

11.0 ADVISORY PROCESS

The Florida Sea Grant College Program uses a multi-layered advisory process involving a number of advisory committees. These committees, both permanent and ad-hoc, provide valuable advice on both programmatic direction and administrative function and processes. Each committee will be described along with a list of the members of each committee.

Programmatic (State Level)

Overall Strategic Planning/Priority Setting

Every four years Florida Sea Grant engages in an in-depth strategic planning process. This provides overall programmatic guidance to Florida Sea Grant research, communications and extension priorities and ultimately results in the Florida Sea Grant strategic plan. The strategic plan is then adjusted at two year intervals based on the input of leaders of the overall strategic planning process, until it is time to repeat the in-depth process once again.

The 2006-09 Strategic Plan was developed during summer/fall 2004 and built upon the structure and process that began with FSG's first strategic plan in 1996. The plan is FSG's third four-year strategic plan. Strategic planning developed issues in nine goal areas. The process involved over 300 individuals from universities, agencies, companies and the public. A number of planning techniques were used including web-based surveys, mail surveys, workshops, position papers and analysis of existing programs and their impacts. The goals and objectives in the plan directly guide FSG's research, extension and communications programs within each of nine goal areas. FSG's plan considered both the National Sea Grant Plan for 2003-08 and the NOAA plan for 2005-10. In fact, the plan demonstrates how FSG's nine goal areas directly link with the other two national plans, and apply those priorities to Florida. The plan contains the key elements of a strategic plan: setting (partners, institutional framework, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats); values; implementation (including how FSG will respond to priorities, the role of management and products, programs and markets); strategic goal areas; and additional resources needed to carry out the plan. Each strategic goal is described, its forces of change highlighted, the overall measurable goal is defined, the audience and products and activities that will be developed for the audience are defined, performance indicators are outlined, the process used to develop the objectives within the goal area is summarized and specific resources needed within the goal area are enumerated.

Advisory Board/Campus Coordinators

The Florida Sea Grant College Program is established as a statewide Center of the Florida Board of Education. Statewide Centers are created when at least two of the 11 public universities under the Board of Education are involved in an academic program with statewide coverage. Each Center is managed by a host campus on behalf of the participating universities in the Center. The Director of each Center reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the host campus. Each Center has an advisory board with a member from each university appointed to the board by the President of each institution. For Sea Grant, several private universities and non-profit laboratories participate in the program. Thus, at the invitation of Florida Sea Grant, each private university also nominates a member to the advisory board.

Florida Sea Grant calls this group its "Campus Coordinators". They meet depending on the need and advice of the group. The Campus Coordinators provide programmatic direction as well as administrative direction regarding the way the Sea Grant program is operated. Florida Sea Grant Management requests their input on such major issues as whether to do annual or biennial proposals, how the review process is organized, and on operational issues including how best to communicate with 700-800 faculty statewide interested in Sea Grant. All maintain on-campus e-mail or hard mail mailing lists for communicating with faculty regarding calls for proposals

and distributing Florida Sea Grant's bi-monthly Faculty Progress Report. The membership at the end of 2006 is given below.

Florida A&M University - Larry Robinson
Florida Atlantic University - Howard P. Hanson
Florida Gulf Coast University - Greg Tolley
Florida Institute of Technology - Junda Lin
Florida International University - James Fourqurean
Florida State University – Felicia Coleman
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Inst. - Dennis Hanisak
Mote Marine Laboratory - Ken Leber
New College of Florida - Sandra Gilchrist
Nova Southeastern University – Mahmood Shivji
University of Central Florida - Linda Walters
University of Florida - James C. Cato
University of Miami - Nelson Ehrhardt
University of North Florida - Kelly Smith
University of South Florida - David Mann
University of West Florida - William Huth

Advisory Committees

FSG uses a multi-layered advisory process involving a number of advisory committees. These committees, both permanent and ad-hoc, provide valuable advice on both programmatic direction and administrative direction, function and process. Advisors and stakeholders are heavily involved in strategic planning. Statewide stakeholder advisory committees include stakeholders on marine biotechnology, marine ornamental fish and aquatic food products, and an advisory committee at the county or regional level exists for each off-campus extension faculty. Committees meet based on a schedule or when needed basis.

