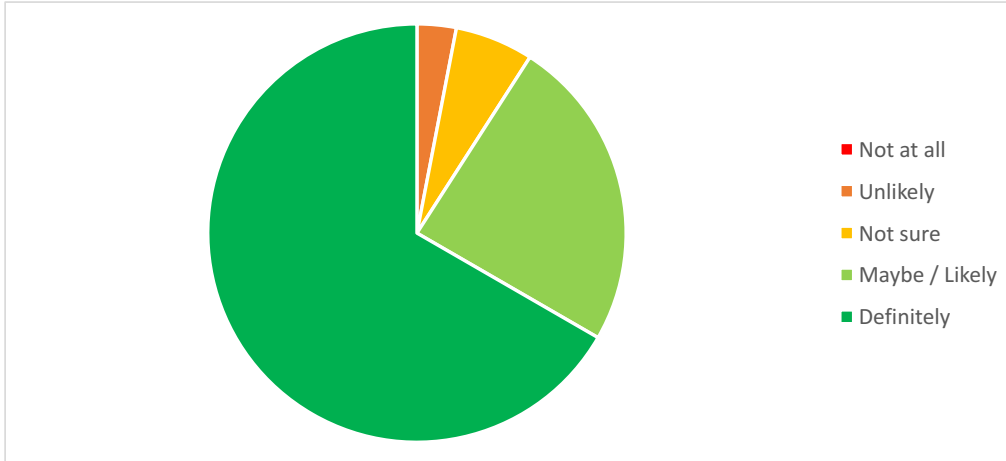


## Regional Network Interest Survey Results

### 1. My level of interest in participating in a regional network of coastal/ocean professionals is:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

Not at all	Unlikely	Not sure	Maybe / Likely	Definitely
0	2	4	16	44
0%	3%	6%	24%	67%



### 2. The top 3 reasons for my response in Question 1 are:

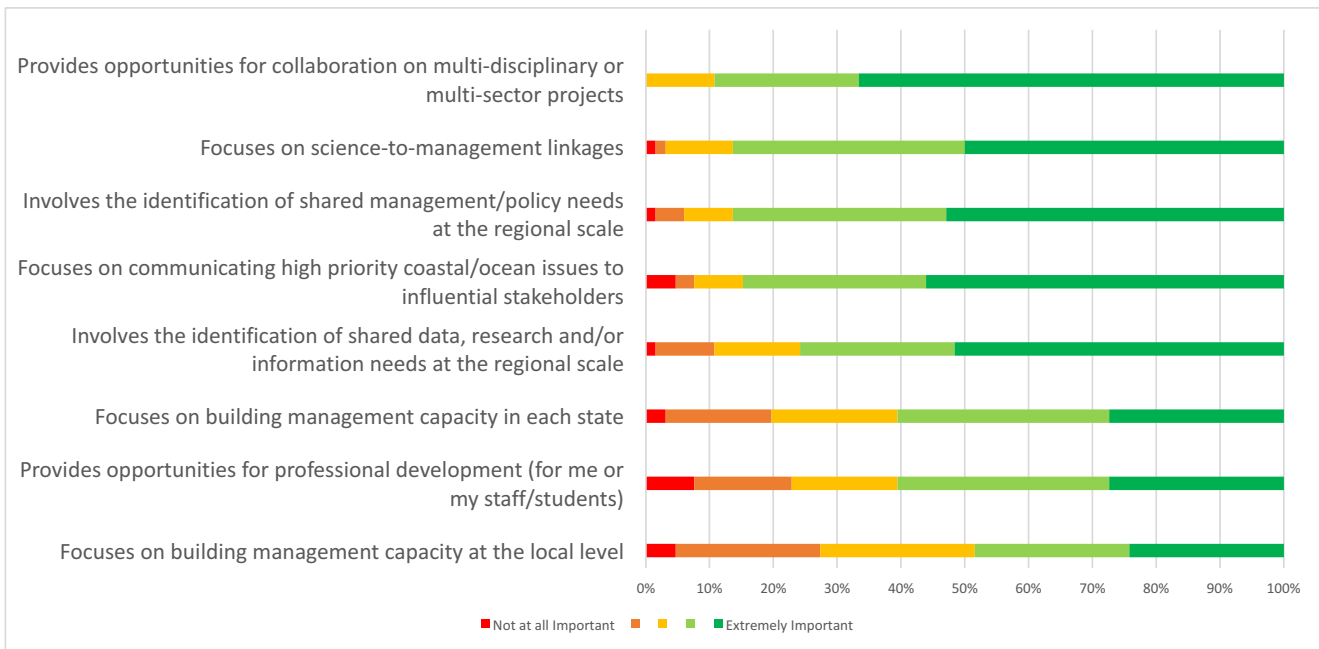
Categories of positive responses included:

