



Supporting the Blue Economy - SECOORA Annual Meeting

Hyatt House Charleston/Historic District, 560 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

All Meetings are open and located in Grand Magnolia C

May 22-24, 2018 | [Website](#)

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