

Session 2D

**GULF OF MEXICO MARINE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR PROTECTED SPECIES**  
**(GoMMAPPS)**

Co-Chair: Rebecca Green, BOEM  
Co-Chair: Nicole Charpentier, BOEM

Wednesday afternoon, August 23  
Room: TBD

*Description:* An important function of BOEM's Environmental Studies Program is to help provide information on protected species abundance, distributions, and behavior to inform environmental documents and federal consultations. The Gulf of Mexico Marine Assessment Program for Protected Species (GoMMAPPS) is a partnership between BOEM, NOAA, USFWS, and USGS that is now in its first field season assessing the broad-scale distributions of marine mammals, seabirds, and sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico. This session will discuss the evolving GoMMAPPS program and relationship to other protected species programming in the region.

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| 1:00 – 1:15 | Welcome and Introduction<br>Rebecca Green<br>Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  |
| 1:15 – 1:45 | Overview of GoMMAPPS Marine Mammal Assessment Research<br>Jenny Litz<br>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, SEFSC        |
| 1:45 – 2:15 | Updates from Seabird Aerial and Ship Surveys<br>Jeff Gleason and Randy Wilson<br>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                       |
| 2:15 – 2:45 | Distribution and Density of Sea Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico:<br>GoMMAPPS First Field Season<br>Meg Lamont<br>U.S. Geological Survey |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | BREAK   |

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- 3:00 – 3:30            Assessing Distribution and Abundance of Priority Species in the Gulf of Mexico: A Seasonal, Spatial and Taxa Based Approach to Identifying Gaps in Knowledge  
                              Alexa Ramirez  
                              Quantum Spatial Inc.
- 3:30 – 4:00            Marine Mammal Action Plan in the Gulf of Mexico and Related Research  
                              Laura Engleby  
                              National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 4:00 – 4:30            Spatial Ecology of Seabirds in the Gulf of Mexico  
                              Patrick Jodice  
                              Clemson University