Sea Grant Subject Matter Advisory Committee (State Level)

Marine Biotechnology

Cynthia Barnett, Associate Editor, Florida Trend Magazine, St. Petersburg, FL
William Brown, President, ABC Research Corporation, Gainesville, FL (resigned March 2005)
Debbie Mason, President, Strategists Inc., Perry and Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Jeanie McGuire, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, Boca Raton, FL
Gregory Nelson, Attorney, Akerman Senterfitt, West Palm Beach, FL
Diana Robinson, President, BIOFlorida, West Palm Beach, FL
John B. Rogers, President, EcoArray, Inc., Alachua, FL

Marine Ornamental Fish

Ilze Berzins, Curator of Animal Health & Research, Florida Aquarium, Tampa, FL
Roy Herndon, President, Sea Critters, Dover, FL
Martin Moe, Green Turtle Publications, Islamorada, FL
Ken Nedimyer, Sea Life, Inc., Tavernier, FL
Denise Petty, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Marty Tanner, President, Aquatica Tropicals, Inc., Plant City, FL
Jeff Turner, President, Oceans, Reefs and Aquariums, Inc., Ft. Pierce, FL

Aquatic Food Products

Jim Obrien/Carlos Sanchez - Beaver Street Fisheries, Jacksonville, FL
Tommy Ward --Buddy Ward and Sons Seafood, Apalachicola, FL
Steve Cox - Cox's Seafood, Tampa, FL
Tom Chestnut - Darden's Restaurants, Orlando, FL
Gary Graves - Key's Fisheries, Marathon, FL
Grady Levins - Levins' Seafood, Apalachicola, FL
Jim Craig - Marine Harvest, Pompano Beach, FL
Bob Collette - National Fisheries Institute, McLean, VA
Ted Suor/Randy Graham - Outback Restaurants, Tampa, FL
Guy Pizzuti - Publix Supermarkets, Lakeland, FL
Gib Migliano/Rick Hazelwood - Save On Seafood, St. Petersburg, FL
Howard Shaw - Shaw's Southern Belle Frozen Foods, Jacksonville, FL
Jess Gonzalez/Mike Hayes/Nina Burt - Singleton Seafood, Tampa, FL
Bob Jones - Southeastern Fisheries Assn., Tallahassee, FL
Tony Downs/Ed Keisel/Frank Russo/Paul Schwartz - Syscol (Florida)
Ken Justice - WalMart Supercenters, Bentonville, AK
Rick Armstrong/Terry Levee - Winn-Dixie Stores, Jacksonville, FL

Sea Grant Extension Advisory Committees (County Level)

Each Sea Grant Extension off-campus faculty member at the county level has an advisory committee. These committees usually meet at least twice each year. They provide direct input into the faculty members annual work plan and program direction. They also provide guidance in assisting the faculty members in evaluating the success or impact of the educational effort for the previous year. Each faculty member's plan of work then provides input for the on-campus Sea Grant specialists who coordinate statewide extension programs. These state major programs then become the priority educational themes of the Sea Grant Extension Proposal as part of the overall Florida Sea Grant College Program. While a major proposal for Sea Grant Extension is developed every four years, the plan within Florida is revised every year to take advantage of the advisory committee input. The off-campus faculty and their advisory committees are listed below.

Dianne Behringer (Broward County) (Resigned during 2006)

Kenneth Banks - Broward County Environmental Protection Department, Plantation, FL
Carol Fretwell - Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center, Dania Beach, FL
Frank Herhold - Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Peg McPherson - South Florida Water Management District, Plantation, FL
Steven Weinsier - Allstate Resource Management, Davie, FL
Jeff Torode - South Florida Diving Headquarters, Pompano, FL
Jason Schratwieser - International Game Fish Association Dania, FL

Brian Cameron (Bay County)

