

A satellite map of the state of Florida is shown. The land is green, and the surrounding water is dark blue. A large black rectangular area covers the left half of the image, serving as a background for the title text. The title is written in a bold, yellow, serif font.

Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council

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Liaison Update

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Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Upcoming Event Dates

- Nutrient fate and transport, study-design workshop – Galveston, TX Feb 19-21.
 - Standardized monitoring design for Gulf coasts/estuaries to help develop coastal nutrient criteria.
- Lab Analytical Round Robin, Feb 26.
 - Develop comparable monitoring and research data.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Upcoming Event Dates

- **Gulf of Mexico Water Resource Monitoring Forum – St. Pete, tentatively week of April 21.**
 - First annual monitoring meeting to help coordinate and promote Gulf-wide water resource monitoring.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Upcoming Activities

- Develop updated Governors' Action Plan.
 - Successor to present one which ends March 2009.
 - 5-year duration
 - Updating Action Issues and Items.
- Implement nutrient fate and transport studies around Gulf.
 - At four to five different kinds of estuaries around Gulf of Mexico.
 - To support developing coastal nutrient criteria.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Upcoming Activities

- **HAB monitoring system design workshops.**
 - Initial workshop was Nov 14-16, 2007 New Orleans
 - Coming workshops to nail down effect endpoints for forecasting, finish monitoring system design, and set steps and priorities for implementing system.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Funding

■ NOAA RFP

- To support present and upcoming Governors' Action Plan goals.
- \$4.9M for 2008.
- Soliciting proposals for up to 3 years of funding.
- DEP asked to submit full proposal in support of GOMA WQ Team efforts.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Funding

- EPA Gulf of Mexico Program RFP
 - To support actions identified in Governors' Action Plan.
 - \$3M for 2008.
 - Soliciting proposals for up to three year period. This is second year for GOMA-dedicated RFP.

Miscellaneous

- **NWQMC Conference – May 19-21, Atlantic City**
- **National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Strategic Action Plan Workshop – Feb 26-28, Ft. Lauderdale.**

Oceans Council

FY 07-08 grants

- Integrated Data Management: \$800K
- Research Review & Resource Assess: \$230K
- Ocean Economics \$465K
- Coastal Ocean Observing \$1.2M

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FY 07-08 Annual Science Research Plan

- Released just after New Years.
- New format.
- Identifies research priorities for Legislature's consideration.
- List of research projects addressing those priorities will be submitted to Legislature as soon as proposal process completed (~Mar 1).

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FY 08-09 RFP

- Pre-proposal deadline was 2/1/08, presently being reviewed
- Full proposals will be scored based on priorities contained in 08-09 Annual Science Research Plan.
- Proposals will be presented to Legislature in order of rank for funding consideration.

Oceans Council Forums

- To move areas of importance to Council forward by bringing together experts.
- Are working with Governor's Climate Action Team.
- Still in planning phase, but first Forum should take place in a couple of months.

Oceans Council

FY 08-09 stuff

- Council not included in Governor's proposed budget.
- Oceans Day at the Capitol, March 12
- Council meeting March 11 & 13 to collect input from public for next Research Plan
- Council meeting April 15-16 to collect input from government resource management agencies.

Oceans Council

Integrated Data Management (IDM)

- Metadata workshops for this fiscal year complete.
- System design workshops begin next week.

Metadata Expert Panel

Liaison – Brian Turcotte SFWMD

- I have been receiving frequent updates from Becky Panebianco, the IDM Project Manager. The IDM project team has also provided access to their web site where current documents and event calendars are available.

Metadata Expert Panel

Liaison – Brian Turcotte SFWMD

- The FWRMC Metadata Expert panel is in the process of reviewing the draft deliverables from the IDM project team. These deliverables are meeting notes and a metadata specification for each of the disciplines of Aerial Remote Sensing, Coastal & Ocean Observing, Analytical Laboratory Measurements, and Spatial. In addition, a Common Metadata Workshop held Jan 30-Feb 1, to identify information in common to all the disciplines, has generated similar draft deliverables for expert panel review.