

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Underserved and Underrepresented Populations Working Group Conference Call

Date 6 November 2007

Time: 10:00AM Central (11 am Eastern)

AGENDA

- Member Updates
- Other News
- Upcoming Conferences

Members Present:

- Greg Ira
- Bryan Fluech
- Olivia Aguilera
- Jennifer Buchanan
- Lee Yokel
- Tara Schultz
- Kris Shipman
- Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Richard Gonzalez

Member Updates:

- Bryan is working with the local Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on his outreach efforts in the Southwest Florida.
- Jennifer is working on Finfish in Grand Bay, Mississippi.
- Susan and Shelly Sparks were recently awarded a Gulf of Mexico program grant that will provide money for states to get together for a conference and then provide small grants of up to \$5,000 for Gulf States to carry out educational projects.
- Lee is moving forward with a publish awareness campaign focusing on the topic of nutrients in coastal watersheds
- Lee will be sending occasional updates on what we are doing in the Alliance in a newsletter
- Richard gave an update on the Science and Spanish Clubs latest work including the building of the Caribbean Connection, Ocean Conservancy Partnership, Youth Leadership Conference and Distance Learning Science and Spanish Clubs.

Other News:

- Mississippi recently welcomed J.L. Scott Marine Education Center as the newest member of the Coastal Ecosystems Learning Center Network.
- Building Green on the Coast (natural vegetative barriers)
- Watch out for another Gulf Alliance RFP from the Gulf of Mexico Program
- Celebrate the Gulf (Pass Christian, MS) will take place on the last Saturday in March
- Louisiana EE Symposium will take place on 15-16 February, 2008 in Baton Rouge, LA

Upcoming Conferences that may be relevant to UUP members:

- NSTA (Boston) March 27-30, 2008
- National Marine Educators Association (Savannah) July 21-25, 2008
- North American Association of Environmental Educators