

GULF CONFERENCE

2026

May 4-7, 2026 | Mobile, Alabama



GULF CONFERENCE 2026

Welcome to GulfCon!

The Gulf Conference 2026 brings together coastal scientists and stakeholders in state and federal government, academia, non-profit, and private sectors to discuss current Gulf research and collaborate on new opportunities. Emphasizing the intersection of science, policy, and management, GulfCon includes sessions on themes that are important to ecosystem and community resilience as well as restoration and natural resource management.

Thank you for your participation and attendance at GulfCon. We hope you have a fantastic meeting!

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Your presentation will be pre-loaded onto a laptop for your session; you must upload your presentation at least one hour before your session is scheduled to begin. We advise that you upload your presentation the day before your session to avoid lines and ensure your presentation is uploaded in time. You will be able to test your presentation ahead of time. The presentation upload desk, located next to registration, will be open at the following times:

Monday, May 4: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 7: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The poster session will be set up on the Lower Concourse level (downstairs from registration). The space will be open on Monday, May 4, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for you to hang your poster in advance. Posters must be removed by Thursday, May 7, at 12:00 p.m.; any remaining posters will be discarded.

Media Policy

This media policy is designed to ensure a professional forum in which presenters and other meeting registrants can freely discuss science-based issues and their concerns about proprietary research data and other information are acknowledged and respected.

The Gulf of America Alliance and partners welcome and invite all media representatives to attend GulfCon. Conference staff intend to assist media representatives by keeping them updated through press releases, news updates, and social media. Conference staff will also help journalists by arranging interviews with speakers and attendees. Interview space can be provided upon request.

Media representatives should:

- Present media credentials at the registration desk to receive a media packet and be introduced to GulfCon's communications staff, Christina Mohrman and/or David Lee Simmons.
- Wear the designated media badge given to them by conference organizers and identify themselves as a member of the press when attending conference events or talking with any conference participants.
- Coordinate with communications staff (Christina Mohrman and/or David Lee Simmons) prior to any filming, taping or otherwise recording of any activity or interview at the conference. Take special precaution to not report any proprietary research data without specific coordination with the presenting researcher.

Photos

Attendees are permitted to take photos during the conference, unless a presenter has included a "No Photos" image in their slides. Official conference photographs will be taken and uploaded to the Gulf of America Alliance's Flickr site. By registering for this meeting, attendees have agreed to allow the conference use of their image in any subsequent conference-related publication, website, or social media posts.

Audio and Video

Attendees are not permitted to record, film, or tape any scientific session. Please coordinate with communications and media staff (Christina Mohrman and/or David Lee Simmons) prior to any filming, taping or otherwise recording of any interview at the conference. Broadcast journalists can record the plenaries but audio and video taping of any scientific session is not permitted.

Code of Conduct and Reporting

The Gulf Conference is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices. We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery are not appropriate for any conference venue, including talks, workshops, parties, or online media. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of the Executive Planning Committee.

If you are the subject of unacceptable behavior or have witnessed any such behavior, please immediately notify conference staff at the conference registration desk or via email at gulfconference@gulfalliance.org. Anyone experiencing or witnessing behavior that constitutes an immediate or serious threat to individual or public safety at the Gulf Conference is advised to contact security or local law enforcement.

Mobile Convention Center Floor Plan

Concourse Level (upper level)

