

Meeting Objectives

- Provide Opportunities to Experience Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Strategies and MS Delta Blues Culture
- Address Pending Hypoxia Task Force and Coordinating Committee Issues
- Receive Public Input on Task Force Initiatives and Activities
- Participate in 1st Annual Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Summit
- Provide a Nutrient Reduction Development Workshop to Advance Implementation of the Hypoxia Action Plan

Tunica RiverPark & Museum: One RiverPark Drive

NOTE: The '▶▶' symbol denotes a meeting location.

Summit Meeting Objectives

- The 1st Annual Mississippi Nutrients/Hypoxia Summit is a forum where state and federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations in Mississippi will discuss their contributions and support to implement Mississippi's nutrient reduction strategies and will culminate in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement

Day 1: Thursday, September 30

Task Force and Coordinating Committee Meeting—Morning Session ▶▶ *Museum*

9:00–9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Pete Silva, Jerry Cain, and Bill Northey (Video)

9:15–10:00 Opening Remarks
Task Force Members

10:00–10:15 A Stakeholder's Perspective: Developing and Implementing a Nutrient Reduction Strategy in the Mississippi Delta
Trey Cooke, Executive Director, Delta F.A.R.M.

10:15–10:35 The Mississippi River Basin Initiative and Conservation Effects Assessment Project
Ann Mills, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Jeff Arnold, Grassland, Soil and Water Research Lab, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:35–10:50 Gulf of Mexico Alliance's Position Statement on Hypoxia, Alliance Activities to Reduce Hypoxia and the Impacts of Nutrient Pollution, and Collaboration Opportunities with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Phil Bass, EPA Gulf of Mexico Program

10:50–11:00 Questions and Answers

11:00–12:00 Overview of Work Group Activities: Addressing Priority Strategic Actions/Projects; Presentation of Recommendations/Decision Points to the Task Force and, Task Force Responses

- Accountability Framework – Richard Ingram/Rob Magnien
- State Nutrient Reduction Strategies – Richard Ingram/Darrell Brown

12:00–1:15 Luncheon Presentation: Perspectives on the Task Force and Mississippi River Health from the Mississippi River Collaborative ▶▶ Tunica Queen Pavilion
Albert Ettinger, Environmental Law & Policy Center and Matt Rota, Gulf Restoration Network

Note: Lunch will be provided for all who registered prior to the meeting.

Task Force and Coordinating Committee Meeting—Afternoon Session ▶ *Museum*

- 1:15–2:00 Overview of Work Group Activities (Cont'd)**
- Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Work Group – Mike Woodside/Rob Magnien
 - Iowa Drainage and Landscape Initiative – Dean Lemke
 - Farmable Wetlands – Skip Hyberg
 - Governance – Darrell Brown/Hazel Groman
- 2:00–2:30 Factors Influencing the 2010 Northern Gulf of Mexico's Hypoxic Zone**
Alan Lewitus, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 2:30–3:15 Review and Approval of FY2010 Annual Report and FY2011 Annual Operating Plan Discussion of FY2011 Task Force Priorities**
- 3:15–3:30 Break**
- 3:30–4:15 Public Comment Period**
- 4:15–4:30 Task Force Final Comments**
- 4:30 Adjourn**

Day 2: Friday, October 1

1st Annual Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Summit ▶ *Museum*

- 8:00–8:30 Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30–8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Trudy Fisher, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- 8:45–9:00 Video: *Protecting Our Waters- Reducing Nutrients in Mississippi***
- 9:00–10:30 Presentations from Partners**
Theme: What We're Doing in Mississippi to Reduce Nutrient Impacts Locally and to the Gulf of Mexico
Richard Ingram, Special Projects Director, Office of Pollution Control
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Trey Cooke, Executive Director
Delta Farmers Advocating Resource Management
Phil Bass for Dr. William Walker, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Dr. David Shaw, Vice President of Research
Mississippi State University/Northern Gulf Institute
Dr. Stephen Lohrenz, Chair, Department of Marine Science
University of Southern Mississippi
Don Underwood, Executive Director
Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission
Jim Lipe, Director of Environmental Affairs
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
David Waide, President
Mississippi Farm Bureau
- 10:30–10:45 Break**

10:45–12:00 Continuation of Presentations from Partners

Homer Wilkes, State Conservationist
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Mickey Plunkett, Director
U.S. Geological Survey Mississippi Science Center

Kent Parrish, Senior Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Phil Bass, State Policy Coordinator
U.S. EPA Gulf of Mexico Program Office

Richard Ingram, Special Projects Director
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control

12:00–1:00 Luncheon

John Ruskey, Legendary Mississippi River Adventurer

1:00–1:30 Discussion of FY 2011 Nutrient/Hypoxia Annual Operating Plan and the Path Forward

Richard Ingram

1:30–2:00 Presentation and Signing Ceremony of Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Memorandum of Agreement

Trudy Fisher

2:00 Adjourn



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