



**Mississippi-Alabama Gulf of Mexico Alliance Stakeholder Meeting  
February 1, 2006**

**GOALS:**

- Discuss local perspectives concerning critical issues related to the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico;
- Discuss perspectives relative to the five issues that will be addressed in the *Gulf Alliance Action Plan*;
- Gain support for the creation of a *Gulf Alliance Action Plan*;
- Identify programs that can help attain potential objectives included in the *Gulf Alliance Action Plan*;
- Build better relationships between local, state, and federal entities; and,
- Provide education and outreach concerning factors that contribute to a healthy Gulf of Mexico.

<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	<b>Reception, Coffee</b>
9:00-9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Introductions/Review of Agenda</b> <i>Dave Ruple (GNDNERR) and Heidi Recksiek (NOAA CSC)</i>
9:15-9:30 a.m.	<b>Mississippi-Alabama Involvement in GOMA</b> <i>Bill Walker (DMR), Phil Bass (DEQ), Phillip Hinesley (AL DCNR)</i>
9:30-10:00 a.m.	<b>The Gulf of Mexico: A Conservation Perspective and Review of U.S. Ocean Action Plan and Opportunities for the Gulf of Mexico</b> <i>Gloria Car (EPA/GMP) and George Crozier (DISL)</i>
10:00-10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:15-11:00 a.m.	<b>Challenges from Local Perspectives: Brainstorming Possibilities</b> <i>Heidi Recksiek (NOAA CSC)</i>
11:00-11:15 a.m.	<b>More Local Perspectives: Summary of Public Meeting</b> <i>Heidi Recksiek (NOAA CSC)</i>
11:15-12:00 p.m.	<b>Overview of White Papers from Gulf Alliance Meeting</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reductions in Nutrient Loading: <i>Phil Bass (DEQ)</i></li> <li>2. Improving Water Quality, Emphasis on Beaches &amp; Shellfish Beds: <i>Scott Gordon (DMR)</i></li> <li>3. Restoration of Coastal Wetlands: <i>Chris May (DMR/Grand Bay NERR)</i></li> <li>4. Identification of Gulf Habitats: <i>Jeff Clark (DMR)</i></li> <li>5. Gulf of Mexico Environmental Education: <i>Sharon Walker (USM/MEC&amp;A)</i></li> </ol>
12:00-12:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Lunch will be served outside in the courtyard.</i> <i>Selections include chicken salad, ham, roast beef, turkey, or vegetarian boxed lunches.</i>
12:45-1:30 p.m.	<b>Case studies</b> Water Quality Monitoring Studies, <i>Phil Bass (DEQ)</i> Deer Island Restoration, <i>Jeff Clark (DMR)</i> Coastal Training Program, <i>Marian Dicas and Cheryl McClary (Grand Bay/Weeks Bay NERR)</i>
1:30-2:45 p.m.	<b>Breakout Sessions on Gulf Issues</b> Facilitated Small Group Sessions
2:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>Summary of Breakouts &amp; Wrap Up</b> <i>Heidi Recksiek (NOAA CSC)</i> <b>Announcement of additional efforts that complement this effort</b>