

Coastal Monitoring - DEP

Past and Present

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2005 DEP Secretarial priority:

- Coastal Monitoring Framework developed, 7/05-12/06
 - Build on existing monitoring
 - Add additional coastal segments after studying each sufficiently to know how best to monitor.
 - Develop hydrodynamic model for segment to help optimize monitoring design.

2006 FWPMC Established

- One goal was to help figure out how best to tie coastal monitoring to freshwater monitoring.

Results:

Florida Monitoring Action Plan.

Council recommended new Council structure.

Pause.

Meanwhile...

GOMA Monitoring Workgroup

- Gulf Monitoring Framework
 - began similar to Florida effort: how to work with existing monitoring so their efforts could form basis of integrated monitoring in the Gulf.

BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Blowout

Changed the playing field.

Gulf long-term monitoring network

- Expected in GoM Restoration Task Force recommendations
- Contained in bills in Congress

Status:

- Discussion has changed from:
“How can we encourage existing monitoring programs to form a Gulf monitoring system.”
to
“There’s going to be a long-term Gulf monitoring system, what should it look like”.

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***Making a Commitment to a
Long-term Monitoring Collaborative
in the Gulf of Mexico***

- Develop Gulf Monitoring Framework
- Identify Core Monitoring