Categories of negative responses included:

Categories of positive responses included:	Count	Categories of negative responses included:	Count
learning / information sharing	23	Time/Travel Commitment	6
good for / required by my work	16	Existing Regional Entities	4
networking	15	little value in GSAA	4
build / expand partnerships	14	Not sure about focus issues	3
collaborative projects	13	Not sure of benefits	3
leverage funding / resources	10	Not sure if sustainable	3
consistent / accessible data	10	Dues commitment must be	1
Specific Topics of Interest:			
resilience	9		
water quality	2		
marine planning	2		
other	4		
shared priorities / goals	7		
reduce duplication	6		
value GSAA	6		
issues regional in nature	5		
understand stakeholder needs	4		
value for students	2		
care about oceans	2		
link science to management	1		

**3. When considering the purposes and objectives that influence my interest in participating in a regional ocean/coastal network, this is how much I value the following**

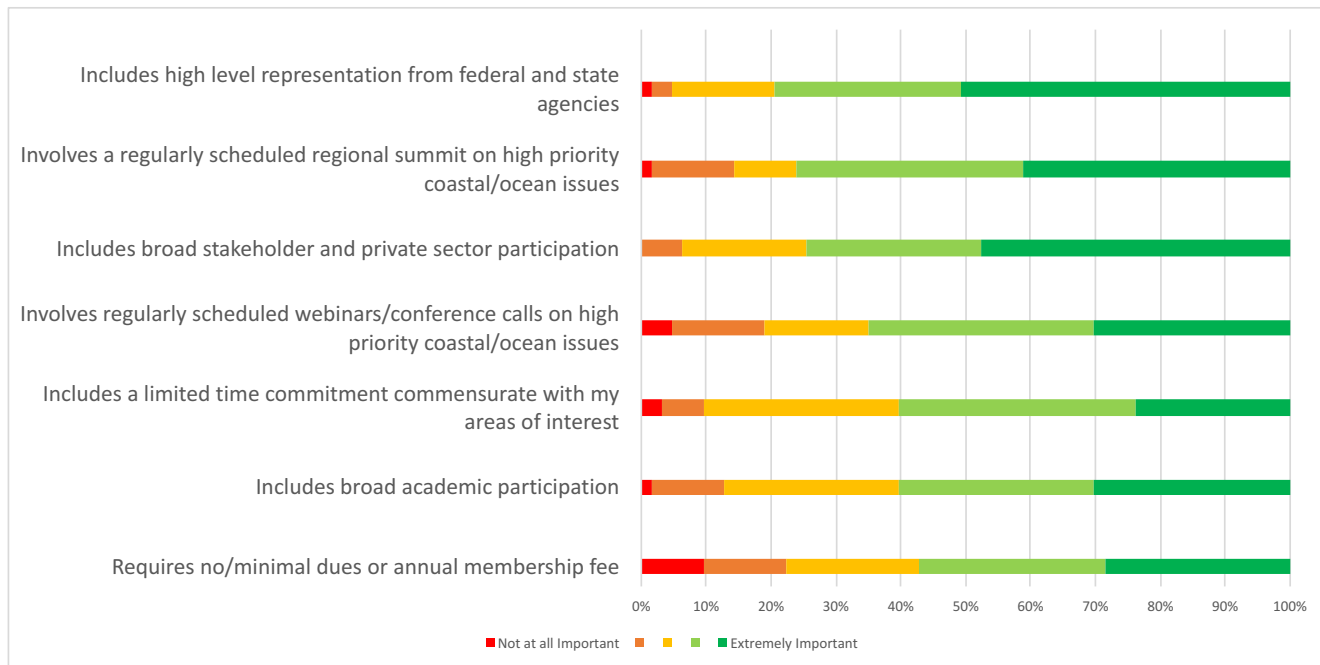
	Not at all Important				Extremely Important
Focuses on building management capacity at the local level	3	15	16	16	16
Provides opportunities for professional development (for me or my staff/students)	5	10	11	22	18
Focuses on building management capacity in each state	2	11	13	22	18
Involves the identification of shared data, research and/or information needs at the regional scale	1	6	9	16	34
Focuses on communicating high priority coastal/ocean issues to influential stakeholders	3	2	5	19	37
Involves the identification of shared management/policy needs at the regional scale	1	3	5	22	35
Focuses on science-to-management linkages	1	1	7	24	33
Provides opportunities for collaboration on multi-disciplinary or multi-sector projects	0	0	7	15	44



