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Meet us May 4-7, 2026, in Mobile, Alabama, for the next Gulf Conference (#GulfCon).

Held at the [Mobile Convention Center](#), this event will bring together coastal scientists and stakeholders in state and federal government, academia, non-profit, and private sectors to discuss current Gulf research and to help plan for the future of the Gulf. Emphasizing the intersection of science and management, GulfCon will include sessions on themes that are important to ecosystem and community resilience as well as restoration and natural resource management.

Details on the conference program, schedule, registration, hotels, and sponsors are listed below.

gulf conference 2026 topics and descriptions

The Gulf Conference Program Committee is soliciting abstracts designed to share the latest research findings and facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue about research implications, applications, and synthesis. Priority will be given to abstracts that promote fundamental Gulf ecosystem science and link scientific results to ecosystem resilience and human community resilience.

Please note, all abstract notifications will come from no-reply@sessionboard.com. Check your spam folder if you do not receive timely notifications.

[Session Descriptions \(PDF\)](#)

[Abstract Management Portal
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– resilience of natural and human communities

Resilience is the capacity of a person or community, including the socioeconomic and natural systems, to adapt positively when faced with extreme events and adversity (e.g., sea level rise,

extreme events, human impacts), and cope with abnormal or unexpected threats without changing beyond recognition.

The purpose of this session is to establish dialog and facilitate coordination and collaboration to identify individual, community, and/or coastal resilience needs and gaps. Presentations will focus on the interconnected network of systems that directly affect humans and/or society, including the socioeconomic, ecological, and built environments.

Sessions are:

- Shoreside livelihoods at the crossroads: Coastal change, contaminants, and community well-being
- Resilience at the intersection of environment, extreme events, built infrastructure, and health
- From insight to action: Operationalizing remote sensing in the Gulf of America
- Coastal community resilience
- Centering community voices in coastal resilience planning and action

+ data collection, application and synthesis

+ communication and engagement with stakeholders

+ water resources

+ habitat restoration and stewardship

+ living resources

+ science, practice and policy of integrated local and regional planning

+ coastal-ocean processes and physical oceanography

+ emerging issues

schedule

- monday, may 4

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration Open

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sponsor Exhibits Open

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

+ tuesday, may 5

+ wednesday, may 6

+ thursday, may 7

Monday Workshop Schedule and Descriptions
(PDF)

Schedule at a Glance (PDF)

Tools Café Descriptions (PDF)

Full Conference Schedule (Link to SessionBoard)

registration

Early-bird online registration (before April 4, 2026) is \$300

Regular online registration (April 4 – May 1, 2026) is \$350

On-site registration is \$400

Please click on the link below to register.

Register Now

[NDAA 889-Telecommunications Equipment or Services Certification.](#)

hotels

The [Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel](#) (64 South Water Street) is located directly across the street from the conference location and is accessible by a skybridge from the hotel to the Mobile Convention Center. We have secured a group rate of \$204/night for conference attendees. We also have government rate rooms for \$111/night.

Visit the links below to book your room.

[Group Rate](#)

[Government Rate](#)

The [Battle House Renaissance Hotel](#) (26 North Royal Street) is a short walk (0.3 miles, 7 minutes) from the Mobile Convention Center. We have secured a group rate of \$204/night for conference attendees. There are no government rate rooms at this hotel.

Visit the link below to book your room.

[Group Rate](#)

The [Admiral Hotel](#) (251 Government Street) is a short walk (0.3 miles, 7 minutes) from the Mobile Convention Center. We have secured a group rate of \$159/night for conference attendees. Government rate rooms are also available at a rate of \$114/night.

Visit the links below to book your room.

[Group Rate](#)

[Government Rate](#)

The [Holiday Inn Mobile Downtown Historic District](#) (301 Government Street) is a short walk (0.4 miles, 9 minutes) from the Mobile Convention Center. We have secured a group rate of \$155/night for conference attendees. Government rate rooms are also available at a rate of \$114/night.

Visit the links below to book your room.

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The deadline for hotel reservations is April 4, 2026. Space is limited, so please book early.

sponsors

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stay connected

You can keep up with all things related to GulfCon 2026 by signing up for our newsletter and following the Gulf of America Alliance on social media. Use #GulfCon on your posts about the meeting.

- [Alliance Newsletter](#)



social media resources

Coming soon!

media page

Coming soon!

meeting sustainability

The Gulf of America Alliance is committed to hosting a low-waste Gulf Conference in 2026!

Actions you can take as an attendee:

- bring a personal water bottle, travel mug, pen, and notepad
- recycle during the meeting
- make sustainable choices in your hotel room like opting out of daily cleaning services and reducing your use of single-use plastic items (e.g. shampoo, soap, coffee service)

Actions we are taking:

- using recyclable or bio-degradable meeting name tags, lanyards, and signs
- printing fewer meeting materials, adopting low-waste planning practices for food and beverage service

- Eliminating single-use plastic giveaway items and encouraging exhibitors to choose plastic-free items

Sustainable practices at the Mobile Convention Center:

- recycling, composting, and food donation efforts to reduce waste
- bio-degradable utensils
- sourcing local seafood and locally-grown produce
- LED lighting, natural lighting, and other energy-saving building features
- eco-friendly soaps and cleaning products

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