

# AGENDA: Florida Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (COOS) Caucus Meeting 2

Tuesday, August 2, 2005 • NSU Orlando Student Educational Center  
First Floor Multimedia Room • 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

1:00PM Welcome, Overview and Introduction - Dean Richard Dodge, NSU

1:10 PM Featured Speaker: **Dr. Ellen Prager**, Earth2Ocean, Inc. & UM/Rosenstiel. Dr. Prager serves as Chairman of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) for the National Oceanographic Partnership Program. She will speak on: **The role of ORAP as representatives of the non-federal community and how it may have input into the President's Ocean Action Plan.**

[see: <http://www.coreocean.org/Dev2Go.web?id=207773>  
<http://ocean.ceq.gov/>]

1:45 PM **Panel Discussion** on Current COOS Activities and Opportunities  
**Co-Conveners:** Dean Otis Brown, UM represented by Dr. Rod Zika, & Dean Peter Betzer, USF

**Important questions include:**

**What is the current status of COOS activities? What activities will be important to Florida? Who are the players? What could Floridians do to have a positive impact upon the process?** [Email any additional questions to Dr. Zika ([rzika@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:rzika@rsmas.miami.edu)) or Dr. Betzer ([pbetzer@marine.usf.edu](mailto:pbetzer@marine.usf.edu))]

Subjects by Panelist

- **SEACOOS** (Southeast Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System)  
<http://www.seacoos.org/>  
by **Dr. Bob Weisberg**, USF
- **SECOORA** (Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association)  
<http://www.secoora.org/>  
by **Dr. Chris Mooers**, UM
- **GCOOS** (Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System Regional Association)  
<http://ocean.tamu.edu/GCOOS/gcoos.html>  
by **Dr. Mark Luther**, USF

- **IOCARIBE-GOOS**  
[www.iocaribegoos.org](http://www.iocaribegoos.org)  
 by **Dr. Doug Wilson**, NOAA
  
- **CARA** (Caribbean Regional Association)  
 by **Dr. Doug Wilson**, NOAA (representing: **Drs. Julio Morell**, **Jorge Corredor** (UPR), and **Roy Watlington** (UVI))
  
- **GMA** (Gulf of Mexico Alliance) and **FWRMC** (Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council)  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gulf/>  
 by **Dr. Catherine Corbett**, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
  
- **FOCC** (FL Oceans and Coastal Council)  
 by **Dr. Steve Wolfe**, FL DEP CAMA (Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas)
  
- **FOA** (FL Ocean Alliance)  
<http://www.floridaoceanalliance.org/>  
 by **Dr. Jim Cato**, Florida Sea Grant
  
- **OSB** (Ocean Studies Board)  
<http://dels.nas.edu/osb/>  
 by **Dr. Shirley Pomponi**, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

3:15 PM **Common Interests** - Dr. Chris Mooers, UM & Dr, George Maul, FIT

**Questions to Audience: What have we learned? What is important to Florida's interests?** [Email any additional questions to Dr. Mooers ([cmooers@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:cmooers@rsmas.miami.edu)) and Dr. Maul ([gmaul@fit.edu](mailto:gmaul@fit.edu))

4:00 PM **Plan of Action** - Tom Gustafson, J.D.

4:50 PM **Closing Comments** - Dean Richard Dodge.