

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)



May 19, 2014  
Volume 2, Issue 5

## UPDATE ON NACo BOARD VOTE ON CAUCUS RECOGNITION

In March, the Gulf Coast counties and parishes met at NACo's Legislative Conference to finalize their bylaws [\(attached\)](#). The caucus would like to remain under the NACo umbrella and asked that the NACo Board formally recognize the group as a caucus within NACo. The vote was originally scheduled to occur at NACo's Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference May 22 in Anchorage, Alaska. However, this vote has now been moved to NACo's Annual Conference.

Moving the vote to the Annual Conference ensures caucus members can attend the BOD vote in order to show strong support for the Gulf Coast group. It also allows the members to reach out to their state representatives who serve on the NACo Board to educate them on the reasoning behind the caucus's formation.

Matt Chase, NACo's Executive Director, plans to brief the

## Important Dates

**Gulf Consortium  
Executive  
Committee  
Conference Call  
Monday, June 2,  
2014 at 3:00 pm EST**  
Dial-in Number: 1-  
888-670-3525  
Participant Passcode:  
9984495298#

**Gulf Consortium  
Meeting  
Friday, June 20,  
2014 10:00 am -  
12:00 noon EST**  
In Conjunction with  
Florida Association of  
Counties Annual  
Conference  
Hilton Orlando Bonnet  
Creek  
14100 Bonnet Creek  
Resort Lane  
Orlando, FL 32821

**Gulf Consortium  
Meeting  
Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

board at WIR on the proposal to lay the groundwork for the July BOD vote. No vote will be held-this is for discussion purposes only. If any concerns are raised by BOD members, the group then has time to address the concerns via a conference call before the July BOD meeting.

Also [attached](#) is a list of the counties who attended the October 2013 Gulf Coast Counties and Parishes meeting in Mobile County, AL. If this list needs to be updated, please let me know.

### **NACo's ANNUAL CONFERENCE-GULF COAST COUNTIES AND PARISHES MEETING SCHEDULED**

- The next Gulf Coast Counties and Parishes meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at NACo's Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The agenda will be as follows:

- Status of Caucus
- State Updates on the RESTORE Act
- Flood Insurance Update
- Discuss Agenda for the October meeting
- Other

### **Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Conference Call**

Chair Robinson has called an Executive Committee Conference Call on Monday June 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm ET / 2:00 pm CT. Call in information is:

Dial-in Number: 1-888-670-3525

**9:30am-12:00noon  
CST**

Pensacola - in conjunction with FAC Board Retreat - Place TBD

**Gulf Consortium Meeting  
Wednesday,  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-12:00noon  
CST**

Walton County - in conjunction with FAC Policy Conference - Place TBD

**Gulf Consortium Meeting  
Wednesday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:30am-12:00noon  
EST**

St. John's County - in conjunction with FAC Legislative Conference - Place TBD

Participant Passcode: 9984495298#

The agenda for the Gulf Consortium Meeting on June 20, 2014 will be the topic. Details and materials will be posted later this week here:

[WWW.FACRESTORE.com](http://WWW.FACRESTORE.com)

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Quarterly Coordination Meeting with State**

Consortium Staff have reviewed the recent Mississippi award for plan development. Mississippi received a \$3.6M National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant to develop "an integrated, coastal wide, restoration plan." While it appeared this would serve as Mississippi's State Expenditure Plan (SEP), it will only be used to prioritize projects that are eligible for funding under the NFWF Gulf Environmental Fund. The major difference between the two (SEP & NFWF Plan) is that no specific economic development projects, tourism, workforce development and seafood promotion projects are eligible under NFWF. When contacted, Mississippi stated their SEP development was underway using state resources and the NFWF Grant would be used exclusively for NFWF projects. This will be discussed further with the Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at an upcoming meeting.

In the coming weeks, Consortium Staff will have the quarterly meeting with Mimi Drew and DEP Staff. Topics will include:

- Status of Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for the SEP
- Funding Options for SEP, including potential State funding
- Status of Federal Council Rules/Regulations
- SEP Implementation Options

## Gulf Consortium Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)

Leon County released the Gulf Consortium's ITN for Consultant Services to develop the State Expenditure Plan(SEP) development on April 18, 2014. On May 8, 2014, there was a mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting held in Tallahassee with the following firms represented:

- AMEC
- Arcadis
- Arcadis/SDM
- Avcon, Inc.
- Browning Caldwell
- Career Source of Florida
- CSA
- Dewberry
- Ecology and Environment
- ECT, Inc.
- ESA
- Genesis
- Jones Edmunds
- KPMG
- Langton Associates
- Matrix Design
- MWH
- Tetra Tech
- Wise Consulting
- WRS

Questions and Answers are posted on the Leon County Website along with all ITN information found here:

<http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/SolicitationsOnline/>

Gulf Consortium | 850-922-4300 | [ddarling@fl-counties.com](mailto:ddarling@fl-counties.com) | <http://www.FACRestore.com>  
c/o Florida Association of Counties  
100 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301



Copyright © 20XX. All Rights Reserved.