



## Envisioning a National System of Marine Protected Areas: A Gulf of Mexico Region Public Dialogue

### AGENDA

**July 18, 2005, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

*New Orleans Marriott, Room: Salon A-C  
555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130*

- 1) Welcome – *Joseph Uravitch, Director, NOAA National MPA Center* (5 minutes)
- 2) Overview of Dialogue – *Jay Sherman, Ecologix Group, Inc.* (5 minutes)
- 3) MPAs and Developing the Vision for a U.S. National System – *Jonathan Kelsey, MPA Center* (20 minutes)
- 4) The MPA Federal Advisory Committee: An Update on our Work – *Mr. Robert Zales, Charterboat Captain, and MPA Federal Advisory Committee Member* (10 minutes)
- 5) Clarifying questions – *Jay Sherman and MPA Center staff* (20 minutes)
- 6) Charge to breakout groups – *Jay Sherman* (5 minutes)
- 7) Break out groups – *Facilitation by MPA Center and partner program staff* (approx. 90 minutes)
  - a. Questions for the participants
    - i. What are the Gulf of Mexico's important marine economic, recreational, and other types of uses and values that you want to be considered in developing a national system of MPAs?
    - ii. What are the Gulf of Mexico's important natural and cultural resources that you think a national system of MPAs should conserve and sustain for future generations?
    - iii. How should NOAA and Department of the Interior continue to work with stakeholders like you in the Gulf of Mexico to develop the vision for the national system?
    - iv. How could your interests in the Gulf of Mexico's natural and cultural resource issues benefit from some kind of national system of MPAs?
    - v. Other comments?