

Summit Program

State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit 2006
Omni-Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas

March 28-30, 2006

Day 1 - Tuesday, March 28, 2006 - Governance, Catastrophic Events and Gulf Sustainability

11:45 AM **Governors' Luncheon - Sponsored by Shell Oil Company**

12:00 PM **Welcome**

Dr. Robert R. Furgason, Director, Harte Research Institute
Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Mr. John D. White, Chairman, Board of Regents, Texas A&M University System
Governor Rick Perry, State of Texas
Gobernador Eugenio Hernández Flores, State of Tamaulipas
Mr. John Hofmeister, President, Shell Oil Company

1:30 PM **Governors Panel on Catastrophic Events and Gulf of Mexico Sustainability - Sponsored by BP**

Governor Rick Perry, presiding
Mr. Michael Reddin, Vice President, BP

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley	Tabasco Gob. Manuel Andrade Díaz
Campeche Gob. Jorge Carlos Hurtado Valdez	Tamaulipas Gob. Eugenio Hernández Flores
Florida Gov. Jeb Bush	Texas Gov. Rick Perry
Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco	Veracruz Gob. Fidel Herrera Beltrán
Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour	Yucatán Gob. Patricio Patrón Laviada
Quintana Roo Gob. Félix González Cantu	(invited governors)

2:30 PM **Impacts of Catastrophic Events on the Environment**

Dr. Gerhard Kuska, White House Council on Environmental Quality

Mr. Steve McCraw, Director, Texas Office of Homeland Security
Ms. Karen Gautreaux, Deputy Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Phil Bass, Director, Office of Pollution Control, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

3:15 PM **Break - Sponsored Texas Parks & Wildlife Department**

3:30 PM **Keynote Presentations:**

Introduction by Dr. Sylvia Earle, Explorer-in-Residence, National Geographic Society and Chair, Harte Research Institute Advisory Council
Admiral James Watkins, Co-Chair, Joint Ocean Commission Initiative
The Honorable Leon Panetta, Co-Chair, Joint Ocean Commission Initiative

4:15 PM **Gulf of Mexico Sustainability Programs**

Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, NOAA, Administrator

Presentation of Gulf of Mexico Alliance Plan

Ms. Colleen Castille, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Panel Discussion on Initiatives Related to Gulf of Mexico Issues

Mr. Stephen Johnson, U.S. EPA, Administrator
Dr. Antonio Díaz de León (Director General, Dirección General de Política Ambiental e Integración Regional y Sectorial)
Ms. Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
Sr. Lorenzo Rosenzweig, Director General, Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación da la Naturaleza
Ms. Kathleen Hartnett White, Chair, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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5:30 PM Special Presentations and Media Opportunities

**6:30 PM Gulf Guardian Awards Dinner - EPA Gulf of Mexico Program
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Day 2 - Wednesday, March 29, 2006 - Economy and Public Health

Panel 1 Economy of the Gulf of Mexico

Dr. James Cato, Chair (Director, Florida Sea Grant Program and Senior Associate Dean & Director, School of Natural Resources & Environments, University of Florida)

8:00 AM Introduction of Topic and Panel

Panel 1-A: The Changing Ocean and Coastal Economy of the Gulf of Mexico

8:10 AM The Ocean and Coastal Economy:

- What the Information Can Tell Us
 - Why it is Important to Know the Nature, Size, and Implications for the Future
- Dr. Judith Kildow (University of California - Monterey Bay)

8:30 AM Population and Growth Pressures & Comparisons to the U.S. Ocean and Coastal Economy
Dr. Charles Colgan (University of Southern Maine)

8:50 AM The Importance of Non-market Values in the Ocean and Coastal Economy
Dr. Linwood Pendleton (University of California-Los Angeles)

9:10 AM Questions and Discussion

9:30 AM Break - Sponsored by Kerr McGee

Panel 1-B: Industry Performance in the Gulf of Mexico Region

10:00 AM U.S. Gulf of Mexico Based Industry
Dr. Charles Adams (University of Florida)

10:20 AM Mexican Gulf of Mexico Based Industry Sectors
Dr. David Yoskowitz (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)

10:30 AM Productive Value of the Gulf of Mexico
Dr. David Yoskowitz (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)

10:50 AM Questions and Discussion

Panel 1-C: The Socioeconomic Importance of the Gulf of Mexico to Mexico and the Potential to Develop as a Major Economic And Political Region

11:00 AM The Importance of Social and Economic Factors in Planning, Environmental Impact Assessment, and Management in the Mexican Gulf of Mexico States
Dr. Cuauhtemoc Leon Diez (CONABIO, Sec. of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico)

