

TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 Community Workshop	
830a	Reception, Coffee and Continental Breakfast
900a	Welcome and Introductions/Review of Agenda <i>Paul Montagna, Coordinator, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve</i> <i>Ray Allen, Director, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program</i> <i>Gene Seaman, Texas House of Representatives (Invited)</i>
915a	The U.S. Ocean Action Plan and Opportunities for the Gulf of Mexico <i>Paul Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy</i>
945a	Challenges from Local Perspectives: Brainstorming Possibilities <i>Facilitated Whole Group Session Facilitated by:</i> <i>Brianne Bierman, Coastal Services Center, NOAA</i> <i>Tabitha Stadler, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve</i>
10:30	Break
10:45	Overview and Update of Gulf of Mexico Alliance Plan <i>Bruce Moulton, Policy Advisor, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in nutrient loading • Improving water quality, emphasis on beaches & shellfish beds • Restoration of coastal wetlands • Identification of Gulf habitats • Gulf of Mexico environmental education
11:15	State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit 2006 <i>Robert Furgason, Harte Research Institute (Invited)</i>
11:30	Lunch (Included)
12:30	South Texas Case Studies Panel Discussion: Conservation, Habitat restoration, Inflow issues, Water quality <i>Raphael Calderon, The Nature Conservancy</i> <i>Ken Dunton, University of Texas Marine Science Institute</i> <i>Ron Massey, City of Corpus Christi</i> <i>Sandra Alvarado, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i>
1:30	Break
1:45	Breakout Sessions on Gulf Issues (5) <i>Facilitated Small Groups Sessions</i>
3:00	Summary of Breakouts & Wrap Up <i>Brianne Bierman, Coastal Services Center, NOAA</i> <i>Tabitha Stadler, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve</i>
4:00p	Adjourn

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