Tom Putnum, Owner of Half Hitch Tackle, Panama City Beach, FL
Bob Zales, Charter Captain and President of National Association of Charterboat Operators, Panama City Beach, FL
Randall Akins, Local Boater and member of Coast Guard Auxillary, Panama City, FL
Tova Spector, DEP Florida Park Service District 1, Panama City Beach, FL
Lorna Patrick, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panama City, FL
Melody Ray Culp, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panama City, FL
Jeff Ackiss, Local Fishermen and member of Panama City Anglers Club, Panama City, FL
Tita Sokoloff, Bay County Planning and Zoning, Panama City, FL
Mike Brim, Friends of St. Andrew Bay (Formerly Bay Environmental Study Team, BEST), Panama City, FL
Gary Fitzhugh, NOAA Fisheries, Panama City Beach, FL

Chris Combs (Brevard County) (Resigned early 2006)

Mr. David Bates - President, Fleet Marine, Inc., Port Canaveral, FL
Ms. Sue Carlson - Brevard County Commissioner, Viera, FL
Mr. Robert Day – Senior Project Scientist, Johns River Water Management District, Palm Bay, FL
Mr. Clarry Edwards – Chairman, Brevard Marine Advisory Committee, West Melbourne, FL
Mr. Bud Crisafulli - President, Brevard County Farm Bureau, Merritt Island, FL
Ms. Evelyn Guyton - Banana River Marine Services, Marina and Boatyard, Merritt Island, FL
Mr. Doug Jaren - President, Banana River Marina Services & Marina, Merritt Island, FL
Ms. Andrea Leibzeit - Harris Engineering, Palm Bay, FL
Ms. Kristen Poole - US National Park Ranger, Canaveral National Seashore, Titusville, FL
Mr. Patrick Smith - Historical Florida Novelist, Merritt Island, FL
Ms. Lauralee Thompson – Manager, Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant, Titusville, FL
Mr. Paul Williams – Wilbro U-Pic Farms, Palm Bay, FL
Ms. Phyllis Woodford – President, Woodford Shellfish Farms, Merritt Island, FL

Marella Crane (Dade County) (Resigned during 2006)

Mike Brescher, Pelican Harbor Marina, Miami, FL
Eva Berman, E & R International Seafood, Miami Beach, FL
Phil Everingham, Merrill-Stevens Boatyard, Coral Gables, FL
Sallye Jude, Miami River Inn, Miami, FL
Theo Long, Biscayne Nature Center, Miami, FL
Capt. Gerald C. McGinley, Jr., Admiral Oil, Coral Gables, FL
Gil Muratori, South Dade Anglers Fish Club, Miami, FL
Audrey Ordenes, Environmental Education, Miami, FL
Roberto Torres, Commercial Fishermen, Miami, FL
Joan Vernon, Greater Miami Billfish Tournament, Key Biscayne, FL

LeRoy Creswell (St. Lucie County)

John Holt, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Ft. Pierce, FL
Laura Diedrick, Smithsonian Institution/St. Lucie County Marine Education Center
John Scarpa, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Ft. Pierce, FL
Dean Kubatchik, Fort Pierce City Marina, Ft. Pierce, FL
Sabine Alshuth, Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL
Jim Oppenborn, St. Lucie County
Cortney Ohs, UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center, Ft. Pierce, FL
Mark Tamblyn, Florida Inland Navigational District, Stuart, FL
Pat Gostel, South Florida Water Management District
Mary Gregory, St. Lucie County Public School District, Ft. Pierce, FL
Jerry Corsaut, Diver, Aquaculture Consultant

Andrew Diller (Escambia County)

Eilene Beard, Florida Artificial Reef Advisory Board & Scuba Shack/Wet Dream Charters, Inc.
Gene Ferguson, Scuba Shack/Wet Dream Charters, Inc.
Eleanor Godwin, West Florida Regional Planning Council
Amanda Carrigan Grissom, Gulf Islands National Seashore
Mary Gutierrez, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Richie Anne Marple – Pensacola Beach Leaseholders Association
Linda Hartmann, Retired, Teacher and Wildlife Sanctuary of NW FL
Earl Rader – Pensacola Recreational Fisherman’s Association
Paul Redman, Snapper Trapper Charters and Reef Fish Restoration Association

Bryan Fluech (Collier County)

