

Blue Carbon: A Management Tool for Conservation and Restoration of Coastal Wetlands

July 28, 2015 | 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Eastpoint, FL

Agenda

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| 8:30 a.m. | Arrival, sign-in |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions (Jacqueline Rose, Gulf of Mexico Coastal Training Program) |
| 9:15 a.m. | Host / local perspective "Why are we interested in blue carbon?" (Anita Grove, Apalachicola NERR) |
| 9:20 a.m. | Introduction to Coastal Blue Carbon Concepts (Steve Emmett-Mattox and Stefanie Simpson, Restore America's Estuaries) Background on blue carbon and importance to restoration/conservation needs Introduction to the voluntary carbon market Market and policy opportunities |
| 10:30 a.m. | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 10:45 a.m. | Applications of Blue Carbon (Dr. Steve Crooks, Environmental Science Associates) How to assess coastal blue carbon potential Blue carbon as a management tool Overview of Blue Carbon case studies |
| 12 p.m. | <i>LUNCH</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Bringing it back to the Panhandle: Overview of Region, Watershed, and Habitat (Margo Posten, Apalachicola NERR) |
| 1:15 p.m. | Coastal Wetlands Valuation (Dr. Marc Russell, U.S. EPA-Gulf Ecology Division) Blue carbon, social cost of carbon, and other ecosystem services valuation in northwest Florida |
| 2:00 p.m. | How to Plan for a Successful Carbon Project (Jamie Eaton, TerraCarbon) Lessons from years of experience with land use carbon projects |
| 2:45 p.m. | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. | Blue Carbon in the Gulf: Discussion and Next Steps (led by Dr. Steve Crooks and Steve Emmett-Mattox) How information sharing can be valuable to end-users Next steps for collaboration & moving forward |
| 4:15 p.m. | Conclusions & Evaluations |
| 4:30 p.m. | Adjourn |