



INVITATION TO FLORIDA WORKSHOPS

As a coastal citizen with interest in the economic and environmental health of the Gulf of Mexico, you are invited to share your expertise and perspectives on Gulf issues.

Please join us at the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Community Input Workshop at the location nearest you.

Whether you are aware of the Gulf Alliance and joined us at other workshops, or are new to this powerful collaborative effort to protect the Gulf of Mexico, you are invited to learn and share your ideas at this community meeting. Your voice is needed!

The purpose of the Alliance Community Input Workshops is to provide a venue for input on the new Action Plan and to share Alliance accomplishments over the last three years. Other goals include:

- Re-engage community members and organizations,
- Provide updates on Alliance accomplishments,
- Review the 2009 Draft Plan, and
- Identify potential future collaborative efforts.

Visit www.supportthegulf.org or www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org for additional information about the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

BACKGROUND

In 2005, Florida's Governor took a leadership role by helping to establish the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, a federal-state partnership initiated by the five Gulf States. The common goal of the Alliance is to significantly increase regional collaboration in order to enhance the economic and environmental health of the Gulf. The Alliance released the first Governors' Action Plan in 2006, and today, over 90 % of actions have been completed or are now in progress. A second, five-year Action Plan is currently under review and will be released in 2009. To successfully implement Action Plan II, strong and continued support from a diverse constituency will be critical, and active participation in the 2008 workshops will play an important role in developing networks and holistic solutions for a healthy Gulf of Mexico.