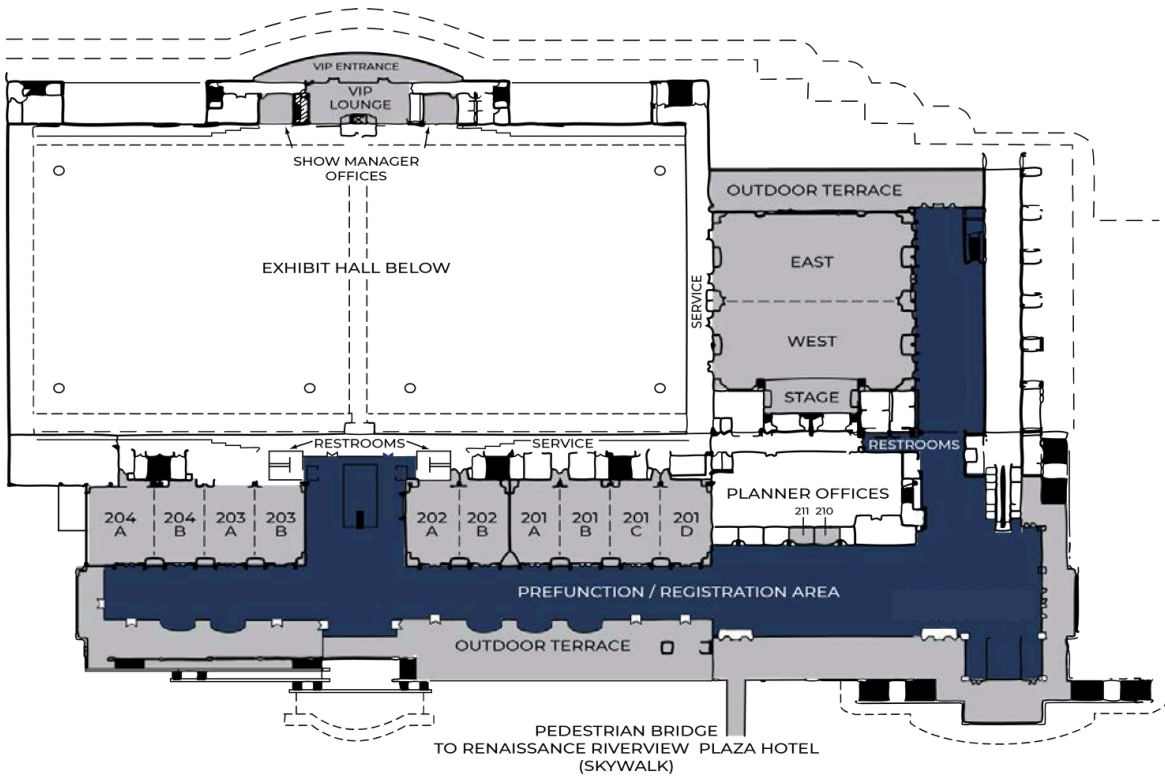
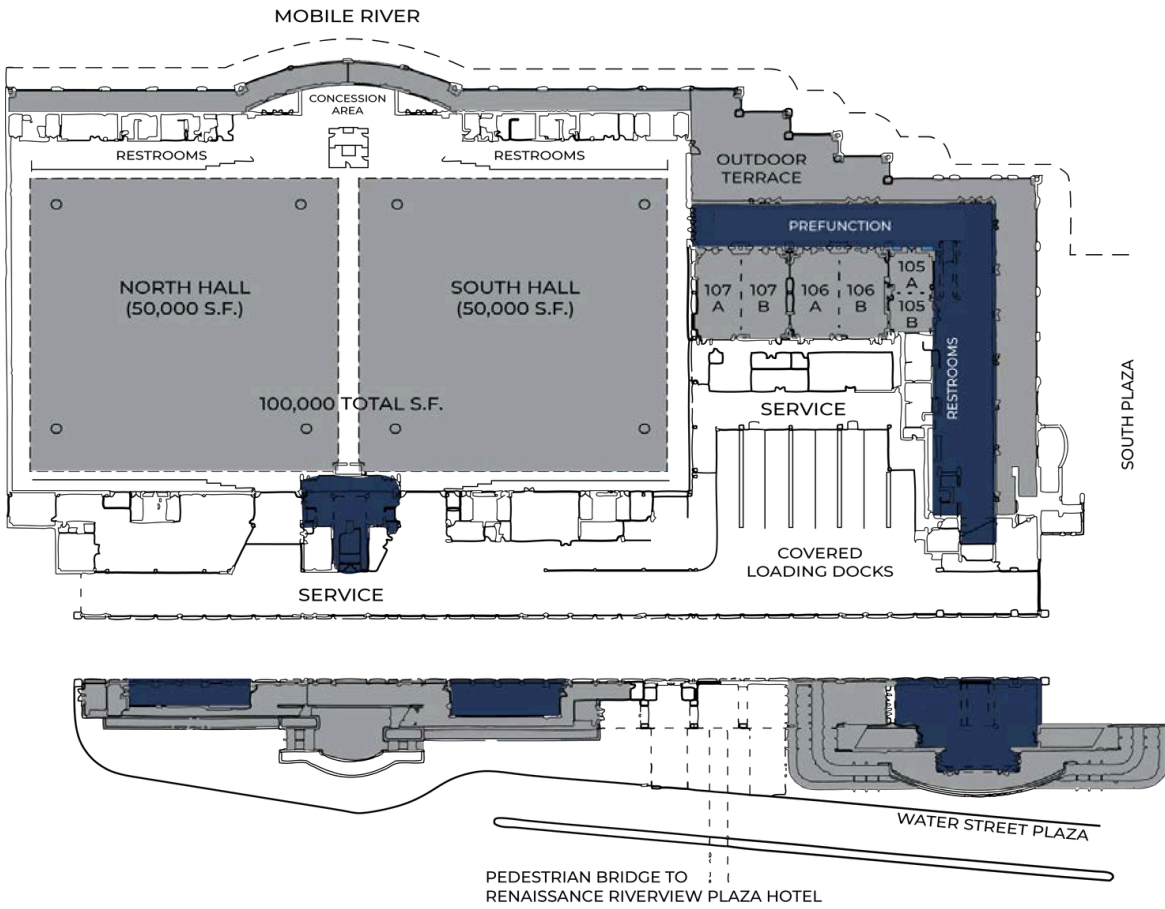


