

**Agenda for the “Florida COOS Caucus” on TUE/7 JUN 05 in Orlando at NSU/SEC**

**CO-CONVENERS:** Dean Otis Brown, UM and Dean Peter Betzer, USF

**HOST:** Dean Richard Dodge, NSU;

**FACILITATOR:** Tom Gustafson, NSU

**NOTE:** COOS (Coastal Ocean Observing System) refers to the coastal ocean (*viz.*, the (200 nautical mile) EEZ, including inland to the head-of-tide) component of IOOS (Integrated Ocean Observing System).

**0930 – PRE-MEETING “MINGLE”**

**1000 – WELCOMING (& OVERVIEW) REMARKS (Dick Dodge)**

**1010 - INTRODUCTION (Otis Brown and Pete Betzer, Moderators)**

- Relevant highlights from the US Commission on Ocean Policy (Frank Muller-Karger)
- COOS (RAs, NFRA; OCEAN.US; “national backbone”; regional enhancements; RCOOS; SECOORA & GCOOS) (Chris Mooers)
- User needs for coastal ocean environmental and ecological information (from a selection of state and private entities in Florida; see speaker list)
- Provider capabilities for such information (from a selection of academic, private, and government institutions in Florida; see speaker list)
- Available organizational infrastructure (from a selection of Florida entities; see speaker list)

**Working Lunch**

**1300 - COMMON INTERESTS (Pete Betzer and Chris Mooers, Moderators)**

- SECOORA and GCOOS (Florida participation, cross-fertilization, etc.)
- Bridging SECOORA, GCOOS, and CARA; Bahamas, Belize, and Caribbean
- Etc.

**1430 - PLAN OF ACTION (Otis Brown and Tom Gustafson, Moderators)**

- SECOORA, GCOOS, and other priorities
- Formation (or adoption) of a Florida COOS stakeholders group
- Further communication; e.g., identification of additional stakeholders, a broader meeting of stakeholders
- Etc.

**1550 – CLOSING (& SUMMARY) REMARKS (Dick Dodge)**

**1600 - ADJOURN**