

**Agenda**  
**Gulf of Mexico Alliance**  
**Tampa Bay Community Workshop**  
**August 23, 2005 – The Florida Aquarium**

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**Welcoming Luncheon**

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**12:00-1:00 Lunch & Presentation**

Lunch will be sponsored by the Alliance for Coastal Technology (ACT)  
Dr. Mark Luther, a founding partner of the Alliance and Associate Professor of Physical Oceanography at the USF College of Marine Science, will present “The U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System and the Gulf of Mexico.”

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**Afternoon Workshop Agenda**

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**1:00-1:05 Welcome to the GOMA Workshop at The Florida Aquarium**

Officer of The Florida Aquarium

**1:05-1:30 A New Regional Partnership for Gulf Restoration**

Bryon Griffith, Executive Director, The Gulf of Mexico Program  
Stennis Space Center, Mississippi

**1:30-1:50 The U.S. Ocean Action Plan and Opportunities for the Gulf of Mexico**

Dr. Frank Muller-Karger, Professor of Biological Oceanography and Remote Sensing,  
USF College of Marine Science and member of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

**1:50-2:50 Brainstorming Gulf Issues from Local Perspective**

Facilitated full group session  
Heidi Recksiek, Coastal Services Center, NOAA, Charleston, South Carolina

**2:50-3:20 Overview of White Papers on the Five Priority Gulf Issues**

Gary Lytton, Director of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve,  
Naples, Florida

**3:20-3:50 Break**

**3:50-4:00 Ranking of Issues**

Participants will identify what they consider the highest priority issues from a local perspective.

**4:00-4:45 Breakout sessions**

Participants will break into small groups, to discuss actions needed to define and resolve the highest priority issues.

**4:45-5:00 Wrap-up**

**5:00-6:00 Reception and Tour**

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## Evening Workshop Agenda

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- 6:00-6:05**     **Welcome to the GOMA Workshop at the Florida Aquarium**  
Officer of The Florida Aquarium
- 6:05-6:30**     **A New Regional Partnership for Gulf Restoration**  
Bryon Griffith, Executive Director, The Gulf of Mexico Program  
Stennis Space Center, Mississippi
- 6:30-7:00**     **Priority GOM Alliance Issues and Issues Identified by Local Officials**  
Heidi Recksiek, Coastal Services Center, NOAA, Charleston, South Carolina
- 7:00-7:30**     **Citizen Feedback on Issues and Identification of Other Issues**  
The group of issues from the afternoon session will be summarized and citizens will have opportunity to identify other issues
- 7:30-7:45**     **Ranking of Issues**  
Citizens will vote for the issues they consider the highest priorities
- 7:45-8:15**     **Breakout Sessions**
- Public's role in solving issues
  - Government's role in solving issues
- 8:15-8:30**     **Summary of breakout sessions**