

A satellite map of the state of Florida, showing its geographical features, including the Gulf of Mexico to the west and south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The land is depicted in various shades of green, brown, and blue, representing different land uses and water bodies. The text "Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council" is overlaid on the map in a large, bold, yellow font.

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Liaison Update

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Gulf of Mexico Alliance

- **HAB monitoring-system design workshop.**
 - Nov 14-16, New Orleans
 - Joint GOMA and GCOOS effort.
 - GCOOS providing scientific expertise
 - GOMA providing coastal management agency needs
- **Standardized monitoring methods selected for Gulf coastal/estuarine use.**
 - Round robin program being launched to assess data comparability.

Gulf of Mexico Alliance

- **Beginning assembly of next Action Plan.**
 - 18 months remaining on initial Governors' Action Plan.
 - Deciding Action Issues and Action Items for next 3-5 years.

South Atlantic Alliance

- North Carolina
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 - Georgia
 - Florida
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- Effort to form alliance seems to have reached critical mass of support in the states.

Oceans Council Budget

- Final amount = \$3,180,040
- Original \$3.2M reduced by \$19,960*
**equals 10% of a portion of the recurring budget*

Oceans Council Budget

- Council staff and operations \$300K→\$300K
- Integrated Data Management: \$600K→\$750K
- Research Review & Resource Assess: \$150K→\$300K
- Ocean Economics \$400K→\$480K
- Coastal Ocean Observing up to \$1.5M→same
- Remaining Research Priorities \$230K→\$0*

*insufficient time remaining for RFP/contract process