**4. Additional Comments:**

See #2
We need to engage coastal users to be successful, not just the environmental community.
N/A
Would like GSAA participation and progress reporting as a regular activity at SECOORA meetings, and would like the SECOORA president to have a voting position in GSAA matters and funding decisions. Ditto for other Florida organizations mentioned above: FIO and FOA.
Very important to get graduate students involved in this !
Integrating science and management actions across multiple scales is critical to achieving the conservation results needed to ensure sustainable natural resources for the future. The GSAA can be a focal area to help facilitate that integration.
Informing the public critical to public valuation of environmental contributions and sustainable responsible stewardship
It is not clear what building management capacity means and why it should be a focus of a network - sounds like an internal funding issue
The response of "definitely" to question 1 is based on the assumption that the States will move forward and demonstrate significant leadership/investment in whatever the GSAA transitions to.
I continue to hope that we can continue to share mapping data on a regional scale
the collaboration on multi-sector project builds from the networking component... bringing diverse groups together to discuss science and management questions in the southeast and does not require that the network itself pull together the projects (e.g. grant proposals)
A successful regional organization will require a commitment to funding at the state level.

	5. When considering the time commitment and networking opportunities that influence my interest in participating in a regional ocean/coastal network, this is				Extremely Important
	Not at all Important				
Requires no/minimal dues or annual membership fee	6	8	13	18	18
Includes broad academic participation	1	7	17	19	19
Includes a limited time commitment commensurate with my areas of interest	2	4	19	23	15
Involves regularly scheduled webinars/conference calls on high priority coastal/ocean issues	3	9	10	22	19
Includes broad stakeholder and private sector participation	0	4	12	17	30
Involves a regularly scheduled regional summit on high priority coastal/ocean issues	1	8	6	22	26
Includes high level representation from federal and state agencies	1	2	10	18	32



### 6. Additional Comments

Without private sector and maritime stakeholder participation, it appears to be another bureaucratic program.
I am already overwhelmed w/regard to available time, so targeted, scheduled participation is key
This is a very important effort without question, but it will be a collateral duty for me as a state-level representative in emergency management, due to multiple other enduring lines of effort.
Please read: <a href="http://www.floridatoday.com/story/opinion/columnists/guest-columns/2016/05/09/oceanographer-tech-might-saved-teens-lost-sea/84012426/">http://www.floridatoday.com/story/opinion/columnists/guest-columns/2016/05/09/oceanographer-tech-might-saved-teens-lost-sea/84012426/</a>
Funding is important, though could limit participation.
If there isn't buy in from high-level stakeholders, then it really isn't a distinguishing effort from other regional efforts is it?
While face to face meetings (summit) are necessary, annually may be all that is possible given travel and budgetary restrictions. Using technology to advance regional networking can help to overcome those challenges.
Consider including social scientists and also public. May be this could be achieved via working with state and local governments. Also need to get students/younger generation included.
How can activities be recurring if there are no fees?
dues question unclear
Consistent with the GSAA, the EPA offers competitive grant opportunities but likely wouldn't have a mechanism to commit to paying annual membership fees.
Academia should have representation, and some representatives, but broad participation would overcome the group.
It is less about the "high" level of the participants and more about the commitment and knowledge of the participants.
High level representation needs to be the result of a perceived stake in the success of the organization.
Financial commitment encourages consistent participation to maximize the value.

