



Shining light on Deepwater Horizon impacts to the Florida Panhandle: Speaker Bios



Dr. Markus Huettel is a coastal oceanographer and his research focuses on biological and biogeochemical processes at the sea floor. His present work, integrating biological, chemical, and physical processes addresses the cycling of matter in permeable inner shelf sediments and the coastal ocean. Huettel received his PhD from the University of Kiel in Germany in 1988, and then worked at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen/Germany. In 2003, he joined Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he presently is a faculty member in the Department of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science.

Richard Snyder was Director of the Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation (CEDB) at the University of West Florida during and after the BP oil well failure in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. He was on the FIO research vessel *R/V BELLOWS* with a group of students during the spill, established a monitoring program for oil along the beaches of NW Florida, and initiated a multi-year oceanographic survey for the persistence of oil across the continental shelf of NW Florida. During and after the spill, he provided information about the spill via print, radio, and video news media in addition to numerous local presentations and briefings. He is currently Professor and Director, Virginia Institute of Marine Science Eastern Shore Laboratory, College of William & Mary, in Wachapreague, VA.



Cheryl Lassitter currently serves as the Lead Chemist for the National Seafood Inspection Laboratory, NOAA, NMFS in Pascagoula, MS. She has a Bachelors in Geology with minors in Chemistry, Physics, and Biology; Masters in Environmental Chemistry; and two years work toward her Ph.D. in Physics and remote sensing. Cheryl is a former Ph.D.-candidate Research Fellow for the Engineering and Science Directorate at NASA's Stennis Space Center. She's a United States Marine Corps veteran and former laboratory shift supervisor for Degussa-Evodnik Corporation in Mobile, AL.

Dr. Alissa Deming completed her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) with a focus in aquatic animal medicine and PhD in Comparative, Diagnostic, and Population Medicine both at the University of Florida. She has a background in molecular techniques. Dr. Deming's current research is focused on the long-term health impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on coastal bottlenose dolphin populations and she is NOAA's Regional On-site Coordinator investigating the ongoing bottlenose dolphin Unusual Mortality Event in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Deming has worked as a clinical veterinarian at The Marine Mammal Center, Sea World, and the Navy Marine Mammal Program and is actively involved in health assessments of wild bottlenose dolphins, manatees, and various pinniped species.



Dianne Ingram is a Restoration Biologist for the Department of the Interior (DOI) Deepwater Horizon (DWH) Gulf Restoration Office in Fairhope, Alabama. In her current role, she conducts restoration planning for resources injured in the DWH oil spill and provides sea turtle expertise to the DOI Gulf Restoration Office. She holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Eastern Kentucky University, and has worked for the U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Throughout her 30-year career in the natural resource management field, she has remained committed to resolving wildlife-human interactions through addressing anthropogenic threats such as artificial lighting and through endangered species recovery and restoration. She lives in Fairhope, Alabama.

