



On behalf of the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) and the World Ocean Council (WOC), we are pleased to invite you to participate in a Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Simulation - a unique opportunity to join colleagues to work through a South Atlantic Planning Scenario and inform the approach to MSP in the region. This activity will engage industry, GSAA partners, and other invited participants in marine planning through a hypothetical scenario. The experience will be useful in developing an understanding about how MSP works, e.g. clarifying MSP, developing working relationships with other stakeholders, helping other stakeholders realize the value and importance of economic actors and their ocean data.

The activity's goal is to identify best management practices for MSP in the South Atlantic, especially in a post-disaster business recovery situation, that can be used in the region to identify streamlined responses and permitting processes, data and information needs, and communications pathways with industry. In the simulation, ocean businesses will be asked to provide frank input regarding their ability to contribute resources, data, science, expertise to conduct MSP and highlight their needs to the states and federal partners.

The activity involves:

**By Monday, September 21 - Receive Scenario and online survey link (with registration; approx. 20 minutes)**

**Scenario:** <http://files.ctctcdn.com/e7868fa3401/0805cf33-f82f-450d-830b-55157a1adab9.pdf>

**Registration:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5d9qp6qab&oeidk=a07ebk7uh17d11a96bc>

**Tuesday, September 29 - Survey results and RSVP requested by this date**

**Tuesday, October 13 - Webinar #1 from 2 - 4 pm ET**

Webinar #1 will focus on Introduction of the Exercise, Review of the Scenario and a Simulated Planning Discussion. WOC and GSAA staff will facilitate the call.

**Monday, Nov. 2 - Webinar #2 from 2 - 4 pm ET**

Webinar #2 will focus on concluding the Scenario Planning Discussion. Participants will also contribute to a review and edit of Best Management Practices captured from Webinar #1.

An outcome document of best management practices and outstanding issues/data needs will be shared by the end of November.

We look forward to working with you through this activity!

Sincerely,

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