Larry Block, Naples Fishing Club, Naples, FL
S. Gregory Tolley, coastal Watershed Institute, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL
Tabitha Stadler, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples, FL
Capt. Matt Finn, Huckleberry Environmental Services, Inc., Goodland, FL
Scott Hopkins, Cedar Bay Yacht Club, Marco Island, FL
Louise Taylor, Everglades City School, Everglades City, FL
Mike Baur, City of Naples, Naples, FL
Capt. Will Geraghty Grand Slam Charters, Naples, FL

Doug Gregory (Monroe County)

John Clarke – Mote Marine Laboratory, Ramrod Key, FL
Jeff Cramer, Organized Fishermen of Florida, Conch Key, FL
Humberto Garrido, Jr. – Key West, FL
Debra Harrison - World Wildlife Fund, Marathon, FL
Richard Hanson - Islamorada, FL
Bob Holston – CeCe Roycraft, Key West Pro Dive Shop, Key West, FL
Karl Lessard - Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Marathon, FL
John Magursky - Islamorada Charter Boat Association, Key Largo, FL
Martin Moe – Islamorada, FL
Ken Nedimyer – Tavernier, FL
George Niles - Summerland Key, FL
Bruce Popham – Marathon Boatyard, Marathon, FL
Capt. Jim Sharpe - Summerland Key, FL
Simon Stafford - Lower Keys OFF Chapter, Key West, FL
Bill Wickers - Key West Charter Boat Association, Key West, FL

L. Scott Jackson (Okaloosa/Walton counties)

Ross Hamilton, Niceville, FL
Mark Christy, Destin, FL
Lockey Goodwin, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Edwin Goodwin, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Beverly Kraska, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Sharon Maxwell, Niceville, FL
Jim Moyers, Seagrove Beach, FL
Jim Robertson, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Scott Robson, Destin, FL
Laura Sparks, Once De Leon, FL
Brittany Stark, Ponce De Leon, FL
Bob Walker, Niceville, FL

William T. “Bill” Mahan (Franklin County)

David Barber, Barber’s Seafood
Ronnie Gilbert, Oyster Harvester, Seafood Workers Assoc.
Anita Grove, Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce
Grady Leavins, Leavins Seafood
Lynn Martina, VP, Oyster Dealers Association
David McLain, Task Force Coordinator
Vance Millender, Millender & Sons Seafood’s
Smokey Parrish, Buddy Ward’s Seafood
Bevin Putnal, County Commissioner

Steve Rash, Waterstreet Seafood
Tommy Ward, President, Oyster Dealers Association

Maia McGuire

Dick Balduzzi, St. Johns County WAV Coordinators, St. Augustine
Chris Benjamin, St. Augustine
Linda Bremer, Jacksonville
Jan Brewer, Environmental Planner, St. Johns County, St. Augustine
Mike Hollingsworth, Jacksonville
Pete Johnson, Regulatory Scientist, SJRWMD, Jacksonville
Jerry Full, Palm Coast
Rick Gleeson, GTM NERR, St. Augustine
Carl Hampp, Marineland, St. Augustine
Kevin Lussier, Amelia Island Yacht Basin, Amelia Island
Richard and Carole McCleery, Palm Coast
Cheryl McCrory, St. Johns County WAV Coordinator, St. Augustine
Kevin Micieli, Flagler County Public Works, Bunnell
Steve Nichols, Waterways Coordinator and Dockmaster, Metropolitan Park & Marina, Jacksonville
Christina Nelson, Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island
Renee Paolini, Washington Oaks State Gardens, Palm Coast
Bonnie Simms, Palm Coast
Howard Sklar, Flagler Bridge Boatworks and Marina, Flagler Beach
Kelly Smith, UNF Dept. of Natural Sciences, Jacksonville
Lex Waters, Jacksonville

Vacant (Taylor County) (New hire in process)

Chris Simoniello (SEACOOS Education Coordinator)

