

GULF CONFERENCE

2026

Restoration and Management of Priority Habitats: Living Shorelines and Beyond

Tuesday, May 5. 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 Living Shorelines Focal Area Working Group**
René Baumstark, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Matthew Chasse, NOAA National Ocean Service
- 3:50 PM** **“What’s Going On in the Field?” Lightning Talks**
- Plant Sourcing Materials
Kaitlyn Mitchell, Mississippi State University
 - Seagrass Wave Dissipation
Becky Prado, Moffatt & Nichol
 - Living Shorelines Effects on Neighboring Properties
Eric Sparks, Mississippi State University
 - Deadman’s Island, Texas
Katie Swanson, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve
- “Open Mic” Opportunity for Additional Discussions
- 4:20 PM** **Monitoring Metrics for Living Shorelines**
Katie Warnell, Duke University
- 4:40 PM** **Activities and Action Plan IV, Wrap-up and Adjourn Living Shorelines Topical Meeting**
René Baumstark and Matthew Chasse
- 5:00 PM** **Adjourn**