

GULF CONFERENCE

2026

Assessment of Priority Habitats: Insights from Gulf Con

Wednesday, May 6. All times CST

- 3:30 PM** **Welcome and Introductions**
Objective: Welcome to the Meeting, and Introduction to the Gulf of America Alliance and the Habitat Resources Priority Issue Team
James Pahl, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
- 3:40 PM** **Introduction to the Habitat Team's Habitat Assessment Focal Area Working Group**
Priorities in and Progress of its Tier 2 Work Plan
Evan Pettis, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and
Adriana Leiva, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 4:00 PM** **Recap of Gulf Seagrass Community of Practice Conversations/Presentations**
Patrick Biber, University of Southern Mississippi
- 4:20 PM** **Recap of Gulf Oyster Community of Practice Conversations/Presentations**
Evan Pettis
- 4:40 PM** **Tropicalization**
Open Discussion of Remaining Topical Priorities and Future Directions, and Adjourn
Habitat Assessment Topical Meeting
Evan Pettis and Adriana Leiva
- 5:00 PM** **Adjourn**