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Committee on Offshore
Science and Assessment



Overarching Objectives

- 1) Familiarize COSA with BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Region and their priorities and operations.
- 2) Conduct focus groups with the Gulf of Mexico regional staff to better understand their perspectives on the development and application of science in the region.

[November 7, 2019](#)

Meeting Location: Room 121 - 125, Elmwood Building, New Orleans

OPEN SESSION

9:00 AM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome and introductions- Review meeting agenda	Michael Orbach, Committee Chair Stacey Karras, National Academies
9:15 AM	NOLA Office Welcome BOEM OEP Updates	Mike Celata, NOLA Office Director Bill Brown, Chief Environmental Officer
10:45 AM	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 AM	NOLA Office Presentations Resource Evaluation Office Leasing and Plans Office	Angela Guidry, Resource Studies Chief Erin O'Rielly, Leasing and Financial Responsibility Chief
12:00 PM	<i>Working Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM	NOLA Office Presentations (continued) Marine Minerals Program Office of Environment	Jessica Mallindine, Marine Minerals Program Mark Belter, Biological Sciences Unit Supervisor
2:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:15 PM	NOLA Office Presentations (continued) Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Compliance Program	T.J. Broussard, Regional Environmental Officer
2:45	Offshore Operators Committee Presentation	Greg Southworth, Associate Director
3:15 PM	<i>Break</i>	
3:30 PM	Future Study Collaboration	BOEM Panel
4:00 PM	Discussion of Tomorrow's Format/Objectives and Brief Closing Remarks for Day 1	
4:45 PM	<i>Adjourn Open Session</i>	

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and staff only)

November 8, 2019

Meeting Location: Rooms 121 - 125, Elmwood Building, New Orleans

OPEN SESSION

9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions Michael Orbach, Incoming Committee Chair

9:15 AM **Focus Groups on Topics: First Session**

Topics:

I) Discovering and Producing Science

- A) How are new scientific projects and programs developed and prioritized in your region, and how do you engage with other external (to BOEM) stakeholders in this process?
- B) How do you engage with other BOEM regions and Headquarters in the development, prioritization, and execution of your science?
- C) How is technical, and in particular outside peer, review used with proposals and products?

II) Incorporating Science into Assessments

- A) How are data and information managed and stored? In particular, how are data handling and standardization handled nationally and between regions?
- B) How are ecosystem and socioeconomic effects, including cumulative effects, and risks associated with development evaluated and incorporated into assessments? How are future scenarios developed and analyzed?
- C) Do you make use of specific tools such as meta analysis in your assessments?

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM **Focus Groups on Topics: Second Session**

12:00 PM *Working Lunch*

1:00 PM **Summary and Discussion of Breakout Groups**

2:30 PM *Break*

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3:30 PM **Closing remarks**

4:00 PM **Adjourn Open Session**

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