**7. The top 3 issues I would like to see a regional ocean/coastal network undertake are:**

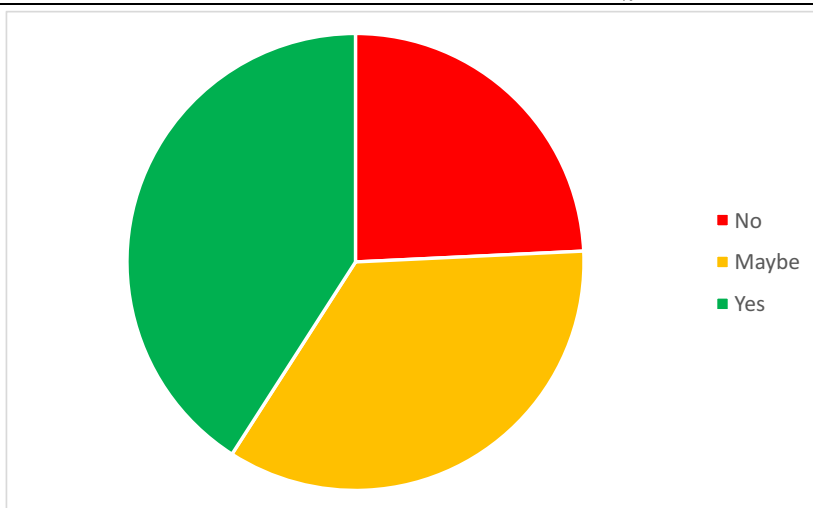
Categories of topics included:

Climate Change impacts/SLR/resilience/adaptation	14
Coastal Resilience recovery/surge/mitigation/strategy/preparedness/best practices/response/education/env/econ	12
Living Shorelines policy/green-gray infrastructure/restoration/efficacy	9
Marine Planning / mapping ocean uses / reduce conflicts / data gaps	8
Water Quality monitoring/impacts/mitigation/standardization	7
Sediment/Shoreline Management protection/dredging/renourishment/beneficial use/ports/resource identification/allocation/education	7
Data priorities/gaps/portal/sharing	7
Energy / Renewable Energy	6
Ocean Observations upgrades/maint/HFR/buoys/integrated/gaps/models	6
Collaborative Projects reduce duplication/cost efficiency/private sector solutions	6
Information sharing communication/networking	6
Communication of Priorities to fed and NGO/private sector/stakeholders/elected officials/influencers	5
Fisheries black gill/oyster aquaculture/rec and comm data/mngmt	4
Ecosystem/Habitat Management	4
Ocean and Coastal Policy/Regulations	4
Conservation Planning / Sustainability	4
Research Priorities/Gaps	4
Natural Resource Assessments fisheries/comparison/impacts to native sp.	3
Science to Management	3
Professional Development / training / students	3
Ports / Working Waterfronts	2
Coastal Development / Urbanization	2
MPAs Network/Partnership	2
Ecosystem/Economic Valuation	2
Coasts and Public Health	2
Transportation	1

**8. I am willing to help plan or play a leadership role in developing the new regional network.**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

No	Maybe	Yes
16	23	27
24%	35%	41%



**9. Please provide your email address if you would like to be contacted to help plan a new regional network.**

42 Response(s)

**10. Additional Comments**

N/A

I don't think that we need "a new regional network"; we need to support IOOS and SECOORA in their efforts. SECOORA is a science-based decision-making IOOS regional association, but is underfunded. I for one would like the GSAA to organize and champion the political pressure at city, county, state, regional, and federal levels in a grass-roots coordinated effort. SECOORA should not be political, but with a GSAA partnership, we should work together to bring coastal issues to the fore, and find sustainable long-term funding mechanisms.

