

# HSRP Gulf of Mexico Public Meeting

Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans  
739 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
(504) 962-0500

November 27-29, 2012

## Agenda

### **Tuesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Astor Ballroom I & II***

7:30am – 8:30am

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30am – 8:45am

***Formal Meeting Opens – Welcome to New Orleans***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair
- Rear Admiral Gerd F. Glang, HSRP Designated Federal Official

8:45am – 9:15am

***Welcoming Remarks from NOAA Leadership***

- Margaret Spring, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA
  - Swearing in new HSRP Panel Member

9:15am – 9:45am

***Keynote Address—Welcome to New Orleans: The Importance of NOAA's Navigation Services for the Gulf of Mexico Region***

- Ms. Kelly Schulz, Vice President, New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau

9:45am – 10:15am

***Application & Use of NOAA's Navigation Data, Products & Services for the Port of New Orleans***

- Gary P. LaGrange, President, Port of New Orleans

10:15am – 10:30am

***National Ocean Service Update***

- David M. Kennedy, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service

10:30am – 10:45am

**BREAK**

10:45am – 11:15am

***Application & Use of NOAA's Navigation Data, Products & Services for the Port of Mobile***

- Tim Osborn, NOAA's Navigation Manager, Gulf of Mexico Region
- Terry Gilbreth, Harbormaster, Port of Mobile

11:15am – 12:15pm

**LUNCH** (onsite for HSRP Panel Members)

12:15pm – 12:30pm

**Transportation to Port of New Orleans**

12:30pm – 2:30pm

***Site Visit to the Port of New Orleans & Meet with Port Officials***

2:30pm – 2:45pm	<b>Return to Hotel</b>
2:45pm – 3:15pm	<b><i>NOAA/NOS Congressional &amp; Budget Update</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Craig Woolcott, Policy, Planning &amp; Analysis Division, NOS</li> </ul>
3:15pm – 4:00pm	<b><i>HSRP Working Group Updates</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legislative &amp; Policy Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Strategic Effectiveness</li> <li>▪ Emerging Arctic Priorities</li> </ul>
4:00pm – 4:15pm	<b>BREAK</b>
4:15pm – 5:15pm	<b><i>HSRP Panel Discussion</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Discussion of Stakeholder Input &amp; Site Visit</li> <li>– Agenda for Day 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:15pm – 5:30pm	<b>Public Comment Period</b>
5:30pm	<b><i>Day 1 Concludes</i></b>
6:30pm	<b>HSRP Dinner – Oceana Restaurant, 739 Conti Street, New Orleans</b>

<b><u>Wednesday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><i>Astor Ballroom I &amp; II</i></b>
7:30am – 8:30am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30am – 9:00am	<b><i>Day 2 Welcoming Remarks &amp; Recap of Day 1 Presentations</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair</li> </ul>
	<b><u><i>Navigation Services Stakeholder Panel</i></u></b> *All speakers present—then a 20 min Q&A with the Panel
9:00am – 11:30am	<b><i>Current Practices &amp; Future Needs for e-Navigation</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Captain Douglas J. Grubbs, Crescent River Port Pilots Association</li> </ul>
	<b><i>Integration of Navigation &amp; Waterways Vessel Traffic Data: Highlighting Storm &amp; Flood Protection Concerns</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Captain Peter W. Gautier, Captain of the Port, United States Coast Guard Sector New Orleans</li> </ul>
	<b><i>Impacts to the Port of New Orleans from Both: Panama Canal Expansion and Industry Growth (Container &amp; Cruise ships)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chris D. Bonura, Director of Industrial Development, Port of New Orleans</li> </ul>

***Challenges for Safe Navigation & Operations (Current & Future) for the Lower Mississippi River***

- Captain Michael R. Lorino, Jr., President, Associated Branch Pilots (Bar Pilots)

***Hurricane Response Efforts: Culmination of NOAA Data Products for Accurate Modeling & Prediction Models***

- Kenneth Graham, NOAA NWS Meteorologist in Charge, Weather Forecast Office, New Orleans-Baton Rouge

***Coastal Observation Systems: Water Levels & PORTS® Information***

- Captain David B. Trent, President, Port of Lake Charles Pilots

12:00pm – 1:00pm

**LUNCH** (onsite for HSRP Panel Members)

***Geospatial & Water Level Stakeholder Panel***

\*All speakers present—then a 20 min Q&A with the Panel

1:00pm – 3:00pm

***Use of Geospatial Reference Frame, CORS & Geoids for Positioning and Collaboration***

- Clifford J. Mugnier, Center for GeoInformatics, LSU
- Randy L. Osborne, Center for GeoInformatics, LSU

