

GSAA 4TH ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2014 • PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL

Location

*Guana Tolomato Matanzas
National Estuarine Research Reserve
505 Guana River Road
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082*

Dates and Times

September 3, 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Optional reception 5:00pm – 7:00pm
September 4, 8:30am – 5:00pm
Optional reception 5:00pm – 7:00pm
September 5, 8:30am – 1:00pm

Objectives

The Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) holds its 4th Annual Meeting to showcase GSAA accomplishments, focus the efforts of the GSAA on resilience in 2015, and continue building the relationships that are vital to regional collaboration.

GSAA members and invited participants will

1. Discuss challenges and opportunities affecting the region's ocean and coasts and how these issues are being addressed in GSAA activities.
2. Engage industry through a forum sponsored by the World Ocean Council.
3. Formulate 2015 Work Plans that continue to drive progress in implementing the GSAA Action Plan, with a focus on advancing actions that will lead to a more resilient South Atlantic.

Additional Details

- [Registration](#) is now open to invited partners and stakeholders, there is no registration fee.
- A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn and Suites St. Augustine – Historic District at the rate of \$99 a night for September 2, 3, and 4. **Space is limited and reservations must be made by August 20th**. To reserve a room, you may:
 - Call 1-800-465-4329 and reference group "4th Annual Governors South Atlantic Alliance"
 - Visit this [hotel reservation website](#) and enter code "ANG"
 - Address - [1302 North Ponce De Leon Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32084](#)
 - Check in is at 4:00pm and check out is at 11:00am.
- The nearest airports to the meeting venue are the Northeast Florida Regional Airport (UST) and Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). Ground transportation is available between the airport and the hotel and meeting venue. Please sign up for the airport shuttle during registration.
- Travel reimbursements will only be available in limited cases. Please contact your EPT member if you have questions regarding travel reimbursements.

DRAFT AGENDA

	Wed, Sept 3	Thu, Sept 4	Fri, Sept 5
8:00 am			
		8:30am Networking	8:30am Networking
		8:45am Welcome	8:45am Welcome
9:00 am	9:00am Executive Planning Team Meeting*	9:00am Intersections in Resilience and Marine Planning	9:00am Launching the GSAA's EPA Grant Projects
10:00 am		10:00am Break	9:30am 2015 Planning
		10:30am 2015 Planning	10:45am Break
11:00 am		10:30am Steering Group Meeting*	11:00am 2015 Planning
12:00 pm	12:00pm Registration and Networking	12:00pm Lunch	12:00pm Closing Reports and Final Remarks
1:00 pm	1:00pm Welcome and Opening Remarks	1:00pm Joint GSAA-World Ocean Council Industry Forum on Marine Planning	
2:00 pm	1:30pm GSAA Products & Progress		
	2:30pm Break		
3:00 pm	3:00pm State of the South Atlantic, Resilience Edition		
4:00 pm			
5:00 pm	5:00pm	5:00pm	
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.

2014 ANNUAL MEETING OBJECTIVES

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 – Denise Sanger (SC DNR)

Working Waterfronts – April Turner (SC Sea Grant)

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.

Intersections in Resilience and Marine Planning

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

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.

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.