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Division of Environmental Sciences

**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

May 13-15, 2014

**Reston Sheraton Hotel
11810 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, Virginia**



**Outer Continental Shelf
Scientific Committee
Meeting Agenda**

This meeting of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Outer Continental Shelf's Scientific Committee was held in accordance with the published Federal Register notice and followed the attached agenda (Appendix I). Held in Reston, Virginia, this meeting was attended by the members and visitors shown in Appendix II. An outline created from the verbatim transcripts and references page numbers of the transcripts, which may be reviewed, is provided in Appendix III.

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The summary minutes for May 13-15, 2014, Meeting of the OCS Scientific Committee were approved on August 15, 2014.

I certify that I attended the May 2014 meeting of the OCS Scientific and that the minutes accurately reflect what transpired.

_____/s/_____
Lorrie D. Rea
Chair, OCS Scientific Committee

August 15, 2014
Date

_____/s/_____
William Y. Brown
Designated Federal Officer

August 15, 2014
Date

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Chief Environmental Officer's Message	<u>Dr. William Brown</u> , Designated Federal Officer of the Committee and BOEM Chief Environmental Officer
Environmental Studies Program: <u>Use Inspired Science</u>	<u>Dr. Rodney Cluck</u> , Executive Secretary of the Committee and Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences
<u>Science for Informed Decisions</u> : Panel Discussion on Environmental Assessment	Mr. James Bennett , Chief, Division of Environmental Assessment, Herndon VA Mr. Joe Christopher , Gulf of Mexico Region Mr. Rick Yarde , Pacific OCS Region Ms. Lisa Toussaint , Alaska OCS Region Ms. Michelle Morin , Chief, Environmental Review - Office of Renewable Energy Programs

[geoESPIS Demonstration](#)

[Dr. Jonathan Blythe & Dr. Mike Rasser](#)

REGIONAL UPDATES

<u>Gulf of Mexico Region</u>	<u>Dr. Pat Roscigno</u> , Chief Environmental Studies Section GOMR
<u>Atlantic OCS Region</u>	<u>Dr. Mary Boatman</u> , Chief, Environmental Studies Section OREP
<u>Alaska OCS Region</u>	<u>Dr. Dee Williams</u> , Chief, Environmental Studies Management Section AOCSR
<u>Pacific OCS Region</u>	<u>Dr. Ann Scarborough Bull</u> , Chief, Environmental Sciences Section POCSR
<u>Marine Minerals - Sand and Gravel Program</u>	<u>Dr. Jeffrey Reidenauer</u> , Chief, Marine Minerals Branch

- **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

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Physical/Chemical Oceanography	
Upgrading air-quality modeling in the Gulf of Mexico : integrating local and remote emissions with photochemical model	Alexis Lugo Fernandez GOMR
Watersipora II : Biological Oceanographic Connectivity of Southern California Reefs and Manmade Structures	Susan Zaleski POCSR
Development of a Very High-resolution Regional Circulation Model of Beaufort Sea Nearshore Areas	Heather Crowley AOCSR
Committee Questions and Discussion .	
Biology/Ecology	
Explosive Removal Fisheries Impact Assessment	Rebecca Green GOMR
A Demonstration Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (BON) for Ecosystem Monitoring	Jim Price HQDES
Consequences of Ocean Energy Projects to Productivity and Trophic Structure in Marine and Coastal Habitats	Donna Schroeder POCSR
Field Evaluation of an Unmanned Aircraft System for Studying Cetacean Distribution, Density and Habitat Use in the Arctic	Carol Fairfield AOCSR
Cetacean Distribution, Abundance, and Ecology in Cook Inlet	Carol Fairfield AOCSR
Subtidal and Intertidal Habitats and Invertebrate Biota in Lower Cook Inlet	Carol Fairfield/Chris Campbell AOCSR
Tracking Movements of Endangered Roseate Terns and Threatened Piping Plovers in the NW Atlantic	David Bigger OREP
Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon Habitat Use in MidAtlantic Wind Energy Areas	Brian Hooker OREP
Understanding Whale Presence in the Virginia Offshore Wind Energy Area	Desray Reeb OREP
Committee Questions and Discussion .	
Marine Minerals / Benthic Ecology	
Comprehensive Seafloor Substrate Mapping and Model Validation in the Atlantic	Josh Wadlington OREP
Development of a Decision Support Tool to Reduce Sea Turtle Dredging Entrapment Risk	Doug Piatkowski HQDEA
Sediment Sorting During Coastal Restoration Projects : Implications for Resource Management, Environmental Impacts, and Multiple Use Conflict	Doug Piatkowski HQDEA
Managing Dredge Impacts by Optimizing the Use of Sand Resources	Dr. Jeffrey Reidenauer , MMP
Committee Questions and Discussion .	

Social Science

Quantitative Assessment of Spatially Explicit Social Values Relative to Wind Energy Areas	Brandi Carrier OREP
Alternative Energy Capacity Inventory in Coastal Alaska	Chris Campbell AOCSR
The Demographic Consequences of the Gulf of Mexico Offshore Petroleum Industry	Harry Luton GOMR
Interdisciplinary Research at the Site of Three 19th Century Deepwater Shipwrecks the Monterrey Shipwrecks	Melanie Damour GOMR
Refining Maps of Ocean Use Compatibility and Cumulative Impacts for Ocean Energy Projects	Donna Schroeder POCSR

Committee Questions and Discussion. Any profile

Multi-disciplinary or Regional Scale

BOEM.MARINE: Multi Agency Rocky Intertidal Network	Lisa Gilbane POCSR
High Resolution Aerial Imaging for Surveying of Ocean Use by Humans and Marine Animals	Mike Rasser HQDES
Gulf Oxygen Deepwater Experiment (GODEX): An Interdisciplinary Field Survey of Rates and Processes Controlling Distributions	Rebecca Green GOMR

Committee Questions and Discussion.

