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COMMAND CENTER TEAM UPDATES

2020 Quarter 2 Quarterly Update Webinar

South Atlantic Coastal Study
June 29, 2020



A quarterly progress brief for stakeholders was held on Monday, June 29th! The webinar was well attended with nearly 300 stakeholders who tuned in to hear the latest news on the study! A recording is available on our website!

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STATE/TERRITORY APPENDICES UPDATES

North Carolina

The Wilmington District continues to work at finalizing their Tier 2 Analysis for the state appendix and continue to prepare for the focus area workshops! There are three focus areas; Carteret and Craven County, Dare County & Ocracoke and New Hanover & Brunswick Counties

South Carolina

Ryan Clark, an Archaeologist with SAJ, recently joined the SAC study team due to our friend from SAS, Julie Morgan-Ryan, retiring. Ryan will pick up where she left off with compiling and evaluating information to identify cultural resources along the South Carolina coast that could be vulnerable to storm surge and other coastal hazards. He will use Tier 1 and 2 data to inform the team's understanding of vulnerable cultural resources and how they are influenced by sea level rise and other hazards, as well as the potential consequences if they are lost or degraded by storms. We will be presenting our initial findings to federal, state and local cultural resources agencies and organizations in a virtual workshop, which will be a great opportunity for us to integrate expert opinions into our ongoing work.

Georgia

The Savannah District team has evaluated high risk areas using the HAZUS model output which uses census places to assess monetary damages to

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infrastructure and people in these areas. The damages are predominantly in multiple Savannah metropolitan areas, Tybee Island, St. Simons Island, and St. Marys, Georgia. We are looking forward to two Focus Area Action Strategies kick off meetings on 14 July 2020 in Savannah/Chatham County/Tybee Island and Brunswick/Glynn County/Jekyll/St. Simons. We will review risks to population centers and infrastructure, vulnerability to environmental and cultural resources and social vulnerability, and our shared vision for addressing coastal storm risk at the FAAS planning meeting in August 2020.

Florida/Puerto Rico/USVI

The Jacksonville District Project Delivery Teams are moving full speed ahead on preparation of their 9 upcoming Focus Area kick-off meetings. The team will be hosting 5 virtual Focus Area kick-off meetings for Florida, 2 for Puerto Rico, and 2 for the US Virgin Islands. The Focus Area Action Strategies are a critical component of the SACS Tier 2 Analysis and Recommendations.

Alabama/Mississippi/Florida Panhandle

Just like the rest of the district project managers, Meredith and her team are also busy preparing for their upcoming Focus Area kick-off meetings. The Mobile District has 5 focus areas; Biloxi and Gulfport, Greater Pascagoula Area, Mobile Metropolitan Area & Tensaw River Delta, Panama and Mexico City Beaches and Pensacola / Ft. Walton Beach / Destin!

FOCUS AREA ACTION STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

As promised, the Kick-Off webinars, 21 in total, are scheduled to begin the 9th of July and continue through the 17th. Please see registration information below for each of the Focus Areas.

Thursday, July 9

Northeast Florida @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5961818535437942286>

Friday, July 10

Southeast, Florida @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/16910896736633614>

Monday, July 13

Puerto Rico (Cabo Rojo) @ 9:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4429952547420604942>

Puerto Rico (Isabela to Rincon), @ 11:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6233401206112655374>

Pascagoula, @ 11:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1119097636328680463>

Glynn County, @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/113189632423322638>

Monday, July 13

Biloxi and Gulfport, @ 3:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1920664702721653263>

Tuesday, July 14

Chatham County / Savannah / Tybee Island, @ 9:30 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1318201599938067213>

East Central Florida, @ 11:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5127258423740219661>

Wednesday, July 15

Dare County / Outer Banks, @ 9:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1445269959761321486>

Panama City Beach / Mexico City Beach, @ 11:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2179861374871951888>

Grand Strand, @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7767694915938228238>

Southwest Florida, @ 3:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5220578373660478990>

Pensacola / Ft. Walton Beach / Destin, @ 3:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1882287348907500560>

Thursday, July 16

Carteret / Craven Counties, @ 9:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2971995731012844556>

Charleston Metro Focus Area, @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6524800374845281292>

Tampa Bay Focus Area, @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4234858502792564492>

Friday, July 17

New Hanover / Brunswick Counties, @ 9:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3176105771058326284>

Western Mobile Bay, @ 11:00 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5736311999264834060>

US Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie, @ 1:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1902959267128198414>

US Virgin Islands, Christiansted, @ 2:30 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8619090749909587470>

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE *BY KRISTINA MAY*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) SACS Planning Aid Report was finalized by USFWS on April 30, 2020. The report provides a state-by-state description of the national wildlife refuges and biological resources and habitats under the purview of USFWS that are vulnerable to sea level rise and storm activity in each state and territory located in the SACS study area. Adaptation strategy discussions for some of the national wildlife refuges were added to the final report. Information from the report is being used in the SACS state appendices and will be used in the SACS environmental analysis. The final report is located on the SACS website at <https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/SACS/>.

Mark your calendars -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is inviting state and federal environmental resource agencies and non-governmental organizations to participate in a collaborative workshop on the identification of at-risk environmental resources as an element of the South Atlantic Coastal Study (SACS). This workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM EST, at which the SACS environmental team will present the habitats in the SACS study area that are at high-risk to increased coastal storm damages as a result of sea level rise, and walk through the analysis the team performed to develop these conclusions.

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