



The Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) workshop will be held at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute Visitor's Center on **Thursday, January 19, 2006**, starting at 8:30 AM. The GOMA was formed to help Gulf state governors respond to the President's Ocean Action Plan. The workshop goals are to gain a local perspective on critical issues related to the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico and identify programs that can help attain potential objectives in the Plan of Action for the Gulf.

<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006</b>	
<b>Community Workshop</b>	
830a	<b>Reception, Coffee and Continental Breakfast</b>
900a	<b>Welcome and Introductions/Review of Agenda</b> <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	<b>The U.S. Ocean Action Plan and Opportunities for the Gulf of Mexico</b> <i>Paul Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy</i>
945a	<b>Challenges from Local Perspectives: Brainstorming Possibilities</b> <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	<b>Break</b>
10:45	<b>Overview and Update of Gulf of Mexico Alliance Plan</b> <i>Bruce Moulton, Policy Advisor, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reductions in nutrient loading</i></li> <li>• <i>Improving water quality, emphasis on beaches &amp; shellfish beds</i></li> <li>• <i>Restoration of coastal wetlands</i></li> <li>• <i>Identification of Gulf habitats</i></li> <li>• <i>Gulf of Mexico environmental education</i></li> </ul>
11:15	<b>State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit 2006</b> <i>Robert Furgason, Harte Research Institute (Invited)</i>
11:30	<b>Lunch (Included)</b>
12:30	<b>South Texas Case Studies Panel Discussion: Conservation, Habitat restoration, Inflow issues, Water quality</b> <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>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Invited)</i>
1:30	<b>Break</b>
1:45	<b>Breakout Sessions on Gulf Issues (5)</b> <i>Facilitated Small Groups Sessions</i>
3:00	<b>Summary of Breakouts &amp; Wrap Up</b> <i>Brianne Bierman, Coastal Services Center, NOAA</i> <i>Tabitha Stadler, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve</i>
4:00p	<b>Adjourn</b>