Exhibit Hall Level (lower level)



Digital Conference Program and Wi-Fi

To reduce paper waste, most GulfCon 2026 program content is being offered digitally. The full digital program includes pre-conference workshop information and a complete schedule of all sessions, including presenter, order of presentations, and presentation abstracts. A daily schedule listing session topics and locations will also be posted throughout the conference space.

Online program: <https://events.american-tradeshow.com/gulfcon2026/agenda>

To use the conference app, download "Swoogo: Go Attend" and log in by entering the email and password you used when registering for the conference. Or, you can enter your email and select the "email me a magic link" button and click on the link from the email on your phone.

Complimentary internet is available throughout the convention center public spaces and meeting rooms. Information on how to join the conference wi-fi will be posted throughout the conference space.

Full Program



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Monday, May 4

Pre-Conference Workshops and Welcome Reception

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings	Rooms 105-107 & 201-204
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings	Rooms 105-107 & 201-204
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings	Rooms 105-107 & 201-204
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Networking Break	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings	Rooms 105-107 & 201-204
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Sponsor Exhibits Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Upper Concourse Pre-function
	Host: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	

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Monday, May 4

Concurrent Pre-Conference Workshops

	Room 201A	Room 201B	Room 201C	Room 201D	Room 202A	Room 202B
8:30 - 12:00		Gulf Seagrass Community of Practice (Open to Seagrass CoP members)	Next Generation Oil Spill Researchers Initiative (Open to all registered attendees)	Gulf Science Collaborative (Open to all registered attendees)	Gulf Coast Adaptation and Resilience Plan Project Working Session (Open to all registered attendees)	
LUNCH						
1:30 - 3:00	Improving HAB Communication around the Gulf (Open to all registered attendees)		Gulf Coast Estuary and Geographic Programs (Open to program members)	Gulf Science Collaborative (Open to all registered attendees)	Examining Gulf Species Declines (Open to all registered attendees)	Gulf Literacy Principles (Open to all registered attendees)
BREAK						
3:30 - 5:00	Improving HAB Communication around the Gulf (Open to all registered attendees)		Gulf Coast Estuary and Geographic Programs (Open to program members)	Gulf Science Collaborative (Open to all registered attendees)	Examining Gulf Species Declines (Open to all registered attendees)	Gulf Literacy Principles (Open to all registered attendees)

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8:30 - 12:00				
LUNCH				
1:30 - 3:00	Collaborative Modeling for Stakeholder-Driven Science (Open to all registered attendees)	What's New in ArcGIS: GOMOD Community Engagement and Mapping (Open to all registered attendees)	Local Action to Empower Communities (Open to all registered attendees)	
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	Room 105A	Room 105B	Room 106A	Room 106B	Room 107A	Room 107B
8:30 - 12:00	GCOOS Staff Retreat (Open to GCOOS staff members)	Site Visits to D'Olive Watershed Restoration Areas (Open to all registered attendees)	Gulf of America Alliance Business Advisory Council Meeting (Open to BAC members)	Watershed-Scale Collaboration: Florida's Apalachicola Basin and Beyond (Open to all registered attendees)	Marine Debris Planning and Development Workshop (Open to all registered attendees)	
LUNCH						
1:30 - 3:00	Resilient Housing Planning Workshop (Open to all registered attendees)			CMAWG Annual Meeting (open to CMAWG members)	Marine Debris Planning and Development Workshop (Open to all registered attendees)	
BREAK						
3:30 - 5:00	Resilient Housing Planning Workshop (Open to all registered attendees)			Cross-TIG Monitoring and Adaptive Management Workgroup Meeting (Open to workgroup members)	Marine Debris Planning and Development Workshop (Open to all registered attendees)	

