

Brainstorming Session Questions to Consider

What of information would you want to see that represents your workgroup's subject matter and **why**?
[If time permits, discuss: What kind of **monitoring** would be required for that information?]

Residence time

Loading – (flow, source partitioning (e.g, land use, point source, atmospheric); Gulf exchange

Cause & response variables (DO, chl a, phytoplankton community, light (PAR) penetration, SAV, macrobenthos)

Trophic state

Nutrient limitation (e.g., N, P, N&P; Si, Fe?)

Management action – estuarine response linkages

% attainment of state designated uses

Metrics may be dependent on scale

Where is this information coming from (or obtained)?

NCA

EAA

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State/Federal resource management agencies

Peer-reviewed literature

Grey literature

NEP

NERRS

COAST?

Consider continuity of data generation; examine existing gaps that may need to be filled

What **scale** would be best for reporting that information? (Gulf-wide? State by state? Estuary? Public beach? etc.)

Attempt to generate Gulf-wide, recognize regional/state and ecoregions. Desire ability to relate to State and estuarine/near coastal level reporting.

Watershed/Riverine – estuarine - Gulf linkages

How **often** would you want it reported or updated?

At least every 5 years, possibly every other year! – max 1 yr lag

How do you want it reported? (Ideas for graphics or presentation style as well as the vehicle for reporting.)

See examples (e.g., eco-check)