

Marge Davenport (Team Lead):

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Mike Turco (TX WSC):

- No one in field
- Will complete packing and shipping today

Charlie Demas (LA WSC):

- 3-4 crews planned for today depending on winds. Sampling to the west, Sister Lake and, Rockfeller Wildlife Refuge.
- Finishing up with sample shipping
- Crews were not allowed at one site (Port Fourchon). They were not even allowed on the beach. Sandbags were being airlifted to create a hard barrier at the time.

Scott Wilson (NWRC, Lafayette, LA)

- SRV operational in Venice; they received an email from the Coast Guard requesting additional assistance.
- There were discussions with DOI on how to get a PRFA request initiated. This has been sent to senior Coast Guard officials for approval. This is only to be used to remove oil or prevent it from coming to shore? This communication with the Coast Guard happened after 6pm on 5/12.
- Some employees are participating with FWS teams?
- Marge to Susan: Q: Will you coordinate the NRD activities for biology? A: Yes, I have been responding to requests from solicitors and FWS and trying to keep this group informed. Pushing for more USGS involvement. Fish group lead is NOAA, Bird group lead is FWS. There is a role for USGS but they haven't invited us to participate.
- **ACTION: Office conversation to better understand this process (Marge, Susan)**
- Field crew working on sea grapes off MS coast with St. Pete folks.
- Odor is no longer an issue. Today it is wind and waves.
- Had a long discussion with Dave Anderson at NPS. They are trying to coordinate NPS and USGS activities. Sonya and Dave will talk later today.
- How does USGS engage at the 'command center' level?
- **ACTION: Discuss command center presence at HREC**

Mickey Plunkett (MS WSC):

- Nothing to report

Athena Clark (AL WSC):

- Nothing to report

Eric Strom (FL WSC):

- Today finishing panhandle sites (7 sites)
- Next week starting other 7 sites, western coast of FL

Ken Rice (SE ESC, Gainesville, FL):

- Lots of planning
- Monday will deploy SPMDs in Suwannee. NPS will help with getting them to the Dry Tortugas.

Jack Kindinger (Coastal & Marine, St. Pete):

- ATRIS folks are waiting for better weather to deploy
- Will attend a briefing at St. Pete command center this afternoon

Steve Hammond (GIRT Leader):

- Met yesterday. Changing from daily meetings to Mon, Wed & Fri.
- Lotus archiving – good way to clear out your mailbox to save space
- Met with Karen Siderelis on 5/12. Other Bureaus are evaluating their geospatial needs.
- We are doing a better job of capturing remote sensing requirements. CIDR? Tool to capture requirements
- Steve will be out the next 2 weeks. Mike Hutt will lead the GIRT

Brian Hughes (Liaison to FWS call):

- Agencies are gearing up heavily in St. Pete (Florida Wildlife Research Institute, NOAA, others). He will attend the coordination conference call.
- **ACTION: Send call information to FL centers**

Dan Calhoun (Liaison to NPS call):

- Jon Jarvis concerned with barrier island dredging proposal, going too fast without looking at science
- Cherry fields SE Natural Resources Group Meeting will focus on Oil Spill. Potential attendees should be receiving an updated agenda.
- No NPS calls over the weekend

Donna Myers, Water Quality, Reston, VA

- There is an EPA sampling coordination call today 2pm ET
 - Terry and Donna are working to sort out some small inconsistencies in sampling plans.
 - She needs a PO from each center. Something will come out requesting this.
 - They are sorting through whether we will have post oil spill sampling. If yes, we need to put together a protocol on how to collect samples in an oil spill area. Any input is appreciated.
 - Also working on a coding plan for the data. We want to be able to easily aggregate the data.
- Mike McDermott: Q: GIRT rep for EPA call? A: Yes, Steve provided someone.

Marge (any closing comments)

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- Reports are due by 11:00 (personnel) and 1:00 (daily activities)
- Send Marge any additional cost estimates. We have to account for all costs and document activities in case additional funding is available.

Next call:

- Friday, 5/14, 9am ET
- 866-759-8343, [REDACTED]

Call ended at 9:25

5/13 Attendees:

AB Wade, Office of Communications, Reston, VA
Athena Clark, Director, AL WSC, Montgomery, AL
Barry Rosen, Southeast Area, Orlando, FL
Bill Werkheiser, Regional Director, ER, Reston, VA
Brian Hughes, GA WSC, Norcross, GA
Carl Orazio, Columbia Environmental Research Center, Columbia, MO
Charlie Demas, Director, LA WSC, Baton Rouge, LA
Chris Bunck, Deputy Director, National Wildlife Health Center, Madison, WI
Dan Calhoun GA WSC, Norcross, GA
Dan Cavanaugh, Deputy Regional Director, ER, Reston, VA
Dave Bortnem, Alternate Emergency Management Coordinator, Denver, CO
Dave Reppert, Assistant Chief, National Water Quality Lab, Denver, CO
Donna Myers, Chief, Office of Water Quality, Reston, VA
Ed Martin, Director, GA WSC, Norcross, GA
Eric Strom, Director, SC WSC, Columbia, SC (acting Chief ER WSC)
Frank Chappelle, SC WSC, Columbia, SC
Gary Brewer, Associate Regional Biologist, Regional Science Office, Leetown, WV
Jack Kindinger Director, St. Pete Coastal and Marine Science Center, St. Pete, FL
Janine Powell, Director, NWRC, Lafayette, LA
Jess Weaver, Southeast Rex, Norcross, GA
Kathleen McCormick, Budget Officer, Central Region, Denver, CO
Ken Rice Director, Southeast Ecological Science Center, Gainesville, FL
Kim Crutchfield, Southeast Regional Management Officer, Columbia, SC
Lee Aggers, USGS NORTHCOM Liaison, Denver, CO
Marge Davenport, Deputy SE Rex, Norcross, GA
Martha Garcia, Chief of Staff, Biology, Reston, VA
Melinda Dalton, GA WSC, Norcross, GA
Mickey Plunkett Director, MS WSC, Jackson, MS
Mike Hutt, Assistant Center Director, Rocky Mountain Geographic Science Center, Denver, CO
Mike McDermott, GIO, Reston, VA
Mike Runner, MS WSC, Jackson, MS
Mike Turco, Program Office Chief, TX WSC, Houston, TX
Patty Bright, Biology, Reston, VA
Paul Young, Chief, Regional Science Office, ER, Reston, VA
Richard Kane, FL WSC, Tampa, FL
Rick Treece, Hydrologist, AL WSC, Montgomery, AL
Rob Leach, Budget Analyst, Budget Office, Reston, VA
Sandy Coffman, St. Pete Coastal and Marine Science Center, St. Pete, FL
Scott Wilson, National Wetlands Research Center, Lafayette, LA
Sonya Jones, Southeast Program Officer, Norcross, GA
Steve Hammond, Emergency Operations, Geospatial Information Response Team (GIRT), Reston, VA
Susan Finger, Program Coordinator, Columbia Environmental Research Center, Columbia, MO
Tammy Mitchell, Chief of Staff, Regional Director Office, ER, Reston, VA
Terry Schertz, Assistant Chief, Office of Water Quality, Reston, VA
Warren Day, Science Program Officer, Rocky Mountain Area, Denver, CO
Wayne Martin, ER Safety Manager, Reston, VA