

Sensitive Biological Habitats of the Gulf of Mexico: Wetlands to Coral Reefs

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Thursday Morning, January 11, 2005

- 8:30 – 8:35** **Introduction**
Herb Leedy
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- 8:35 – 9:00** **Preliminary Results of the Characterization of Deepwater Hard Bottom Communities and Lophelia Coral Habitats**
Al Hart
Continental Shelf Associates
- 9:00 – 9:20** **Flower Garden Banks Monitoring: 2002-2003**
Bill Precht
PBS&J
- 9:20 – 9:45** **Flower Garden Banks Monitoring: Methodology, Evolution, and Future**
Rich Aronson
Dauphin Island Sea Lab/PBS&J
- 9:45 – 10:05** **Environmental Sensitivity Index: Shoreline Classification using Remote Sensing**
DeWitt Braud
Louisiana State University
- 10:05 – 10:20** **Break**
- 10:20 – 10:45** **Pipeline and Navigation Canal Impacts and Mitigation Effects on Wetland Habitats of Coastal Western and Central Gulf of Mexico**
James B. Johnston and Donald R. Cahoon
USGS-NWRC
- 10:45 – 11:10** **Coastal Canal Impacts Resulting in Saltwater Intrusion**
Greg Steyer
USGS-BRD
- 11:10 – 11:30** **Louisiana Coastal Vegetative Type Characterization Maps**
John Barras
USGS-BRD