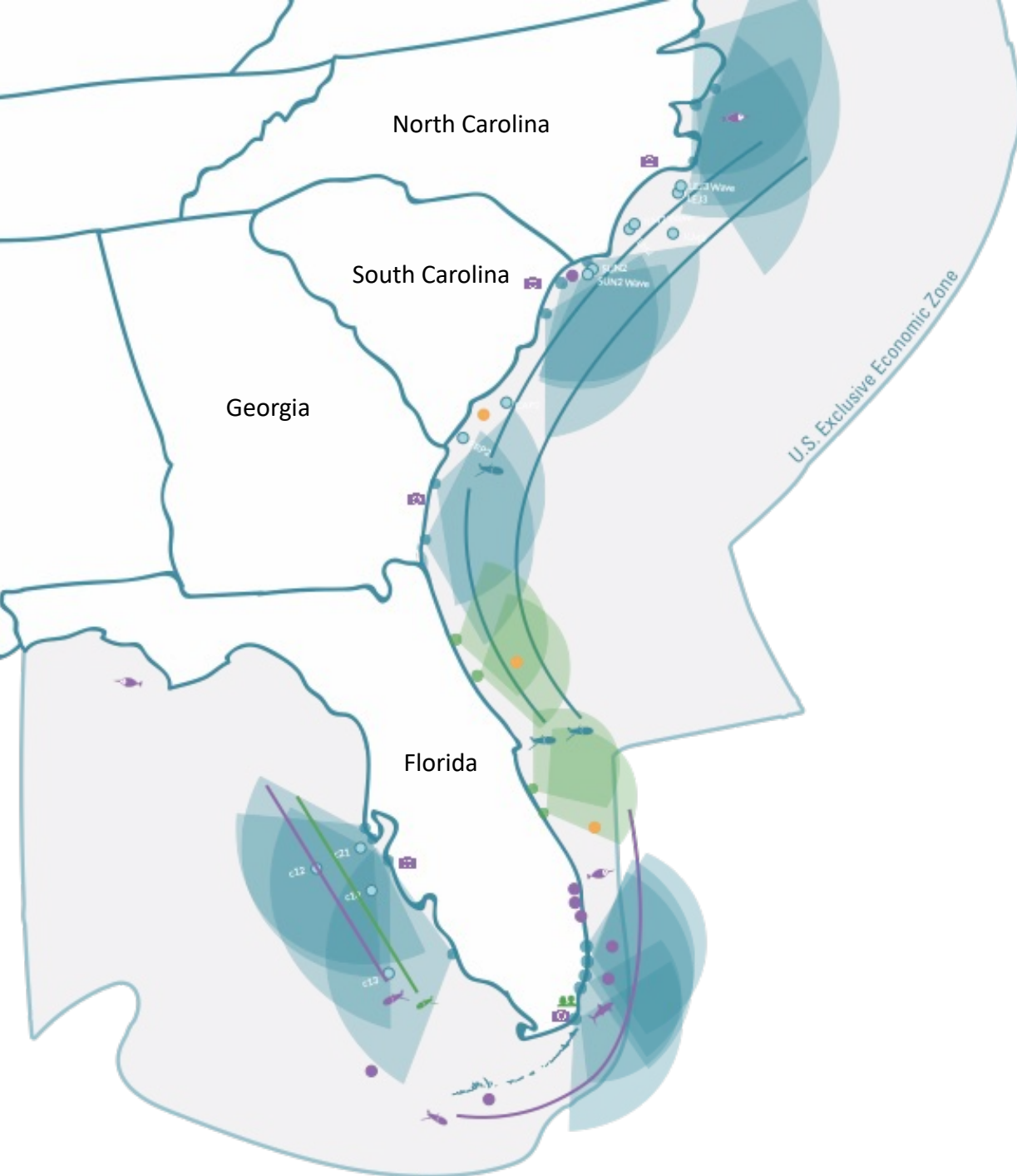


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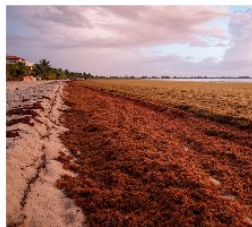
SECOORA Harmful Algal Bloom Plan



Harmful Algal Bloom Plan

This document is an addendum to the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System Strategic Operational (RCOOS) plan, which establishes priorities for contributing to our improved understanding, management, and stewardship of valued coastal ocean resources. This document will serve as a guide for future investments in harmful algal bloom (HAB) observing and monitoring in the SECOORA region.

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- Plan is an addendum to the Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System (RCOOS) Plan
- The SECOORA Harmful Algal Bloom Plan is intended to inform:
 - establish priorities for funding decisions;
 - articulate priorities and provide guideposts for future activities;
 - demonstrate capabilities and describe connections to regional needs and priorities.
- Version 2.0 coming 2024

SECOORA Harmful Algal Blooms RFP



- Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) funding was made available to Regional Associations as part of the Year 2 awards by the NOAA IOOS Program office.
- SECOORA hosted a request for proposals targeting research and monitoring related to coastal and ocean HABS in the Southeast.
- 10 proposals were submitted with two proposals being funded:
 - Dr. Michael Parsons, Florida Gulf Coast University, for the proposal *Expansion of the Estero Bay HAB Water Quality Monitoring Network*
 - Dr. Natalie Cohen, University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, for the proposal *Establishing a Monitoring Program and Identifying Environmental Drivers of Periodic HABs in a Model Estuary of Coastal Georgia*