Wednesday - May 23, 2018

SECOORA Members Business Meeting
Location: Grand Magnolia C

8:30 - 8:45 AM Registration and Coffee

8:45 – 9:00 AM Welcome
Michael Crosby, Mote Marine Laboratory, SECOORA Chair
- Introductions / Roll Call
- Sponsor Recognition
- New Member Recognition

9:00 – 9:30 AM IOOS Association Update and Congressional Outlook
Josie Quintrell, IOOS Association Director

9:30 – 9:45 AM SECOORA Members Business Meeting (Voting and Voting Results)
- SECOORA FY 19 Operating Budget (vote)
  George Maul, SECOORA Treasurer
- Announcement of Voting Results for the 2018 Board of Director Elections
  Mitchell Roffer, Board Development Committee Chair
- Board Member Recognition
  Michael Crosby, Mote Marine Laboratory, SECOORA Chair

9:45 - 9:50 AM Wrap Up and Adjourn

Supporting the Blue Economy: SECOORA Stakeholder Annual Meeting
Location: Grand Magnolia C

9:45 – 10:00 AM Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 AM Welcome
Michael Crosby, Mote Marine Laboratory, SECOORA Chair

10:15 – 10:30 AM Gold Sponsor: YSI / Xylem Presentation
Brad Kingsmore, YSI / Xylem
10:30 – 11:00 AM  IOOS Program Office Update  
Carl Gouldman, U.S. IOOS Director

11:00 – 12:20 PM  Blue Economy I: Perspectives on Offshore Resource Use and Management  
Objective: Discuss offshore resources in the Southeast; and, research and modeling needs for safe and efficient infrastructure siting, beach nourishment, and inlet management.

Moderator  
- Rick DeVoe, SC Sea Grant Consortium

Panelists  
- Doug Piatkowski, Marine Biologist, Marine Minerals Program, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
- Ruth Perry, Marine Scientist and Regulatory Policy Specialist, Shell Exploration and Production Company  
- Scott Harris, Associate Professor of Geology and Director of Archaeology, College of Charleston  
- Nicole Elko, Executive Director, South Carolina Beach Advocates

12:20 – 12:30 PM  SECOORA Student Opportunities Update  
- SECOORA Data Challenge 2017 Winners  
- Vembu Subramanian Ocean Scholars Award

12:20 – 1:30 PM  Lunch (provided)  
Hyatt House H Bar (downstairs from meeting space)

1:30 – 2:45 PM  Blue Economy II: Data to support Fisheries Management  
Objective: Highlight integrated physical oceanographic and biological research that supports fisheries research and management.

Moderator:  
- Marcel Reichert, Senior Scientist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Panelists  
- Ben Hartig, Commercial Fisherman and Past Chair of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
- Lad Akins, Director of Special Projects, Reef Environmental Education Foundation  
- John Quinlan, Research Fisheries Biologist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries Science Center

2:45 – 3:00 PM  Gold Sponsor: CODAR Presentation  
Chad Whelan, CODAR

3:00 – 3:15 PM  Coffee Break with Sponsors
3:15 – 4:30 PM  **Blue Economy III: Local Perspective on our Blue Economy**  
*Objective:* Discuss business/private sector marine-related economic activities and identify priority gaps in data and research that are needed for business management and decision support.

**Moderator**  
- Dwayne Porter, Associate Chair and Professor, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina

**Panelists**  
- Brian McNease, Advertising Operations Manager, Surfline/Wavetrak, Inc.  
- Mark Messersmith, Permitting Manager, South Carolina Ports Authority  
- Paul Gayes, Director, Burroughs and Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, Coastal Carolina University

4:30 – 5:00 PM  **Discussion: Blue Economy Opportunities and SECOORA**

5:00 – 6:15 PM  **Break Before Public Forum**

**SECOORA Hosted Public Forum**  
*Location: Grand Magnolia C*

6:15 – 6:30 PM  **Refreshments (Coffee and Dessert)**

6:30 – 7:45 PM  **Public Forum: Extreme Events, the Blue Economy, and Ocean Observations**  
*How do resiliency efforts reduce risks and what ocean data supports those efforts? Join us for a discussion on how extreme events impact the blue economy - including businesses, communities and marine life.*

**Moderator**  
- Debra Hernandez, Executive Director, SECOORA

**Welcome Remarks**  
- The Honorable John Tecklenburg, Mayor, City of Charleston

**Panelists**  
- Kelly Thorvalson, Conservation Program Manager, South Carolina Aquarium  
- Omar Muhammad, Executive Director, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities  
- Sarah Pickhardt, Private Sector Coordinator, South Carolina Emergency Management Division