



Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Apalachicola Community Workshop
 August 25, 2005 - Apalachicola Community Center

Agenda

Goals:

- * Gain a local perspective on the five issues that will be addressed in the GOMA plan
- * Identify other issues of local and regional importance not represented by five issues
- * Gain support for the creation of a GOMA plan
- * Build better relationships among local, state, federal and private entities
- * Identify local and regional issues of critical ecological and socioeconomic importance

Morning Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Reception, coffee and light fare
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and Review of Workshop Purpose and Goals <i>* Seth Blich, Manager, Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, FDEP</i>
9:30 - 10:00	The Gulf of Mexico: A Conservation Perspective and Review of U.S. Ocean Action Plan
10:00 - 10:45	Overview of White Papers from the Gulf Alliance Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reductions in nutrient loading in the Gulf * Improving water quality, with emphasis on beaches and shellfish beds * Restoration of coastal wetlands * Identification of Gulf habitats * Environmental education and outreach for the Gulf
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:00	Brainstorming on White Paper and other Gulf Issues from a Local and Regional Viewpoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Erica Seiden, NOAA/Estuarine Reserves Division * Heidi Recksiek, NOAA Coastal Services Center

Afternoon Agenda

12:00 - 1:00	Lunch <i>*provided on-site to all attendees</i>
1:00 - 1:30	Local Case Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Anita Grove, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce: Apalachicola's Waterfront Partnership * Erik Lovestrang, Apalachicola NERR: Environmental Connections with the LIFE Program
1:30 - 2:45	Facilitated Breakout Discussion of Priority Issues <i>(From Brainstorming Session)</i>
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:00	Summary of Breakout Sessions, Next Steps and Wrap Up