



## ***Oceans In Action Workshop 2025– DRAFT AGENDA***

Marine Technology Society Gulf Coast Section  
Mississippi Enterprise for Technology

August 26-28, 2025  
Mississippi Coast Convention Center, Ballroom A  
2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

### **Oceans In Action Program Agenda – Tuesday, August 26**

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| 11:00am – 1:00pm | Registration and Check-in  |
| 1:00pm           | Welcome: Katharine Weathers, <i>Oceans In Action</i> Chair<br>Welcome: MSET<br>TBD Welcome Video, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves<br>TBD Introduction of <i>Oceans In Action</i> Emcee, Chris Ostrander , MTS CEO   |
| 1:10pm           | Bill Cork, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)   |
| 1:30pm           | Eric Sparks, Mississippi State University (MSU)  |
| 2:00pm           | Enhancing Marine Management and Maritime Observations Through eDNA Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: Elif Demir-Hilton, Oceankind, MTS eDNA Committee Co-Chair</li><li>• David Lodge, Cornell University</li><li>• Nate Marshall, Stantec</li><li>• Chris Scholin, President/CEO, MBARI, MTS eDNA Committee Co-Chair</li></ul> |
| 3:00pm           | BREAK  |
| 3:30pm           | Kelly Darnell, USM GCRL and MBACE  |
| 4:00pm           | Millie Bordelon & Rachael Kunz Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College<br><i>Oceans In Action Hosts</i>   |



4:30pm Dr. Amy Townsend, Pearl River Community College

5:00pm MS Power to Introduce Reception

5:30pm – 7:30pm Reception at IP Casino Resort  
Ballroom A  
850 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS

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## Oceans In Action Program Agenda – Wednesday, August 27

8:30am	Welcome
9:00am	Dr. William Burnett, Director National Data Buoy Center
9:30am	TBD NOAA OMAO
10:00am	BREAK
10:30am	Patrick Levine, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
11:00 am	Liesl Hotaling, MTS Director of Program Development
11:30	TBD NASA
12:00pm	LUNCH
1:30pm	TBD NOAA NCEI
2:00pm	Jon Nass, Port of Gulfport
2:30pm	Bo Ethridge, Port of Pascagoula
3:00pm	BREAK
3:30pm	TBD JABLTCX
4:00pm	Panel Food Security / Climate Resilience
5:00pm	Gulf Blue closes

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***Oceans In Action and ANTX: Gulf Coast: Program Agenda – Thursday, August 28***

**Events at the Convention Center:**

8:00am	TBD Welcome Video, Mississippi Senator Roger F. Wicker
8:15am	RDML Piret; Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; Commander, Task Group 80.7 Topic: Operational Navy Update and Future Plans
8:50am	TBD Dr. Joseph Calantoni, Technical Director, CNMOC
9:10am	Paige George, Director Naval Tech Bridge
9:30am	ANTX vignettes focus
1:00 pm	B2B and B2G

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