

# 2010 Coastal America Annual Meeting

## “Forging Partnerships for Regional Action”

*Hall of States*

*Washington, DC*

*June 22-25, 2010*



**Meeting Purpose:** This business focused meeting will discuss ways the Coastal America Partnership can use its unique resources and capabilities to advance the Administration’s new National Ocean Policy and federal/state partnerships for regional action. The meeting will also evaluate ways to strengthen public-private partnerships through our Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership and engage the public through our Learning Center Network.

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

*Tuesday, June 22* (Hotel George)

- 4:00-5:00 Conference Registration
- 5:00-6:00 Informal RIT Chairs Reception
- 6:00-8:00 Informal Dinner (Bistro Bis at Hotel George)

*Wednesday, June 23* (Hall of States)

- 8:00-9:00 Conference Registration
- 9:00 **Federal Partnership Business Meeting**  
Welcome and Meeting Goals/Objectives  
State of the National Partnership – Virginia Tippie, Director

#### **Regional Team Perspectives: Lessons Learned**

Moderator: David Batson, Deputy Director, Coastal America

- Supporting Regional Partnership Initiatives  
Bryon Griffith, GMRIT/EPA and Bill Hubbard, NERIT/USACE
- Providing Regional Support for CELCs  
Doug Mutter, AKRIT/DOI
- Maintaining Support for CWRP  
Tai-Ming Chang, MARIT/EPA

10:30 Break

10:45 **CWRP Report: Accomplishments and Future Plans**

Moderator: Scott Johnston, CWRP Coordinator, Coastal America

- Pat Hester, Chair, CWRP National Management Committee and Spectra Energy
- John MacKenzie, CWRP Senior Advisor

*Session Outcome: Identify specific federal priorities that can be supported by CWRP*

Noon Networking Lunch

1:00-4:30 **National CWRP Management Committee Meeting**

1:00-4:30 **Federal Partnership Working Session**

Moderator: Dallas Miner, Coastal Program Team Leader, FWS/DOI

**Evolving Federal Initiatives Panel & Discussion**

- Coastal Wetlands Initiative  
David Evans, Director, Wetlands Division, Office of Water, EPA
- Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs)  
Mark Shaffer, Coordinator LCCs, DOI
- Coastal Adaptation Initiative  
Holly Bamford, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, NOS/NOAA
- Regional Governance Initiative  
Kacky Andrews, Coral Program Manager, NOAA
- Marine Spatial Planning Efforts

*Session Outcome: Inform the partnership & establish Coastal America champion for each initiative*

**Coastal America Partnership Celebration** (Johnny's Half Shell Restaurant)

5:00 **Coastal America Partnership Award Ceremony** – The Fishing for Energy Partnership  
Keynote: Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chair, Appropriations Committee, US Senate

6:30-9:00 Partnership Dinner Meeting

**National Ocean Policy & Agency Priorities Discussion**

- Paul Cough, Director, Ocean & Coastal Protection Division, EPA
- Terry Holman, Coordinator Ocean Activities, Interior
- Jen Lukens, Senior Coastal and Ocean Policy Advisor, NOAA

**Presentation of Coastal America Leadership Awards**

*Session Outcome: Align Partnership Priorities & Actions in support of the National Ocean Policy.*

**Thursday, June 24** (Hall of States)

10:00-5:00 CWRP Meetings with Agency Officials (Locations throughout D.C.)

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8:30 **Partnership Working Session**

Summary of Actions from June 23 Sessions

- Dallas Miner, Coastal Program Team Leader, FWS/DOI
- Pat Hester, Chair, CWRP National Management Committee

9:30 **Federal/State Regional Partnerships**

Moderator: Ralph Cantral, Senior Policy Advisor, NOAA/OCRM

Evolving Regional Governance Structures

- Kristen Fletcher, Director, Coastal States Organization (CSO)
- Ted Diers, Chair, CSO and Northeast Regional Ocean Council, NH Representative
- Gwynne Schultz, Senior Coastal and Ocean Policy Advisor, MD &  
Mid Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, MD Representative

*Session Outcome: Strengthen federal/state partnership and develop a conceptual model for Coastal America interaction with regional governance structures.*

12:00-1:00      Networking Lunch

1:00              **The Coastal America Learning Center Network**  
Moderator: Louisa Koch, Director, NOAA's Office of Education

**Ocean Interpretive Stations Initiative**

Ocean Today Kiosks

- Mike Shelby, Communications & Education Division, NOAA/NOS
- Andy Pekarik, Policy & Analysis Office, Smithsonian Institution

Regional Support

- Doug Mutter, DOI/AKRIT
- Bryon Griffith, EPA/GMRIT

2:45              Break

3:00-4:30      **New Learning Center Network Initiatives**

- Student Summit on Climate– Bob Ramin, Director, National Aquarium in DC
- NAMPAN Outreach Initiative – Ian Dutton, President, Alaska SeaLife Center
- Coastal Conversations – Jerry Schubel, President, Aquarium of the Pacific

*Session Outcome: Identify partnership actions to support regional outreach*

***CWRP 10 Year Anniversary Celebration & Coastal America Stewardship Award Ceremony***  
(Senate Caucus Room SR325 – United States Capitol Complex)

6:00-9:00      **Senator John Chafee Coastal Stewardship Award Presentation**  
Honoree: Senator John F. Kerry, Chair, Foreign Relations Committee, US Senate.

**CWRP 10 Year Anniversary Celebration**

Remarks by Corporate & Administration Officials

***Friday, June 25*** (Hall of States)

8:30-11:00      **Annual Meeting Wrap-Up and Synthesis**

Facilitator: David Batson

- Report from Agency-Specific CWRP Meeting
- Report from Moderators of Discussion Groups
- Identification of 2010-2011 Actions & Strategic Focus Areas

*Session Outcome: Identify 2011-2012 actions and key focus areas for a long-term strategic plan.*

11:00            Adjourn