

**Session 1**  
**Emerging Programs**

Chair: Ana Rice, BOEM

Monday Afternoon, September 12

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| 1:00 – 1:05 pm CT | Welcome and Introduction<br>Ana Rice<br>BOEM   |
| 1:05 – 1:35 pm CT | ShoalMATE: Shoal Map Assessment Tool for EFH<br>Speaker: Deena Hansen<br>BOEM  |
| 1:35 – 2:05 pm CT | Discerning Behavioral Patterns of Sea Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico to Inform Management Decisions<br>Speaker: Kristen Hart<br>U.S. Geological Survey                            |
| 2:05 – 2:35 pm CT | Ecological Function and Recovery of Biological Communities within Sand Shoal Habitats within the Gulf of Mexico<br>Speaker: James Nelson<br>University of Louisiana at Lafayette |
| 2:35 – 2:50 pm CT | BREAK  |
| 2:50 – 3:20 pm CT | Benthic Response to Nonlinear Sedimentation Events in a filled Dredge Area<br>Speaker: Jillian Tupitza<br>Louisiana State University   |
| 3:20 – 3:50 pm CT | Offshore Environmental-Resource Exploration for Critical and Hard Offshore Minerals on the Outer Continental Shelf<br>Speaker: Paul Knorr<br>BOEM                                |
| 3:50 – 4:20 pm CT | Offshore Wind in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico<br>Speaker: Walter Musial<br>National Renewable Energy Laboratory   |
| 4:20 – 4:30 pm CT | Final Questions and Wrap-up<br>Ana Rice<br>BOEM  |