



Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council

Liaison Update

June 11, 2008

Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Upcoming Event Dates

- **Gulf of Mexico Alliance Monitoring Forum – St. Pete, June 3-5.**
 - First annual monitoring meeting to help coordinate and promote Gulf-wide water resource monitoring.
 - Held in conjunction with DEP Nutrients in Estuaries workshop.
 - Included RAMP-style field measurement QA event.
 - Held in conjunction with DEP surface water sampling training workshop

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- Lab Analytical Round Robin, Feb 26.
 - Results :.
- Nutrient Criteria events

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Upcoming Activities

- Develop updated Governors' Action Plan.
 - Successor to present one which ends March 2009.
 - 5-year duration
 - Updating Action Issues and Items NOW.
- 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.

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Upcoming Activities

- HAB monitoring system design workshops (two).
 - Better identify and understand effect endpoints useful for forecasting
 - Complete monitoring system design
 - Identify steps and set priorities for implementation.

South Atlantic Alliance

- Operating framework established
 - Modeled after Gulf of Mexico Alliance
- North Carolina Governor inviting South Caroling, Georgia, and Florida Governors to form alliance.
 - In progress

South Atlantic Alliance

■ Issue areas identified:

- Healthy Ecosystems
- Working Waterfronts
- Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters
- Disaster-Resilient Communities

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■ Healthy Ecosystems

- enhance and support ecosystem-based management efforts within the region. The objective of these efforts is to improve ecosystem structure and function; improve economic, social and cultural benefits from resources; and improve biological, economic, and cultural diversity in the South Atlantic region

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■ Working Waterfronts

- Includes water-dependent facilities and related shore-side infrastructure that offer access or support facilities for recreation, commerce, research, and other public uses including military operations (Coast Guard, Navy, etc.). Working waterfronts face a number of challenges and high among them is the future of our ports and other water access points.

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■ Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

- Will view water quality impacts in a state and regional context to enhance managers' ability to effectively target prevention, enforcement, response, and mitigation activities.

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■ Disaster-Resilient Communities

- Short-term and long-term changes in weather and climate are major concerns in the southeastern United States. Better prepare our communities through risk reduction and damage prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery strategies.

Miscellaneous

- **NWQMC Conference – May 19-21, Atlantic City**
 - **Moving forward with national pilots, but no funding imminent to support establishing coastal monitoring**

Oceans Council

FY 07-08 grants

- Funded project underway -

- Projects wrapping up now.
- Coastal and Ocean Economics Forum June 17-18 in Miami.
 - Presenting results of Oceans Council-funded economics study
 - Panel discussion

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FY 08-09

- Legislature funded operations of Council (staff, meetings, operations).
- No legislative funding of research for FY 08-09.
- FY 09-10?

Oceans Council Forums

- FOCC finalizing “Climate 101 Primer” for Governor’s Climate Action Team.
- Intend to conduct other “Forums” to focus attention on solving difficult problems.

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Integrated Data Management (IDM)

- H-e-e-e-re's Ellen.