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NOAA contributions to the Gulf of Mexico Alliance

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NOAA initiatives included in response to Gov. Barbour's letter

- Height Modernization
- Gulf of Mexico Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
- Marine Debris Removal Project in the Gulf of Mexico
- Coastal Storms Program - Gulf of Mexico Pilot
- Priority Habitat Information System
- Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS) Website
- Ocean Research Priorities Plan (ORPP) - "Response of Coastal Ecosystems to Persistent Forcing and Extreme Events"
- Community Resilience Pilots



Additional Projects or Support

- NOAA provides numerous training opportunities at the state and local level in the Gulf region
- Flood Risk Atlases at 35 locations
- Disaster Response Center in Mobile
- NOAA Regional Collaboration Team for the Gulf
- Gulf of Mexico Extension, Outreach, and Education Workshop



Additional Projects or Support

- Expansion of NOAA's Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) to the Gulf region
- Funding support for implementation of habitat restoration projects through NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program
- Sea Grant science workshops and community resiliency engagement workshops.
- Facilitation support
- Working and Public Web Sites