Committee Recommendations. Presentation Preparation

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General Committee Recommendations and Discussion

Presentation of Plaques to Retiring OCSSC Members by **Dr. William Brown**

National Academy of Sciences Perspectives: [Perspectives from the NAS:](#)
Greg Symmes, Executive Director, Division on Earth and Life Studies
Susan Roberts, Director, Ocean Studies Board
Maggie Walser, [Gulf of Mexico Research Program](#): Questions / Discussion
Kim Waddell, Senior Program Officer, Gulf of Mexico Research Program

Discussion Regarding Subcommittees
Dissolution of Environmental Sensitivity Assessment Subcommittee
Subcommittee Titled Science Relevant to the Consideration of Oil and
Gas Energy in the Mid and South Atlantic OCS

Public Comments: There Were No Comments from the Public

General Committee Recommendations and Discussion and Committee Recommendations
and Discussion Regarding Additional Studies Not Presented

Comments Regarding Committee Business
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New Member Nominations
Date of 2015 OCS Scientific Committee Meeting
Format for Meeting Breakout SME Teams
Additional Days to the Meeting
Orientation for New Members in 2015

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:00

IN ATTENDANCE**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

LORRIE D. REA, Ph.D., Chair
 STEPHEN L. ELGAR, Ph.D.
 RICHARD A. GOULD, Ph.D.
 MARK A. JOHNSON, Ph.D.
 MILTON S. LOVE, Ph.D.
 J. RODERICK MATHER, Ph.D.
 TABER ALLISON, Ph.D.
 SANDRA WERNER, Ph.D.
 DEN DUNTON, Ph.D.
 JERRY GALT, Ph.D.
 LISA LEVIN, Ph.D.
 RICHARD J. McLAUGHLIN, Ph.D.
 WILLETT KEMPTON, Ph.D.

NOAA:

PAUL SANDIFER, Ph.D., NOAA, National Ocean Service,
 Chief Scientist. Representing Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan,
 Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental
 Observations and Prediction Deputy Administrator and the
 Acting Chief Scientist, Office of the Under Secretary

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES:

GREG SYMMES, Executive Director, Division on Earth
 and Life Studies
 SUSAN ROBERTS, Director, Ocean Studies Board
 MAGGIE WALSER, Gulf of Mexico Research Program
 KIM WADDELL, Senior Program Officer, Gulf of Mexico
 Research Program

BOEM:

WILLIAM BROWN, Designated Federal Officer, and
 BOEM Chief Environmental Officer
 WALTER CRUICKSHANK, BOEM Acting Director
 RODNEY CLUCK
 JAMES BENNETT
 MARY BOATMAN
 ANN SCARBOROUGH BULL
 PAT ROSCIGNO
 DEE WILLIAMS
 JOE CHRISTOPHER
 LISA TOUSSAINT
 MICHELLE MORIN
 JEFFREY REIDENAUER
 RICK YARDE
 JENNIFER EWALD
 PHYLLIS CLARK
 BRAD BLYTHE
 WALTER JOHNSON
 JONATHAN BLYTHE
 RON LAI
 MIKE RASSER
 GREG BOLAND
 GUILLERMO AUAD

CHRIS CAMPBELL
 CATHY COON
 HEATHER CROWLEY
 MELANIE DAMOUR
 BARRY OBIOL
 DAVID PEREKSTA
 JOHN PRIMO
 DONNA SCHROEDER
 SUSAN ZALESKI
 ALEXIS LUGO-FENANDEZ
 HARRY LUTON
 JAMES MOORE
 REBECCA GREEN
 JIM PRICE
 CAROL FAIRFIELD
 DAVID BIGGER
 BRIAN HOOKER
 DESRAY REEB
 JOSH WADLINGTON
 DOUG PIATKOWSKI
 BRANDI CARRIER
 LISA GILBANE

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AMSS	Alaska Marine Science Symposium
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
CalCOFI	California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigation
CMSP	Coastal Marine Spatial Planning
DBG	Discipline Breakout Groups
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior)
EA	environmental assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statements
EMF	electromagnetic fields
EPA	Energy Policy Act
ESP	Environmental Studies Program
FY	Fiscal Year
G&G	Geological & Geophysical
GOMRI	Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative
IARPC	Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee
MARINe	Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOP	National Ocean Policy
NOPP	National Ocean Partnership Program
NRDA	Natural Resource Damage Assessments
OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
OSU	Oregon State University
RESTORE Act	Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunity and Revived Economics of the Gulf States Act of 2011
RODEO	Real-time Opportunity for Development Environmental Observations
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicles
RPB	Regional Planning Bodies
SC	Scientific Committee
SEARCH	Study of Environmental Arctic Change
SME	subject matter expert
SOAR	Synthesis of Arctic Research
USGS	United States Geological Survey