# Informational Meetings During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill





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### **Meeting Request**

- Questions from injured parties
- Informational Meeting
- Quickly as possible
- Two weeks maximum





### Purpose

To convene a public forum to answer oil spill questions on the environment, the economy and society, using credible sources of information.

### Goal

To empower coastal constituents with information with which they can make informed personal and community decisions regarding the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill



### Strategy

### • Partners

Mississippi/ Alabama Sea Grant Louisiana Sea Grant Texas Sea Grant

- Planning team
- Split up duties
- Find and train 22 facilitators per meeting
- Secure 11 experts per meeting





### Objectives

- Provide a forum for stakeholders to:
  - Get face-to-face information from identified experts.
  - Pose questions on any topic of concern.
  - Feel heard.
  - Receive as many answers as possible from experts.
- Provide follow-up information for questions that can not be addressed at the forum.





### **Schedule the Meetings**

- Secure space
- Invitations
- Public notices
- Security for meetings
- Set up





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### Experts

- State Oil Spill Coordinators Office
- State Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Marine Division
- Department of Human Health
- Food and Drug Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Weather Service, Marine Fisheries Service
- Sea Grant Legal Programs

- National Ocean Service
- Sea Grant
- British Petroleum
- US Coast Guard



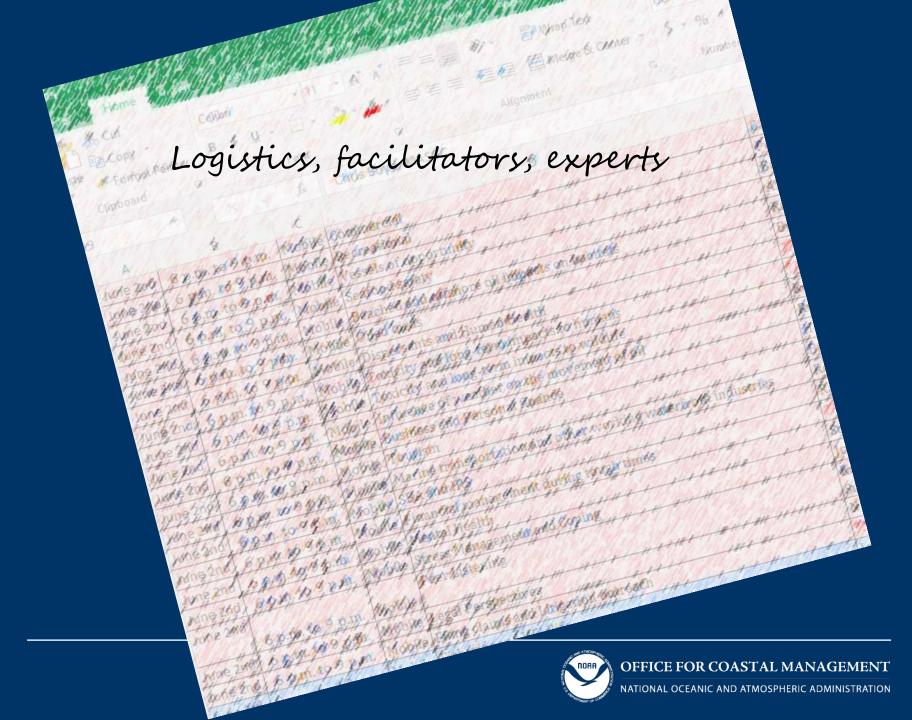


### Ground Rules

- Respect the Unknowns
- Sílence phones
- Respect all participants
- Waít to be acknowledged
- One person speaks at a tíme
- Límít your question to 2 mínutes
  - · I question per turn with