The reason that the National Weather Service is improving forecasts is that they are improving observational and modeling science and engineering. We need to do the same for the coastal ocean. Our region is woefully under-developed observationally but not scientifically. Capitalized on our strengths through existing programs, and add the needed dimension of citizen knowledge and support.

Add insurance issues

Add promoting changes to federal disaster recovery protocols

While I am located at the University of Delaware, my research area ranges from the Altamaha River, it's estuaries and coastal water ways, to the outer shelf of the South Atlantic Bight.

Any regional coastal/ocean effort needs to fall under a single organizational umbrella related to . It is inefficient to manage several give the already limited federal dollars available.

Very sorry to see the GSAA come to an "end" but hope that we can maintain some of the advantages that it brought to the region.

I only say maybe as it would depend on the timing of when the commitment is required.

The level of interest/participation by the EPA will be influenced by the level of leadership and investments made by the State agencies.

This is a state led organization. How high should that be? It's probably too high for the governors, and maybe to high for their Secretaries. We need empowered people at a level that this is not just something they've heard of, but they are actively involved with. If they are too busy, another selection should be made. The first test should be "are you really behind it?".

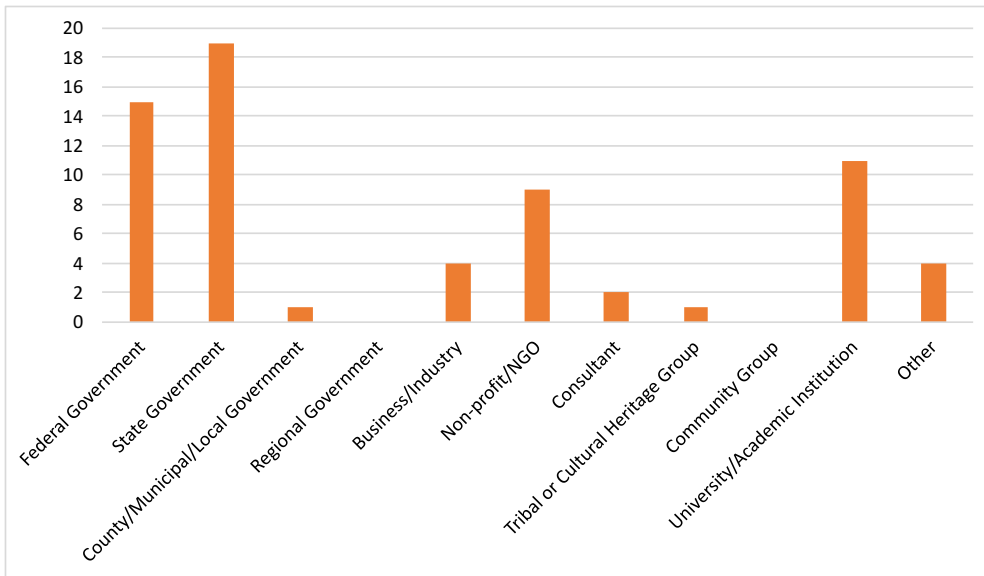
I would like to offer up that the GSAA, and in particular the CCOW, has provided very valuable opportunities for our students to interact with local, state and federal resource management professionals over the last seven years. I see these interactions as a win-win situation where needs of the participating entities can be met by working with our best and brightest students, with the students benefiting from the opportunity to gain real-world experiences.

Thanks for organizing this meeting.

If this is to primarily be a network of states, I believe the purpose has to be more than "to facilitate continued networking, information sharing, and identification of research and management priorities for the region." There are many organizations and conferences with the same, or very similar, purpose. An organization of states should also have as a purpose; to address identified research and management priorities at the state level.

