



BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Outer Continental Shelf Scientific Committee Meeting Agenda

February 8-9, 2012

LOCATION: Sheraton Reston Hotel
11810 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, Virginia 20191
(703) 620-9000

February 8, 2012 PLENARY SESSION

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| 8:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions
<i>(please turn cell phones off or set to silent)</i> | Drs. Alan Thornhill , Chief Environmental Officer, BOEM and Rodney Cluck , Executive Secretary of the OCS SC and Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences |
| 8:15 AM | Election of Officers | Led by Dr. Rodney Cluck , Executive Secretary of the OCS SC and Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences |
| 8:40 AM | Director's Welcome | Dr. Alan Thornhill , Chief Environmental Officer, BOEM |
| 8:45 AM | Overview and Discussion on BOEM's Goals and Objectives | Mr. Tommy P. Beaudreau , Director, BOEM |

This is an opportunity to have a dialogue with the Director on ongoing and future issues, policies, and activities of the Bureau. This exchange not only keeps the Committee apprised of BOEM direction but also offers an opportunity for the Committee to provide direct advice and guidance on matters as they relate to the Environmental Studies Program.

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| 9:15 AM | Chief Environmental Officer's Welcome,
New Opportunities and Challenges | Dr. Alan Thornhill , Chief Environmental Officer, BOEM |
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Dr. Thornhill will provide background information about BOEM and the OCS SC including the recent changes that have taken place.

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| 9:45 AM | Overview of Environmental Studies Program | Dr. Rodney Cluck , Executive Secretary of the OCS SC and Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences |
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Dr. Cluck will describe what drives the BOEM's Environmental Studies Program, its responsibilities, and its critical elements.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

BREAK

- 10:15 AM Overview of Regional Environmental Programs including Regional components of the ESP **(15 minutes each)**
- [Alaska OCS Region](#) **Dr. Dee Williams**, Chief, Environmental Studies Management Section
 - (10:30) • [Atlantic OCS Region](#) **Dr. Mary Boatman**, Chief, Environmental Studies
 - (10:45) • [Gulf of Mexico](#) **Dr. Pat Roscigno**, Chief, Office of Environmental Studies
 - (11:00) • [Pacific OCS Region](#) **Dr. Ann Scarborough Bull**, Chief, Environmental Studies Section

The Environmental Studies Section Chiefs will provide a brief orientation on their Region Environmental Studies Program and will cover highlights including historical context, programmatic themes, and special regional challenges.

- 11:15 AM [BOEM's Public and External Affairs](#) **Ms. Caren Madsen**, Chief, Public Affairs

Ms. Madsen will provide an overview of the BOEM public affairs office. She will also discuss the increased emphasis on outreach in the Environmental Studies Program.

- 11:30 AM [Ethics Responsibilities of Committee Members](#) **Ms. Michele Lindo McCluer**, Ethics Officer

Under applicable ethics laws, your appointment carries with it the status of "special government employee." This means that, when you act in your capacity as a committee member you will be subject to many of the same standards of conduct that apply to Federal employees in general, including the avoidance of conflict of interest. But because your service is not full-time, many of the restrictions apply to you only in limited circumstances.

11:45 AM

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DISCIPLINE BREAKOUT GROUPS

These sessions will introduce some BOEMS's scientists who will be working closely with the OCS SC over the next 3 years and will be an informational session on BOEM's ongoing efforts in social sciences, physical oceanography, and biological sciences. It is also intended to inform the OCS SC of what is expected during the Headquarters and Regional Studies Development Plans reviews and the overall research needs and priorities of the National and Regional Studies Programs.

Alaska OCS Region	Study Profiles	Presentations
Atlantic OCS Region	Study Profiles	Presentations
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region	Study Profiles	Presentations
Pacific OCS Regions	Study Profiles	Presentations
National	Study Profiles	Presentations
Interdisciplinary	Study Profiles	Presentations



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Biology/Ecology	Physical Sciences	Social Sciences
Co-coordinators: Drs. Mike Rasser and Brad Blythe	Co-coordinators: Drs. Guillermo Auad and Ron Lai	Co-coordinators: Drs. John Primo and Jimmy Moore
8:00 – 10:00 Gulf of Mexico		8:30 – 10:00 Atlantic
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	BREAK	
	10:15 – 11:30 Gulf of Mexico	10:15 – 10:45 Pacific 10:45 – 11:15 Alaska

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

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12:30 PM Q and A Session

Chair, OCS SC

1:30 PM Review of Interdisciplinary Studies

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 PM Public Comment

3:30 PM Committee Business

- Dates and locations for the next meeting

3:45 PM Final Comments

4:00 PM

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