one follow up





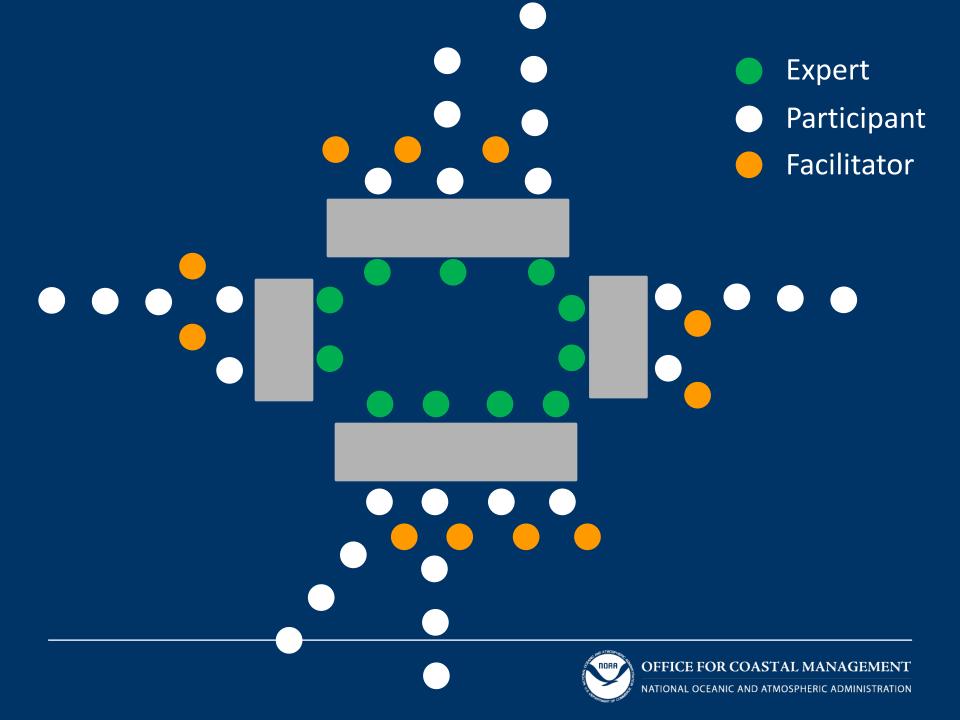
### **Process for Louisiana**

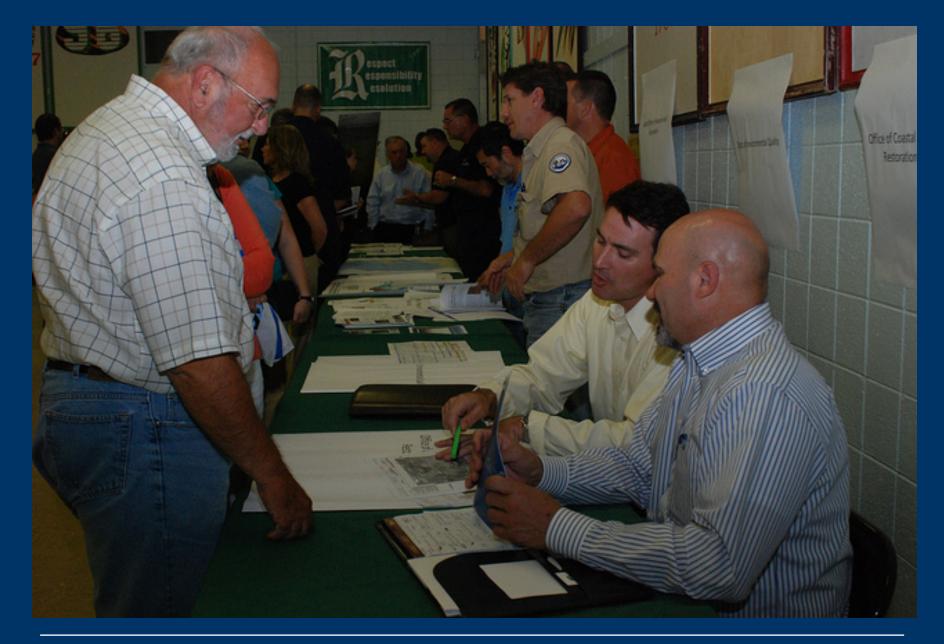
- Plenary Introductions
  - Sea Grant
  - Parish President
  - BP
  - Facilitator



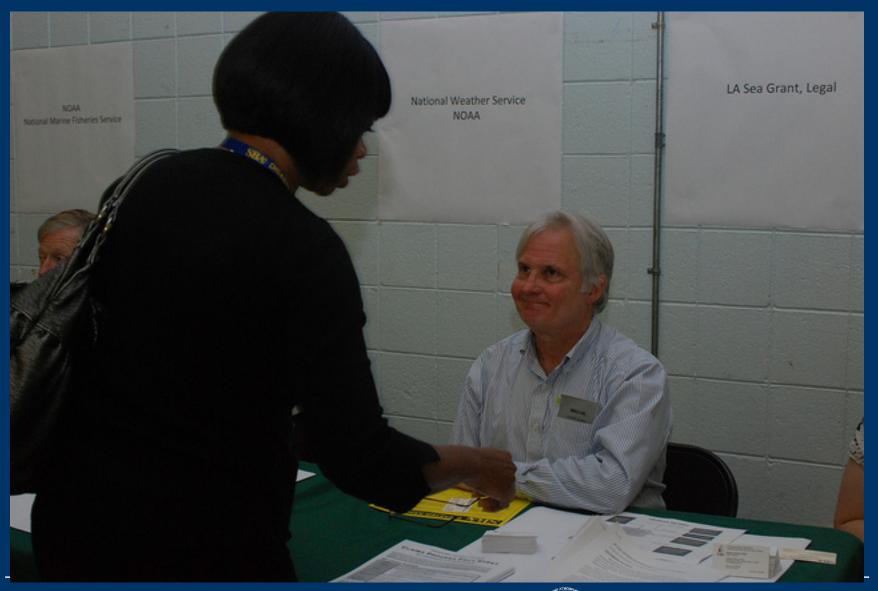
- Participants select best expert for the question and line-up
- Experts take questions individually





































### Process for Mississippi and Alabama

- Plenary Introductions
  - NOAA
  - EPA
  - USCG
  - Facilitator
- Participants move to break out rooms
- Participants have 3 minutes at the microphone





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### **Peer Listening Resources from Ann**

Ann noted that their facilitated meeting experts were trained as Peer Listeners. Resources on this and a training manual may be found at: <u>http://masgc.org/publications/details/peer-</u> listening.