***Exclusive Usage of Global Positioning System (GPS) Based CORS for Levee Flood Protection***

- Robert A. Turner, Jr., South Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East
- Stephen V. Estopinal, South Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East

***Utilization of Resiliency Programs to Determine Sea Level Trends & Subsidence Impacting Southern Louisiana and Port Fourchon***

- Henri Boulet, Executive Director, LA-1 Coalition

***Best Practices & Lessons Learned from Hurricane Evacuation Efforts***

- Dr. Jim Mitchell, LA Department of Transportation & Development

3:00pm – 3:30pm

**Break**

3:30pm – 5:15pm

***HSRP Panel Discussions & Deliberations***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair

5:15pm – 5:30pm

**Public Comment Period**

5:30pm

**Day 2 Concludes**

6:30pm

**HSRP Dinner – TBD**

## **Thursday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Astor Ballroom I & II***

7:30am – 8:30am

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30am – 8:45am

***Day 3 Welcoming Remarks & Recap Day 2 Discussions***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair

8:45am – 9:15am

***USACE—Mississippi River Levees, Issues with Flooding, Lessons Learned from Katrina & Isaac, and Electronic Charting for the Mississippi River***

- Colonel Edward R. Fleming, USACE New Orleans District Commander

### **Stakeholder Breakout Sessions**

***HSRP Panel Members will lead interactive-open, strategic dialogue session with local and regional stakeholders/users to discuss issues/concerns with the use and application of NOAA's navigation data, products, and services. Breakout sessions will identify recommended courses of action for improving the quality of and access to NOAA's navigation data, products, and services for the Gulf of Mexico region.***

9:15am – 11:00am

***Stakeholder Breakout Sessions***

- Hydrographic Surveying/Charting—*Bourbon Room*
- Geospatial Positioning—*St. Ann Room*
- Tides, Currents & Water Levels—*St. Louis Room*

11:00am – 11:30am

***Stakeholder Breakouts Organize Recommendations***

11:30am – 12:30pm

**LUNCH** (onsite for HSRP Panel Members)

12:00pm – 12:30pm

***Luncheon Keynote – Louisiana State Efforts & Coastal Community Protection of Natural Resources (CPRA)***

- Garret Graves, Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority of Louisiana

1:00pm – 2:00pm

***Stakeholder De-Briefs to HSRP & Discussions*** (20 min each group)

2:00pm – 3:00pm

***HSRP Discussions & Deliberations on the input from both Stakeholder Speaker Panels & the Stakeholder Breakout Sessions***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair

3:00pm – 3:15pm

**BREAK**

3:15pm – 4:30pm

***HSRP Development & Consensus of Recommendations***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair

4:30pm – 4:45pm

**Public Comment Period**

4:45pm – 5:30pm

***Meeting Wrap Up & Discussions for Next HSRP Meeting***

- Matt Wellslager, HSRP Chair

5:30pm

**Public Meeting Adjourns**

***HSRP Panel Members—Port of New Orleans Site Visit***  
***Tuesday, November 27, 2012***  
***12:30pm – 2:30pm***

HSRP Panel members will depart the Astor Crowne Plaza at approximately 12:15pm. The Port of New Orleans will provide shuttle service to and from the Port for the site visit. HSRP Panel members will participate in a short driving tour of the Port of New Orleans and hear from Port officials on the use and application of NOAA's navigation data, products, and services to support navigation safety and the economic viability of the Port of New Orleans and the lower Mississippi River.

The Port of New Orleans is one of the world's busiest waterway systems with more than 6,000 ocean vessels annually moving through the port of New Orleans on the Mississippi River, and one of America's leading general cargo ports. It's the only deep water port in the United States that is served by six class one railroads. The Port's facilities accommodate an average of 2,000 vessel call each year. From January-April 2012 breakbulk cargo reached 42.9% total general cargo; and 1,084,202 short tons of breakbulk cargo was handled at the Port in the first 4 months of 2012 compared to 2,453,485 short tons of breakbulk cargo for the entire year of 2011. Further, the Port of New Orleans has 6 terminals handling breakbulk cargo and is ranked the #1 Port for imported natural rubber. The Port has the world's largest wharf which is over 2 miles in length, a cruise ship terminal that served over 700,000 ships in 2011, as well as a container terminal that has seen expansion and the installation of new large container cranes dockside. The Port also has a PORTS® air gap sensor located on the Crescent City Connection Bridge, and a current meter at the Port.

The Port of New Orleans provides for approximately 160,498 jobs, \$8 billion in earnings, and \$17 billion in spending and \$800 million in taxes statewide (according to 2004 statistics). Access to and application of NOAA's navigation data, products, and services is vital to supporting safe navigation and economic contribution to the Gulf of Mexico region.