Tuesday, May 5

Poster Session, Plenary, Scientific Sessions, & Discussions

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sponsor Exhibits Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Rise and Shine: Poster Session and Breakfast Sponsor: Alabama Power	Lower Concourse Pre-function
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Opening Plenary	Upper Concourse East & West Ballrooms
	Welcome to the Gulf Conference Laura Bowie, Gulf of America Alliance	
	Welcome to Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, State of Alabama Commissioner Chris Blankenship, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	
	Welcome to Mobile Mayor Spiro Cheriogotis, City of Mobile	
	Resilience as a Result of Restoration Investments Deputy Under Secretary Laura Grimm, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
	Closing Remarks Laura Bowie, Gulf of America Alliance	
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions	Rooms 106, 201-204
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own) Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions	Rooms 106, 201-204
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Networking Break Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions and Facilitated Breakout Discussions Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	Rooms 106, 201-204



Opening Plenary Speaker Biographies



Laura Bowie is the Executive Director for the Gulf of America Alliance, a partnership of the five Gulf states with the goal of significantly increasing regional collaboration to enhance the ecological and economic health of the Gulf region. In 2010, Bowie was the first employee hired by the Alliance to take the loose network of partners into a formal not-for-profit organization.



Kay Ivey is the 54th Governor of Alabama and was re-elected to a second term in November 2022. She grew up in Wilcox County, Alabama, and is a graduate of Auburn University. Ivey worked as a high school teacher and bank officer before serving in numerous state government roles including State Treasurer and Lieutenant Governor. Her administration's priorities include education, economic development, and infrastructure.



Chris Blankenship was appointed as the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by Governor Kay Ivey in August 2017. He has worked at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources since 1994 when he was hired as a Conservation Enforcement Officer. Having been integrally involved in the State's response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill from the beginning, he has a solid background for the restoration work he handles. He is a native of Dauphin Island and graduate of the University of South Alabama.



Mobile's 109th Mayor, Spiro Cheriogotis, was sworn into office in November 2025, with a vision of creating a city that all Mobilians can be excited to call home. Before his election as Mayor, Cheriogotis built a distinguished career in public service and law. After earning his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law, he began his career as a prosecutor with the Mobile County District Attorney's Office, where he worked tirelessly to protect citizens and uphold justice.



Laura Grimm is the NOAA Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. Prior to her appointment at NOAA, Grimm served as Director of Ocean Markets at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) US Oceans, creating innovative strategies and market-based solutions across the blue economy. She graduated from the University of South Alabama and began her career gaining field experience as a field technician at the Fisheries Ecology Lab at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Tuesday, May 5

Concurrent Scientific Sessions and Breakout Discussions

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	Room 201A	Room 201B	Room 201C	Room 201D	Room 202A	Room 202B
10:30 – 12:00	Co-production of avian science to inform management of species, habitats, and humans in the Gulf	Relationships and underlying mechanisms between environmental trends and variability and fisheries	Resilience at the intersection of environment, extreme events, built infrastructure, and health		Coastal community resilience	
LUNCH						
1:30 – 3:00	Co-production of avian science to inform management of species, habitats and humans in the Gulf	Relationships and underlying mechanisms between environmental trends and variability and fisheries	Decision-focused, integrated approaches to maximize the benefits of restoration and management across the Gulf	How do we advance and apply scientific synthesis to restoration efforts in the Gulf?	Coastal community resilience	From insight to action: Operationalizing remote sensing in the Gulf of America
BREAK						
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	Room 203A	Room 203B	Room 204A	Room 204B	Room 106A	Room 106B
10:30 - 12:00	Blades of glory: Seagrass resilience, restoration, and management	Place-based education in the Gulf: An overview of initiatives, lessons learned, and ongoing efforts	Oyster CoP: Managing Gulf oysters as a living resource through science and strategy	Integrating artificial intelligence with data and modeling for water resource management		
LUNCH						
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BREAK						
3:30 - 5:00	Restoration and management of priority habitats: Living shorelines and beyond Hosted by: GOAA Habitat Resources Team	Place-based education in the Gulf: An overview of initiatives, lessons learned, and ongoing efforts	Oyster CoP: Managing Gulf oysters as a living resource through science and strategy	Linking harmful algal bloom science to management Hosted by: GOAA Water Resources Team	Reaching audiences where they are with the messages they need	The open ocean as a nexus for ecological connectivity in the Gulf

