

GULF & SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PANEL ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

September 9th – 10th 2026

Hampton Inn & Suites
62 South Royal Street
Mobile, AL 36602
Bienville Room

Microsoft Teams Meeting
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[All times stated in the agenda are in Central Daylight Time. * Indicates virtual presentation]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2026

8:30 Call to Order – Chair Matt Phillips

- Introductions
- Public Comment

8:45 Review and Adoption of Agenda – Matt Phillips

8:50 Review and Approval of Minutes from the Spring 2025 GSARP Meeting [Orlando, FL] – Chair Phillips

9:00 Aquatic Plant Management Program – *Wes Anderson, Alabama Power Company*

9:45 Invasive Lionfish in the Alabama Reef Permit Zone – *Mark Albins, Univ. of South Alabama, Dauphin Island Sea Lab*

10:05 – 10:20 BREAK

10:20 Efforts to Control Apple Snails in the Three Mile Creek Watershed – *Christian Miller, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program*

10:40 Invasive Flora & Integrated Pest Management – *Levi Blackmon, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn Univ.*

11:20 Evaluation of Novel Control Techniques for Invasive Crayfish – *Jim Stoeckel, Auburn Univ.*

11:40 One Invader. One Reservoir. 350,000 Reasons to Act. How the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System Responded to an Invasive Species Threat and Strengthened Protection of the J. B. Converse Reservoir. – *Bud McCrory, Mobile Area Water & Sewer System*

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 Update on New ANS Introductions. – *Wesley Daniel, US Geological Survey (USGS).*

1:45 USGS Aquatic Disease and Pathogen Database Update. – *Wesley Daniel, USGS.*

2:00 Data Meets Action in the Fight Against Invasives– *Don Bates, Osprey Initiative*

2:20 The Effects of Herbicide on Estuarine Eurasian Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) – *Anna Reimer, University of South Alabama*

2:40-2:55 BREAK

2:55 Biology and Ecology of Eurasian milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum* in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta – *Charles Martin, University of South Alabama, Dauphin Island Sea Lab*

3:35 Identifying gaps in regulatory prevention: Insights into species of concern, understudied pathways, and the role of climate change – *Zoey Hendrickson, University of South Alabama, Dauphin Island Sea Lab*

4:00 pm GSARP Business:

- **Voting Results (Local Comm/At-Large seat; 2 Academic seats)**
- **Member at- Large Nominations and Election**
- **SOP revision**
- **Officer Elections (Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary)**

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026

8:30 Call to Order – Chair Matt Phillips

- Public Comment

8:40 Aquatic Nuisance Species Program – *Adrian Stanfill, Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division*

9:00 Region 4 FWS update – James Ballard (USFWS)

9:20 Task Force Update – Susan Pasko (USFWS)

9:40 Life History Traits of Florida's Nonnative Fishes and Implications for Risk Assessment–
Katelyn Lawson, Auburn University

10:00 BREAK

10:15 State Reports / Members Forum

11:30 Other Business –

- Next Meeting (Spring 2027, Georgia?)

11:45 Public Comment

ADJOURN @ 12:00 PM