

GULF CONFERENCE

2026

GOAA Wildlife & Fisheries Team Agenda

[Gulf Conference](#)

May 4-7, 2026

[Mobile Convention Center](#)

1 S Water St, Mobile, AL 36602

GOAA Wildlife & Fisheries Team Meetings and Scientific Sessions:

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME. THESE SESSIONS MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO WFT MEMBERS.

Monday, May 4, 2026

Recommended Workshop (HRT/CRT/WFT collaboration): Gulf Coast Adaptation and Resilience Plan Project Working Session, Room 202A, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

How do we advance and apply scientific synthesis to restoration efforts in the Gulf? Room 201D, 1:30 – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**Wildlife and fisheries status and trends and species conservation, Room 204A
10:30 am – 5:00 pm**

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

**Wildlife and fisheries status and trends and species conservation, Room 204A
9:00 – 10:00 am**

GOAA Wildlife and Fisheries Team Meeting, Our all-team meeting, Room 204A, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

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Thursday, May 7, 2026. All times CT. Room 204A.

- 1:30 PM** **Welcome and Introductions**
Melody Chaplin, WFT State Lead, MS Department of Marine Resources
Agenda Overview and introduction of WFT Steering Committee members
- 1:40 PM** **GOAA and WFT 101**
- The Governors' Action Plan
 - How we fund projects
 - Tier 2 Project Identification and the GOMA Shopping Catalog
 - Project Concept Submission Form
- 1:50 PM** **Summary of the on the Gulf Coast Adaptation and Resilience Plan (GCARP) Project Working Session**
Mike Smith, WFT Team Coordinator
- 1:55 PM** **Project Concepts Lighting Round**
Adriana Leiva, Coastal Program Biologist, Texas Restoration Office, USFWS
- 2:55 PM** **Discussion**
- 3:00 PM** **ADJOURN WFT Meeting**
- 3:00 PM** **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 3:30 PM** **Members may join the Habitat Resources Team for discussion on tropicalization (Room 203A)**
Joint Discussion with Wildlife and Fisheries Interests on Resource Challenges Associated with the Tropicalization of Gulf Coast Habitats
Evan Pettis, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Michael Osland, U.S. Geological Survey
- 5:00 PM** **ADJOURN Conference**