

Call for Abstracts: July 31, 2008 deadline

Gulf Coast Science Conference

From October 20-22, the USGS Gulf Coast Science Conference will highlight USGS research and investigations in the Gulf of Mexico coastal areas, provide for the exchange of information between scientists from across the Gulf Coast, and foster future collaboration.

A joint session of the Gulf Coast Science meeting and FISC meeting will be held on October 22.

FISC Science Meeting

From October 22-23, the Florida Integrated Science Center (FISC) will host a science conference focused on Florida issues, providing an opportunity for those interested to participate in both meetings.

For more information and registration please visit:

<http://ngom.usgs.gov/gomsc/meetings/gcsm2008/>



Major Themes for USGS Gulf Coast Science Conference:

Ecosystems and Predicting Ecosystem Change

Climate Variability and Change

Energy and Mineral Resources

National Hazards, Risk, and Resilience Assessment

Wildlife and Human Health

Water Census



**USGS Science Coordination
Gulf Coast Science Conference &
Florida Integrated Science Center
Meeting—October 20-23, 2008
Orlando, Florida**



These meetings are a 4-day event bringing scientists together from USGS Gulf Coast Science programs and the Florida Integrated Science Center (FISC).

Monday afternoon and Tuesday will focus on Gulf of Mexico science programs.

Wednesday morning will be a joint session where senior leadership from both regions will share their views on USGS science and research directions for both the Gulf Coast and FISC.

Wednesday afternoon and Thursday will focus on FISC science programs.

USGS personnel are encouraged to attend all four days.

The objective of the Gulf Coast Science Conference is to exchange information among Gulf Coast scientists, address the major Bureau science themes as appropriate, and produce a glossy circular intended to provide easily accessible information regarding USGS activities, capabilities, and points of contact.

Agenda: (DRAFT) for both meetings

Monday Afternoon - October 20, 2008 (Gulf Coast Science Conference)

Welcome, Introduction, Goals and Meeting Plans
Dawn LaVoie-USGS GOM Science Coordinator,
Barry Rosen-USGS FISC Director, Science Forum

Welcoming Remarks: Jess Weaver-USGS Southeast
Regional Executive, Stan Ponce-USGS South
Central Regional Executive

Understanding Ecosystems and Predicting Ecosystem
Change: Ensuring the Nation's Economic and
Environmental Future

Climate Variability and Change

Poster Session and Social (appetizers)

Tuesday Morning - October 21, 2008 (Gulf Coast Science Conference)

Energy (plus Alternate Energy – Wind) and Mineral
Resources

National Hazards, Risk, and Resilience Assessment
Program: Hurricanes

Lunch provided

Tuesday Afternoon - October 21, 2008 (Gulf Coast Science Conference)

Wildlife and Human Health

Water Census

Data Integration

Poster Session and Social (appetizers)

Wednesday Morning - October 22, 2008 (Joint session for Gulf Coast and FISC)

Welcoming Remarks: Barry Rosen-USGS FISC
Director, Dawn Lavoie-USGS GOM Science
Coordinator

Mark Myers-USGS Director (invited)

Suzette Kimball-USGS Associate Director for
Geology (invited)

Dan Cavanaugh-USGS Acting Eastern Region
Director (invited)

Sue Haseltine-USGS Acting Central Region Director
(invited)

John Haines-USGS Program Coordinator for Coastal
and Marine Geology (invited)

Lunch provided with speaker (invited)

Wednesday Afternoon - October 22, 2008 (FISC Science Meeting)

Ecosystems and Populations

Coastal Processes

Poster Session and Social (appetizers)

Thursday Morning - October 23, 2008 (FISC Science Meeting)

Impact of Climate Change on USGS Programs

Freshwater Quality and Availability

Thursday Afternoon - October 23, 2008 (FISC Science Meeting)

Lunch provided with speaker

Environmental Health and Degradation

Wrap-up Barry Rosen-USGS FISC Director

