Oil Spill Science Seminar: Five years later, what have we learned?
March 18th, 2015 - 1:30 pm to 5pm - Point Clear, AL

Dr. Steve Murawski is a fisheries biologist and marine ecologist at the University of South Florida. His work focuses on understanding the impacts of human activities on the sustainability of ocean ecosystems. He will be talking about the health of and contamination in Gulf fishes and the impacts that the oil spill had to the food web and populations of fishes.

Dr. Samantha (Mandy) Joye is a professor at the University of Georgia. She is an expert in biogeochemistry and microbial ecology and works in open ocean and coastal ecosystems. She will be talking about dispersants and their impacts to the food web, open ocean, and coastal ecosystems.

Dr. Ken Heck is a senior marine scientist at Dauphin Island Sea Lab and the University of South Alabama. He studies seagrasses and the animals that live in these habitats, especially shrimps, crabs, and fishes. He will be talking about impacts of the oil spill on animals living in wetlands of the Alabama coast, as well as its effects on individual fish and their northern Gulf populations.

Dr. Tracey Sutton is a professor at Nova Southeastern University. His research focuses on the quantitative ecology and structure of marine ecosystems. He will be talking about the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)’s sampling program shortly after the oil spill which studied offshore pelagic fishes including juvenile reef fishes, shrimps, and squids.

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