Planning



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# Grant Activities

# NOAA Deliverables

## Key NOAA Deliverables (agreed 2013)

- Tribal Outreach
  - Individual meetings with 4 tribes
  - EPA/Smithsonian Workshop
  - Analysis of engagement opportunities
- IATT Seed Fund distribution
- Communications Project
- 2015 In-person meetings
  - Technical Teams Meeting (Feb/Mar)
  - ~~EPT Meeting (Apr/May)~~
  - Annual Meeting (Sep)
- Establish 501(c)3
- Plus: ~~GSA-WOC Industry Forum #3~~

# EPA Deliverables

## Key EPA Deliverables (agreed 2014)

- Regional Monitoring Workgroup
  - Database/Catalogue of coastal wetland monitoring efforts
  - Assessment of monitoring efforts
  - Suggested guidelines to increase consistency across states
- Coastal Water Quality BMP Training
  - Flexible BMP curriculum
  - Training workshop in each state
- Living Shorelines
  - Needs Assessment for Living Shorelines Summit
  - Living Shorelines Summit (Spring 2016)
  - Summit Report and follow-up strategy meetings
  - Regional Living Shorelines Strategy

# FL DEP Deliverables

## Key FL DEP Deliverables (almost agreed)

- Ad-Hoc Workgroups Coordination
  - Membership
  - Final Strategic Issue Statements
- GSAA Leadership Coordination
  - Meeting agendas
  - Presentations
- Stakeholder Outreach
  - Presentations
  - Outreach products (newsletters, brochures, emails, etc)
- Funding Opportunities
  - List of potential funding opportunities
  - One new proposal (RCRG)

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# Facilitated Discussion