Bill Arnold, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FL)
Charlie Barans, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC)
Andy Clark, Ocean US (Washington DC)
Braxton Davis, University of South Carolina (SC)
Jen Dorton, University of North Carolina-Wilmington (NC)
Sandy Eslinger, NOAA Coastal Services Center (SC)
Madilyn Fletcher, University of South Carolina (SC)
Rick Gleeson, GTM NEER (FL)
Katie Greganti, Georgia Marine Extension (GA)
Mike Henderson, NOAA Fisheries
Brian Keller, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FL)
Parker Lumpkin, SECOORA (NC)
Mark Luther, University of South Florida (FL)
Frank Muller Karger, University of South Florida (FL)
Jim Nelson, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography (GA)
Kathleen O'Keefe, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FL)
Geno Olmi, NOAA Coastal Services Center (SC)
Charlie Paxton, NWS – Weather Forecast Office – Tampa (FL)
Mitch Roffer, Roff's Fish Forecasting Service (FL)
Howard Rutherford, Florida COSEE/Pier Aquarium (FL)
Harvey Seim, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (NC)
Lundie Spence, Southeast COSEE (SC)
Vembu Subramanian, University of South Florida (FL)
Jim Sullivan, Gray's Reef NMS (GA)

Sandy Vargo, Florida Institute of Oceanography (FL)
Bob Weisberg, University of South Florida (FL)
Cisco Werner, University of North Carolina (NC)
Lizz Williams, University of Miami (FL)

Betty Staugler (Charlotte County)

Capt. Ralph Allen, King FisherFleet, fishing charters, nature cruises, Punta Gorda Boating Alliance member
Maran Hilgendorf, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
Jim Joseph, Fantasea Scuba, Dive Shop and Dive Instructor
Paul Marcuzzo, 4 Winds, Marine Electronics, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member and Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee member
Bret Blackburn, Mote Marine Laboratory
Jeff Steele, Spare-Time Dive Charters, Commercial Clam Farmer, Crabber & Shrimper
Greg Tolley, Florida Gulf Coast University

John Stevely (Manatee, Sarasota & Collier Counties)

Bill Ireland - Coastal Conservation Association, Bradenton, FL
Charlie Hunsicker - Ecosystems Manager, Bradenton, FL
Capt, Jonathan Davis - Fishing Guide, Palmetto, FL
Larry Borden - Scuba Diver, Bradenton, FL
Gary Raulerson – SBNEP, Sarasota, FL
Greg Fagan - Manatee County Parks and Recreation, Bradenton, FL
Gail Cole - Mayor, Bradenton Beach
Kevin Lausman - Coastal Conservation Association
James Zacharis - Fishing Guide, Cortez, FL
Karen Bell - Bell Fish Company, Cortez, FL
Rick Meyers - Manasota Fish & Game Association, Bradenton, FL
Bob Fluke - Manatee County Environmental Management Department, Bradenton Beach, FL
Capt. Tom Smith, Anglers Repair, Bradenton, FL
Jim Terry, Palmetto, FL
Jim Wedel, Bradenton, FL
Carl Keeler, Palmetto, FL
Otto Bundy, Bradenton, FL
Richard Eckenrod, NEP, St. Petersburg, FL
Larry Swanson, Palmetto, FL
Mark Alderson, Sarasota, FL
Peter Athas, Bradenton Beach, FL
Bob Bixby, Bradenton, FL
Nannette Eubanks, Palmetto, FL
Michael Bailey, St. Petersburg, FL
Bill O’Shea, Conservation Land Mgt. Dept, Bradenton, FL
Bob Sweat, Supervisor of Elections, Bradenton, FL
Cliff Walters, Bradenton, FL
Chips Shore, Clerk of the Court, Bradenton, FL
Robert Fields, Palmetto, FL

Leslie Sturmer (Multi-County Aquaculture)

Dr. Shirley Baker, UF Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Science, Gainesville
Mark Berrigan, FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Aquaculture
Rose Cantwell, Dog Island Blues, Cedar Key
Sue Colson, Clamlot Farm, City Commissioner, Cedar Key
Ricky Cooke, Cedar Key Oystermen’s Association, Cooke’s Oysters and Seafood, Cedar Key
Tony Heeb, Cutthroat Clams, St. James City

