

State of Our Coast

“Living with the Water – Exploring Positive Opportunities”

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Morning Session

- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Registration, Coffee & Pastries**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.** **Welcome & Introductions**
Jamie M. Miller, *Executive Director*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
- 9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.** **Using Port Restoration as a Means of Improving Our Coast Environment**
Jonathan Daniels, *Executive Director*
Port of Gulfport
- 9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Panel Discussion: Environmental Challenges for Fisheries and Public Health**
Moderator: Dr. Kelly Lucas, *Chief Scientific Officer*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Panel: Dr. Paul Byers, *Deputy State Epidemiologist*
Mississippi State Department of Health
Emily Cotton, *Coastal Monitoring Coordinator*
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Jennifer Jenkins, *General Manager*
Crystal Seas Seafood
Joe Jewell, *Director, Office of Marine Fisheries*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.** **Oyster Hatcheries as a Tool for Oyster Management in Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico**
Dr. Bill Walton, *Oyster Aquaculture Extension Specialist*
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **MDMR, MDEQ & Partners: Oil Spill Fund-Related Projects**
Dr. Robert Kroger, *Chief Scientific Officer*
Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC

George Ramseur, *Director, Office of Coastal Restoration & Resiliency, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources*
Marc Wyatt, *Director, Office of Restoration*
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Q&A

12:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**LUNCH with Keynote Speaker
Restoration Update**

Gary Rikard, *Executive Director*
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

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Afternoon Session

1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Legislative Panel: Session Wrap-Up; Impacts on Coastal Recovery; and Tidelands

Moderator: Jamie M. Miller, *MDMR*

Panel: Representative Scott Delano,
Mississippi House of Representatives, District 117
Chairman Herb Frierson,
Mississippi House of Representatives, District 106
Senator Sean Tindell,
Mississippi State Senate, District 49
Senator Michael Watson,
Mississippi State Senate, District 51

1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tidelands 2018 Application Process

Sonja Slater, *Tidelands Coordinator*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Working Waterfronts

Dr. Bob Swett, *Florida Sea Grant Specialist*
Florida’s Cooperative Extension Service

2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Permitting 101: Living Shoreline and General Permits FAQ

Willa Brantley, *Director, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting and Mitigation, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources*

2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Red Snapper Life History and Fishery Management in Mississippi

Dr. Paul Mickle, *Biological Coordinator*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Mississippi Environment Focus Group: Our Vision for Restoring Mississippi's Environment, Economy, and Communities

Kara Lankford, *Associate Director, Ocean Conservancy*
Jill Mastrototaro, *Policy Specialist, National Wildlife Federation*
Robert Smith, *Coastal Program Coordinator, Wildlife Mississippi*

3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coastal Impact Assistance Program Wrap Up

Jennifer Broderick-Wagner, *CIAP Coordinator*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Mississippi's Blue Economy – The Key to our Economic Future

Ashley Edwards, *President*
Gulf Coast Business Council

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Jamie M. Miller, *Executive Director*
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources