Harmful Algal Blooms in Coastal Alabama and Mississippi
1:00 pm June 13th, 2019
NOAA Disaster Response Center, Mobile, AL

12:30-1:00  Registration and coffee/tea

1:00  Opening remarks  Missy Partyka and LaDon Swann, MS-AL Sea Grant

1:15-2:45  Introductory session on HABs for general discussion

1:15  History of HABs and HABSOS  Jeanne Allen, US Environmental Protection Agency

1:35  Forecasting red tide: What we can and cannot do  Alison Robertson, Dauphin Island Sea Lab

1:55  What Does Tourism Need and How Do They Need It?  Herb Malone, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism

2:10  The NCEI HABSOS portal  Jonathan Jackson, NOAA-National Centers for Environmental Information

2:25  Feedback on HABSOS, Break to sessions

2:45-4:00  Concurrent Sessions on Regulations and Impacts to Shellfish and Tourism

Shellfish Session

2:45  Marine Biotoxin Management and Control  David Wiggins, US Food and Drug Administration Shellfish Lab

3:00  Shellfish Grower’s Perspective  Chuck Wilson, Navy Cove Oysters LLC (via Zoom)


3:40  Questions/Answers

Beaches and Tourism Session

2:45  The roles of Mississippi state agencies during HABs  Kristina Broussard, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

3:05  The BEACH Act  Mark Ornelas, Alabama Department of Environmental Management

3:25  Balancing Multiple Needs: Human Health and Local Economies  Kelli Levy, Pinellas County (via Zoom)

3:45  Questions/Answers

4:00  Coffee Break

4:10-4:25  Next Steps: Group Discussion

4:30  Closing remarks, adjourn  Missy Partyka, MS-AL Sea Grant