

Resolution to Establish a Gulf of Mexico Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System

Excerpt from the resolution establishing an ocean observing system in the Gulf, c. 2003

The Signatories hereby resolve to work together towards establishment of a Gulf of Mexico Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS); to work toward development of regional governance structures and coordination; to work towards common data management standards; and to openly share non-proprietary data and metadata, non-commercial data and products, model code, and related information. GCOOS will not compete with the private sector because it will not distribute commercial products and services, which are those produced by commercial enterprises. The Signatories will actively seek collaborations with other nations bordering the Gulf of Mexico in the design and implementation of this regional observing system. The Signatories will work toward implementation of specific action items decided upon at the workshop held at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, January 14-15, 2003, a summary of which is included herein by reference.

Signatories

L.G. Adams, Weeks Bay NERR (10 December 2004)

Kim Adams, President, Essi Corporation (10 November 2004)

Vernon Asper, for College of Marine Sciences, University of Southern Mississippi (24 March 2003)

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John Blaha, Naval Oceanographic Office (2 June 2004)

Jim Byous, Ocean Specialist Services, for Gulf Fiber Corporation (7 April 2003)

Lisa Campbell, Texas A&M University (26 May 2004)

Jim Cato, Florida Sea Grant (9 April 2003)

Billy D. Causey, Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (26 March 2004)

Robert Cohen, Weathernews Americas Inc. (12 April 2004)

H. D. Covert, Coastal Operations Institute (10 March 2004)

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Avichal Mehra, Engineering Research Center, Mississippi State University, for DMEFS (27 March 2003)

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Paul Moersdorf, Director, NOAA's National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) (13 March 2003)

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Frank Muller-Karger, Institute for Marine Remote Sensing, University of South Florida (24 March 2003)

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Alejandro Orsi, Texas A&M University (17 September 2004)

Chris Oynes, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico Region (5 May 2005)

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