Wednesday, May 6

Poster Session, Plenary, Scientific Sessions, Breakout Discussions, and Tools Cafe

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
7:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Sponsor Exhibits Open	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Rise and Shine: Poster Session and Breakfast Sponsor: Alabama Power	Lower Concourse Pre-function
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Morning Yoga Host: The Water Institute	Meet at Registration
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Plenary Panel Introduction Julien Lartigue, NOAA RESTORE Science Program New faces, new voices: The future of science, policy, and management Moderator: Ali Robertson, Gulf of America Alliance Panelists: Hanna Bauer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Marcy Cockrell, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Bradley Lewis, Thompson Engineering Franziska Trautmann, Glass Half Full Charles Wallace, The Water Institute What's Next? Alyssa Dausman, The Water Institute	Upper Concourse East & West Ballrooms
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	Rooms 201-204
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	Rooms 201-204
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Networking Break	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Scientific Sessions and Facilitated Breakout Discussions Scan QR code for list of presentations, times, and locations	Rooms 201-204
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Tools Cafe and Reception Sponsor: Esri	Upper Concourse East & West Ballrooms

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Wednesday Plenary Speaker Biographies



Dr. Julien Lartigue is the director of the NOAA RESTORE Science Program. He uses his experience working at academic institutions across the Gulf states and with federal and state agencies to connect the research community and natural resource managers. As a long-time resident of the Gulf Coast, he is committed to the conservation and wise management of the region's natural resources and future of our coastal communities.



Dr. Alyssa Dausman is senior vice president and chief scientist at The Water Institute. She also serves as the chief scientist for the RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana. Dr. Dausman is an expert in science-based adaptive management, hydrology, research plan development, and restoration project science and monitoring. She previously served as the science director for the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.



Ali Robertson is a program director for the Gulf of America Alliance. She provides leadership and guidance to the Alliance's Priority Issue Teams and supports regional collaboration through project management and facilitation. Her early career in avian research and coastal resource management on the Mississippi Gulf Coast drives her interest in moving science into action and strengthening coordinated regional initiatives. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and her master's degree from the University of Georgia.



Hanna Bauer leads the Policy and Education Team within the Coastal Fisheries Division at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in Austin. Bauer works to translate data into policy using statistical, modeling, and communication tools for recreationally and commercially important species. She was selected as a Science Policy Fellow with the National Academies' Gulf Research Program in 2020 and was placed with the TPWD office. Bauer is an active member of the American Fisheries Society in the Data and Technology section.



Bradley Lewis is a Project Geotechnical Engineer with Thompson Engineering. He graduated from the University of Mississippi with a master's in Geotechnical Engineering in 2020. His diverse experience includes projects related to building and bridge foundations, flood control structures, and marsh creation across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.



Dr. Marcy Cockrell is a science coordinator with the NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture. Her work focuses on ensuring that cutting-edge research is effectively translated into policy, regulatory processes, and on-the-ground management to support sustainable industry growth. She earned her Ph.D. in Marine Science from the University of South Florida in 2018 and served as a National Academies' Gulf Research Program Science Policy Fellow from 2018 to 2019, gaining critical experience at the interface of science, policy, and public service.



Franziska Trautmann is the co-founder and CEO of Glass Half Full in New Orleans. She graduated in 2020 with a degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University. This gave her the skills necessary to help lead "ReCoast," a research team backed by the National Science Foundation, conducting novel research on the use of recycled glass sand for coastal restoration. Their team has completed five coastal restoration projects, restoring thousands of meters of coastline and counting.



Dr. Charles Wallace is a postdoctoral research scientist at The Water Institute. He recently completed a Ph.D. in Forest Resources and Conservation with a concentration in Natural Resource Policy Administration at the University of Florida. His dissertation focused on place attachment, local ecological knowledge of oyster harvesters, and management decision-making. Wallace was selected as a Science Policy Fellow with the National Academies' Gulf Research Program in 2024 and was placed with The Water Institute.