11:15 AM The Importance of Foreign Trade, Investment, and Finance in the Economic and Environmental Sustainability of the Mexican Gulf of Mexico States
Mr. Raul Rodriguez (Former Managing Director and CEO, North American Development Bank)

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11:30 AM	The Political Economy of the Gulf of Mexico as a Region Dr. Terry McCoy (University of Florida)
11:45 AM	Questions and Discussion
12:00 PM	Lunch with Speaker - Sponsored by ExxonMobil Mr. Ruben Bonilla, Chairman, Port Commission, Port of Corpus Christi
Panel 2	Public Health of the Gulf of Mexico Dr. Jay Grimes (Provost, The University of Southern Mississippi, Dean, College of Marine Sciences, Director, Gulf Coast Research Labs)
1:30 PM	Introduction to Topic and Panel
2:00 PM	Risks from Chemical Pollution (mercury) Mr. Spencer Garrett, Director (National Seafood Inspection Laboratory, NOAA)
2:30 PM	Risks from Pathogens Dr. Andy De Paola (Gulf Coast Seafood Laboratory, U.S. Food and Drug Administration)
3:00 PM	Risks from Toxins Dr. Fred Kopfler (Senior Environmental Scientist, Gulf of Mexico Program)
3:30 PM	Break - Sponsored by Amerada Hess
4:00 PM	Communicating Public Health Risks Dr. Clifford Houston, Associate Vice President (Educational Outreach, The Herman Barnett Distinguished Professorship in Microbiology & Immunology, The University of Texas Medical Branch)
4:30 PM	Questions and Discussion
6:30 PM	Reception - Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, Port of Corpus Christi Tours aboard the Ocean Survey Vessel <i>Bold</i> (Transportation provided from Omni-Bayfront Hotel to the Port of Corpus Christi)

Day 3 - Thursday, March 30, 2006 - Environment and Governance

Panel 3	Environment of the Gulf of Mexico Dr. Larry McKinney, Chair (Director, Coastal Fisheries Division, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department) Dr. Bill Walker Co-Chair (Mississippi Department of Natural Resources) Mr. Richard Newell Co-Chair (White House Council of Economic Advisors)
8:00 AM	Introduction of Topic and Panel Panel 3-A: Restoring Coastal Ecosystems – Back From the Storms
8:10 AM	Harmful Algal Blooms Dr. Tracy Villareal (University of Texas Marine Science Institute)
8:30 AM	Dead Zone Dr. Nancy Rabalais (Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium)
8:50 AM	Northern Gulf Habitats Dr. Robert Twilley (Louisiana State University)

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- 9:10 AM** **Coral Reefs and Tropical Coasts**
Dr. Jorge Herrera (CINVESTAV – IPN, Unidad Mérida)
- 9:30 AM** **A Smarter Way Back**
Dr. Bill Walker (Mississippi Department of Natural Resources)
- 9:50 AM** **Break - Sponsored by Valero Energy Corporation**
- Panel 3-B: Restoring Gulf Fisheries – After the Storms**
- 10:30 AM** **Introduction of Topic and Panel:**
- 10:40 AM** **The State of the Fishery Today**
Dr. Rex Caffey (Associate Professor, Louisiana State University)
- 11:00 AM** **New Opportunities to Address Old Problems**
Dr. Lee Anderson (University of Delaware/ NOAA)
- 11:30 AM** **Gulf Response**
Mr. Robin Riechers (Chair of Gulf Fisheries Council and Director of Fisheries Policy TPWD)
- 11:45 AM** **Discussions and Questions**
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch with Speaker - Sponsored by Apache Corporation**
Dr. Michael Orbach (Director, Duke Marine Laboratory)
- Panel 4** **Collaborative Governance of the Gulf of Mexico**
Dr. Richard McLaughlin, Co-Chair, (Endowed Chair for Coastal and Marine Policy and Law
Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies)
Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, Co-Chair, (Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of
Delaware; Co-chair, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands)
- 1:45 PM** **Introduction of Topic and Panel**
- 2:05 PM** **International Case Studies of Collaborative Ocean Governance**
Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain (Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware;
Co-chair, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands)
- 2:25 PM** **Collaborative Governance in Mexico**
Dr. Antonio Díaz de León (Director General, Dirección General de Política Ambiental e Integración
Regional y Sectorial)
- 2:45 PM** **Private Industry and Regional Governance**
Mr. Paul Kelly (Executive Vice President, Rowan Offshore and Member of the U.S. Ocean Commission)
- 3:05 PM** **Gulf of Mexico Alliance – Improving Regional Governance Among the Five U.S. Gulf States**
Mr. Gary Lytton (Environmental Administrator Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve)
- 3:25 PM** **Questions and Discussion**
- 3:45 PM** **Adjournment**