Mike Hodges, Cedar Key Aquaculture Association, Hodges Seafood, Cedar Key
Roy Kibbe, Kibbe & Company, St. James City
Van Lewis, St. Teresa Shellfish, Panacea
Dan Leonard, Bull Bay Clam Farm, Englewood
Ed Mangano, Orchid Island Shellfish Company, Sebastian
Dr. John Scarpa, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Ft. Pierce
Dan Solano, Cedar Key Aquaculture Farms, Inc., DACS Aquaculture Review Council, Cedar Key
Chris Toppings, Clamtastic, Cedar Key
Rick Viele, Rick's Seafood, Inc., Cedar Key
Joe Weissman, Harbor Branch Clams, Ft. Pierce
Phyllis Woodford, Woodford Shellfish, Merritt Island

Don Sweat (Citrus, Hernando, Pasco and Pinellas Counties)

Citrus/Hernando

Jeff Carter – Marina Owner, Homosassa
Brian Thompson – Commercial Fisherman
Bob/Cathy Gill - Owners, Shrimp Landing Fish House
Gary Maidof - Citrus County Planning Department
Andy Rose - Sumter County Cooperative Extension Service
Sam Lyons - Charter Dive Shop Owner
Walter Wynn - Retired
Kelly Tyler - County School System
Kevin Cunningham - Local Businessman
Bobby Witt – Commercial Fisherman

Pasco/Pinellas

Blake Longacre - Businessman, Sport Fisherman/Boater
Dr. Norm Blake - Dept. Of Marine Science, USF, St. Petersburg, FL
Jarvis Everett - Suncoast Tarpon Roundup Committee, St. Petersburg, FL
Mark Godcharles – National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Petersburg, FL
Terry Newkirk - Boat/Yacht Broker, St. Petersburg, FL
Howard Rutherford – Executive Director, St. Petersburg Pier Aquarium, Inc.
Dave Zalewski - Charter Boat Service Owner/Captain, Largo, FL

Chris Verlinde (Santa Rosa County)

Dave Barker, Blue Dolphin Kayak Tours, Navarre, FL
Mackenzie Fosselman, Emerald CoastKeepers, Pensacola, FL
Mary Johnson, Santa Rosa School Board Science Coordinator, Milton, Florida
Ricky Jones, Fl. Division of Forestry, Milton FL
Carolyn Kolb, Pensacola Bay League of Women Voters, Navarre, FL
Harold Kelker, Aquaculture, Milton, FL
Deborah Holland, NW FL Aquatic Preserve Office, Milton, FL
Marty and Brenda Stokes, Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary, Navarre, FL
Martha Szmoniak and Bill Hay, West Florida Canoe Club, Milton, FL
Capt. Robert Turpin, Gulf Breeze, FL
Romi White, Tourist Development
Dr. Eleanor Williams, Go Native Plant Nursery, Milton, FL
Stephania Wilson, BSA

Bob Wasno (Lee County) (Resigned during 2006)

Chuck Listowski, WCIND, Venice, FL
Rudy Busch, Director, Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc., Ft. Myers, FL

Dennis Henderson, Owner, Trico Shrimp Co., Ft. Myers Beach, FL
George Gala, Owner, Trico Shrimp Co., Ft. Myers Beach, FL
Dr. Tom Fraser, Dex Bender and Assoc. Environmental Consultants, Ft. Myers, FL
Dr. Rob Loflin, City of Sanibel, Natural Resources, Sanibel, FL
Capt. Denis Grealish, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission SW Region, Ft. Myers, FL
Commissioner Ray Judah, Lee County Board of Commissioners, Ft. Myers, FL
Jack Waldock, Ohio Sea Grant (Retired), Ft. Myers, FL
Ken Stead, SW Florida Marine Trades Association, N. Ft. Myers, FL
Heather Stafford, FDEP-Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve Office, Ft. Myers Beach, FL
Dr. Greg Tolley, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, FL
Dave Ceilley, Environmental Biologist, Conservancy of SW Florida, Naples, FL
Dr. Steve Bortone, Director, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Marine Laboratory, Sanibel
Tomma Barnes, Environmental Scientist, South Florida Water Management District, Ft. Myers, FL
Betsy Clayton, News Press, Ft. Myers, FL