Wednesday, May 6

Concurrent Scientific Sessions and Breakout Discussions

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	Room 201A	Room 201B	Room 201C	Room 201D	Room 202A	Room 202B
10:30 - 12:00	Vegetation, carbon, and change: Land cover dynamics and habitat restoration in the U.S. Gulf	Cooperative research and management of fish spawning aggregations in the Gulf	Turning climate projections into community conversations: The art and science of scenario planning	Impacts from acute, chronic, or multi-stressor effects on the Mississippi Sound and Bight ecosystem	Coastal community resilience	Activating collaborative science for a sustainable Gulf
LUNCH						
1:30 - 3:00	Vegetation, carbon, and change: Land cover dynamics and habitat restoration in the U.S. Gulf	Advancing ocean observations and remote sensing for coastal resilience and decision support	Innovations in oyster shell recycling and oyster reef restoration	How do we advance and apply scientific synthesis to restoration efforts in the Gulf?	Coastal community resilience	Data management and sharing strategies
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BREAK				
3:30 - 5:00	Assessment of priority habitats: Insights from GulfCon Hosted by: GOAA Habitat Resources Team	Place-based education in the Gulf: An overview of initiatives, lessons learned, and ongoing efforts	Wildlife and fisheries status and trends and species conservation	Emerging technologies and issues in water resources: How can state agencies best manage them Hosted by: GOAA Water Resources Team

Thursday, May 7

Poster Session, Scientific Sessions, Breakout Discussions, Alliance Team Meetings

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration/Information Desk	Upper Concourse Pre-function/Lobby
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5:00 p.m.	Adjourn - see you at the Gulf Conference, May 1-4, 2028, in Galveston, TX	

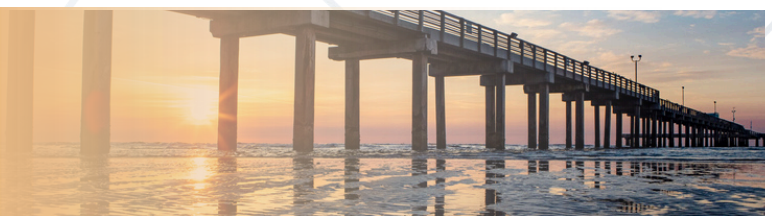
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Thursday, May 7

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	Room 201A	Room 201B	Room 201C	Room 201D	Room 202A	Room 202B
9:00 - 10:00	Microplastics and beyond: Integrating science, technology, and community action		Centering community voices in coastal resilience planning and action	From points to partnerships: Advancing CRS for resilient and flood-safe Gulf Coast communities		Leveraging emerging technologies for living resource management in the Gulf
BREAK						
10:30 - 12:00	Microplastics and beyond: Integrating science, technology, and community action	Shoreside livelihoods at the crossroads: Coastal change, contaminants, and community well-being	Centering community voices in coastal resilience planning and action	From points to partnerships: Advancing CRS for resilient and flood-safe Gulf Coast communities	Engaging stakeholders in developing the Adaptive Capacities for Transformation (ACT) Initiative	Leveraging emerging technologies for living resource management in the Gulf
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BREAK						
3:30 - 5:00	Microplastics and beyond: Integrating science, technology, and community action				Gulf of America Alliance Coastal Community Resilience Team Meeting	Gulf of America Alliance Data & Monitoring Team Meeting (Open to Team Steering Committee Members)

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	Room 203A	Room 203B	Room 204A	Room 204B
9:00 - 10:00	Restoring estuarine and marsh habitat with dredged material	Place-based education in the Gulf: Initiatives, lessons learned, and ongoing efforts	Wildlife and fisheries status and trends and species conservation	
BREAK				
10:30 - 12:00	Restoring estuarine and marsh habitat with dredged material	Using Your science for community action and engagement	Impacts from acute, chronic, or multi-stressor effects on the Mississippi Sound and Bight ecosystem	Hidden pathways: The contribution of small and decentralized wastewater systems to nutrient loading
LUNCH				
1:30 - 3:00	Regional sediment management: Coordination and application Hosted by: GOAA Habitat Resources Team		Gulf of America Alliance Wildlife and Fisheries Team Meeting	Gulf of America Alliance Water Resources Team Meeting
BREAK				
3:30 - 5:00	Gulf of America Alliance Habitat Resources Team Meeting		Gulf of America Alliance Wildlife and Fisheries Team Meeting	Gulf of America Alliance Water Resources Team Meeting (Open to Team Steering Committee Members)

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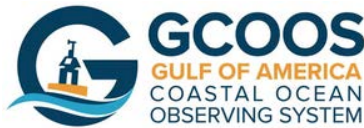
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