

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Overview

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REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

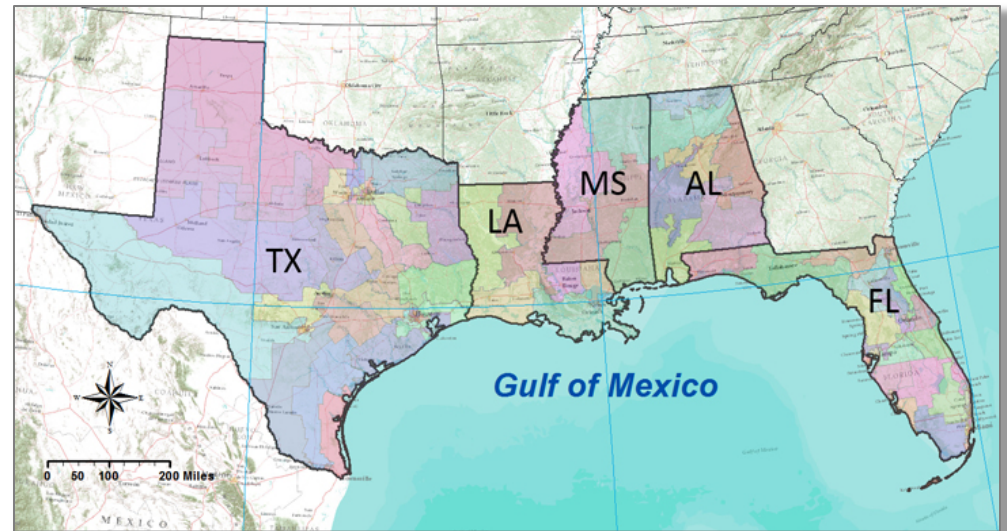
5 Gulf States

13 Federal Agencies

Non-Governmental
Organizations

Academics

Business & Industry



Mission: *To enhance ecological and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico through increased collaboration.*



Why an Alliance?

Most productive body of water in the World:

- Over 15,000 species in Gulf Waters
- 1.2 billion pounds of seafood
- 44% of US marine recreational catch
- 50% of the nation's wetlands
- Large diversity of habitats



Vital Economic Engine for the Nation:

- 8.3 million jobs
- 78% of Shrimp Landings; 62% of Oyster Landings
- 50% of the nation's trade tonnage
- >50% of National Oil & Gas Production
- ~50% of National Refinery Capacity





Why an Alliance?

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Healthy Ecosystems = Healthy Economies

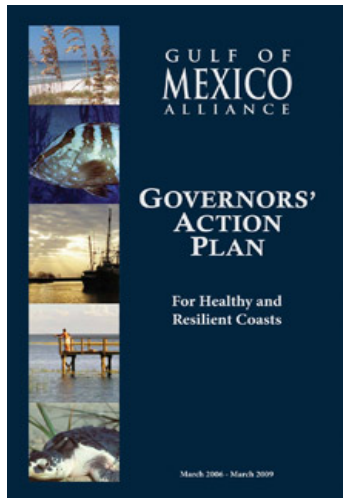


Economy in the Gulf region is dependent on a healthy ecosystem.

If not properly balanced, a thriving Gulf Coast economy can present challenges to healthy ecosystems and their natural functions.

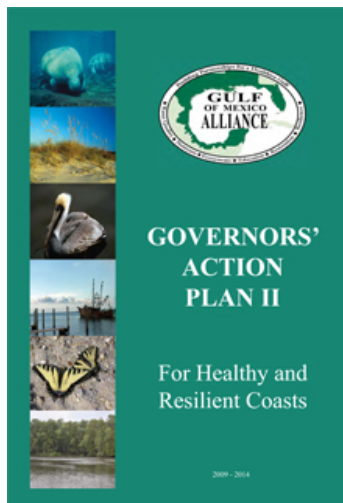


About the Gulf of Mexico Alliance



6 PRIORITY ISSUES:

- Water Quality for Healthy Beaches and Seafood
- Habitat Conservation & Restoration
- Ecosystems Assessment & Integration
- Nutrients & Nutrient Management
- Coastal Community Resilience
- Environmental Education





Gulf of Mexico Alliance HQ

- 6 employees - Director, Program Manager, Business Manager
+ 3 others for Research Program
 - 501(c)3 status – August 2011
 - Board of Directors
 - Program Manager
 - IRS and state non-profit filings
 - Grants Management
 - Record keeping
 - Meeting Facilitation
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- Budgets
 - Contracts
 - Newsletters
 - Presentations



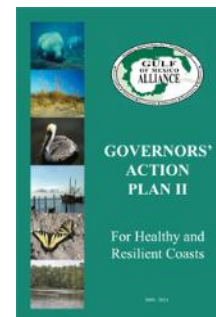
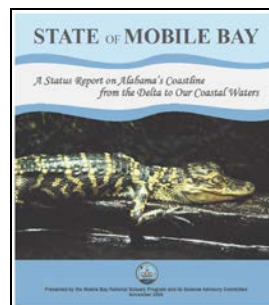
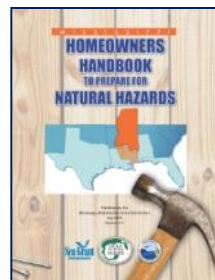
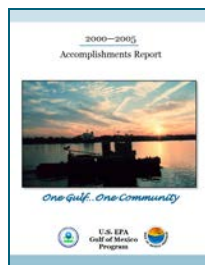
My Career

EDUCATION

- Bachelor's Degree: Chemistry, Mississippi State University
- Master's Degree: Environmental Management, University of Houston

21 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Duke Energy – Chem Lab / Environmental Remediation Division
- Continental Airlines – Environmental Affairs Department
- Freelance Consulting
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance





Conclusion

When the Gulf States realized that they can accomplish more together as a region than they can individually, they created GOMA:

- Facilitate non-regulatory, multi-state programs
- Work with federal agencies to address regional issues
- Provide a platform for non-profits working in the region to align goals

Basically, we bring organizations with common interests together to work on issues will increase the health of Gulf ecosystems as well as the Gulf economy.

Questions?

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