



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 | Introduction of the Director | Dr. Alan Thornhill , Chief Environmental Officer, BOEM |
| 8:45 AM | Director's Welcome, 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

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10:15 AM	Overview of Regional Environmental Programs including Regional components of the ESP	(15 minutes each)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska OCS Region 	Dr. Dee Williams , Chief, Environmental Studies Management Section
(10:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic OCS Region 	Dr. Mary Boatman , Chief, Environmental Studies
(10:45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf of Mexico 	Dr. Pat Roscigno , Chief, Office of Environmental Studies
(11:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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Ms. Madsen will provide an overview of the BOEM public affairs office. She will also discuss the increased emphasis on outreach for the Environmental Studies Program.

11:30 AM	Ethics Responsibilities of Committee Members	Ms. Michelle McCluer , Ethics Officer
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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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1:00 PM**RECONVENE****DISCIPLINE BREAKOUT GROUPS**

These sessions will introduce some of 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.

Biology/Ecology**Room 6**

Co-coordinators:
**Drs. Mike Rasser and
 Brad Blythe**

1:00 – 2:15 Pacific

2:15 – 3:00 Atlantic

**Physical
Oceanography
Sciences****Room 7**

Co-coordinators:
**Drs. Guillermo Auad and
 Ron Lai**

1:00 – 1:45 National

2:00 – 3:00 Alaska

Social Sciences**Room 8**

Co-coordinators:
**Drs. John Primo and
 Jimmy Moore**

1:00 – 3:00 Gulf of Mexico

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**BREAK**3:15 – 3:30 Atlantic
continued

3:30 – 4:30 Alaska

3:15 – 4:45 Gulf of Mexico

4:45 – 5:00 National

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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

RECESS FOR LUNCH

12:30 PM

Q and A Session

Chair, OCS SC

1:30 PM

Review of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Ms. Jennifer Ewald and
Dr. Brad Blyth, Co-Coordinators**

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

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3:15 PM

Public Comment

3:30 PM

Committee Business

Chair, OCS SC

Dates and locations for the next meeting

3:45 PM

Final Comments

4:00 PM

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