**11. I would characterize my organizational affiliation as:**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Federal Government	15	22.7%
State Government	19	28.7%
County/Municipal/Local Government	1	1.5%
Regional Government	0	0.0%
Business/Industry	4	6.0%
Non-profit/NGO	9	13.6%
Consultant	2	3.0%
Tribal or Cultural Heritage Group	1	1.5%
Community Group	0	0.0%
University/Academic Institution	11	16.6%
Other	4	6.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>



**11. I would characterize my organizational affiliation as: - Other responses**

Prefer not to say

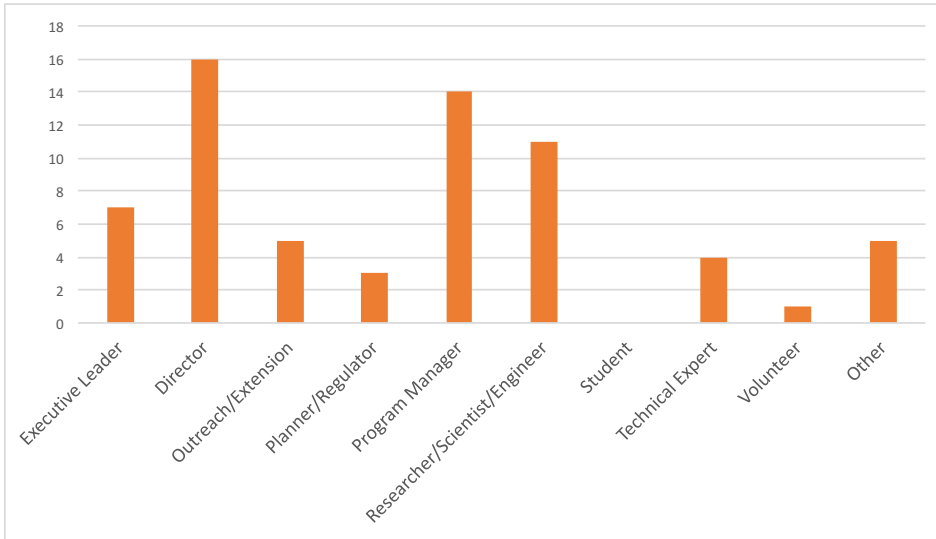
Regional partnership South Atlantic LCC

Sea Grant -- State/Federal partnership

private atty

**12. My primary role is best described as:**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Executive Leader	7	10.6%
Director	16	24.2%
Outreach/Extension	5	7.5%
Planner/Regulator	3	4.5%
Program Manager	14	21.2%
Researcher/Scientist/Engineer	11	16.6%
Student	0	0.0%
Technical Expert	4	6.0%
Volunteer	1	1.5%
Other	5	7.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

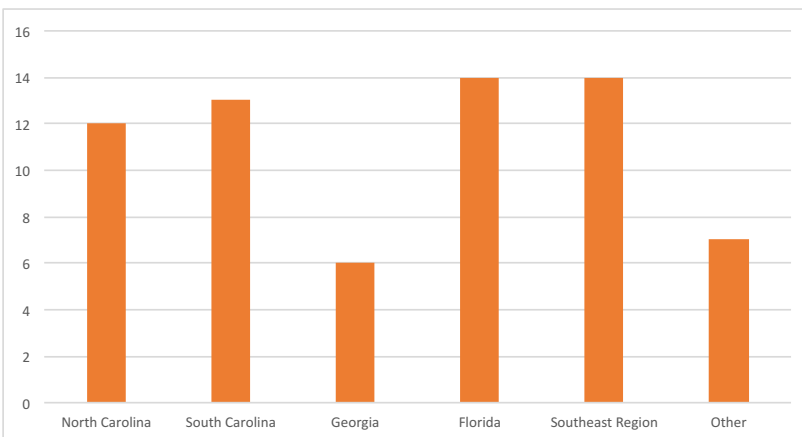


**12. My primary role is best described as: - Other responses**

Navy Planner	Senior management level staff
Prefer not to say regional coordinator	as needed in planning, drafting,

**13. I work in:**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
North Carolina	12	18.1%
South Carolina	13	19.6%
Georgia	6	9.0%
Florida	14	21.2%
Southeast Region	14	21.2%
Other	7	10.6%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>



**13. I work in: - Other responses**

Prefer not to say	Virginia to Florida
Delaware	national level
Located in Florida, but cover the NC, SC, GA and FL region	Washington DC