



Gulf of America Alliance  
Marine Debris Cross Team Initiative Mid-Year Meeting  
January 12, 2026

All times CST.

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| <b>1:00 PM</b> | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Objective: Establish the purpose of the meeting and intended outcomes.</i><br>Presented by Katie Wallace (GOAA).   |
| <b>1:15 PM</b> | <b>GOAA 101</b><br><i>Objective: Become familiar with the GOAA organization and the Marine Debris Cross Team Initiative (MDCTI).</i><br>Presented by Sandra Chupinsky (FDEP), Jennifer McGee (FWC), Tasheena Powers (EPA), Calista Mills (EPA), Katie Swanson (University of Texas Marine Science Institute). |
| <b>1:45 PM</b> | <b>State Agency Updates</b><br><i>Objective: Meet the steering committee. Hear from the state representatives on what their state agencies are working on as it relates to marine debris.</i><br>Presented by MDCTI Steering Committee.   |
| <b>2:20 PM</b> | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| <b>2:35 PM</b> | <b>Funded Project Updates</b><br><i>Objective: Lightning presentations on MDCTI projects.</i><br>Presented by Principal Investigators and Project Managers.   |
| <b>2:55 PM</b> | <b>Tools and Future Applications for Tracking Marine Debris</b><br><i>Objective: Hear about tools for tracking marine debris. Open discussion on future applications of these tools.</i><br>Presented by Anthony Vedral (Alabama Water Institute).  |
| <b>3:15 PM</b> | <b>Governor's Action Plan V</b><br><i>Objective: Learn about the future of the MDCTI and preview the next Governor's action plan, set to begin in 2027.</i><br>Presented by Sandra Chupinsky and Jennifer McGee.  |
| <b>3:45 PM</b> | <b>2026 Gulf Conference</b><br><i>Objective: Preview of the upcoming Gulf Conference in Mobile, AL.</i><br>Presented by Katie Wallace   |
| <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>ADJOURN</b>  |