## Products and benefits resulting from prior coordination workshops

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### **Overview**

- General workshop goals
- Benefits to regional ecosystem management
- Review of specific workshop products
  - 2010
  - 2011

### **Overall Workshop Goals**

- Coordinate hypoxia research
- Provide a forum to discuss latest findings
- Inform activities of Gulf Hypoxia Task Force and other regional ecosystem management efforts

### Why these workshops are critical

### **An Adaptive Approach**

#### **Scientific Assessments and Research**

Assessments, Impacts, Forecasts

Understanding

Assess Progress; Address Gaps

**Management Plan** 

Action

Implementation

**Regional Ecosystem Management** 

### **An Adaptive Approach**

# Full implementation will require \$ Billions \$

"Adaptive management does not postpone actions until "enough" is known about a managed ecosystem..... Adaptive management aims to enhance scientific knowledge and thereby reduce uncertainties."

### **Regional Coordination**







- Focused on Gulf of Mexico
- Addressing nutrients and hypoxia
- Leveraging significant resources

### **Regional Coordination**



Mississippi River Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force







#### Hypoxia Workshop

- Matrices
- Synthesis Reports
- Discussion Topics



Improved Decisions





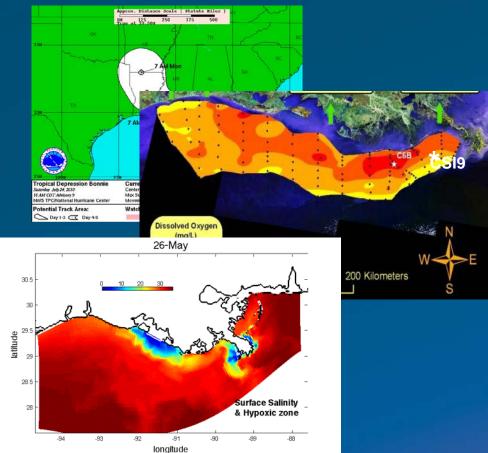
#### 2010 Overview

- Focused on monitoring and fisheries
  - Fisheries coordination report
  - Matrix of current hypoxia monitoring activities
  - Monitoring Coordination Plan and Report
  - Hypoxia Outreach and Communications Plan
  - Data Management

Outputs posted on Gulf Hypoxic Zone Monitoring Stakeholders Committee website: http://www.ncddc.noaa.gov/activities/gulf-hypoxia-stakeholders/view

#### 2010 Products

- Monitoring Coordination Report
  - Seasonal and synoptic perspective
  - Context to the mid-summer survey results
  - Improved ability to measure progress
  - 2011 Synthesis Report



#### 2010 Products

- Primer on Gulf Hypoxia
  - Increases awareness
  - Increase engagement

Available at: http://www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org /community/pubs.html



A Primer on Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

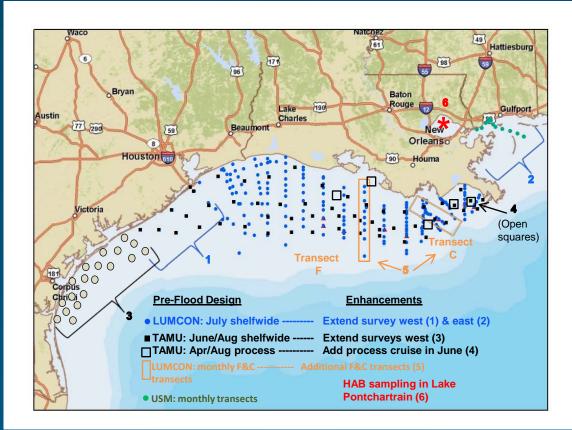
Common questions and answers for stakeholders, decision makers, coastal managers, and the education community.

#### 2011 Overview

- Focused on monitoring and modeling
  - Synthesis Report (nearing completion)
  - Matrix of current hypoxia monitoring activities
  - Matrix of Gulf hypoxia modeling activities
  - Forecast coordination
  - Communication Plan update

#### 2011 Products

#### Monitoring Matrix and Mississippi River Flood



#### 2011 Products

- Modeling Matrix and Forecast Coordination
  - Alignment of modeling and forecasting capabilities
  - Coordinated timing of forecast release
  - Perhaps start of robust ensemble forecasts and transition to operations.

#### 2011 Products

- Collaborations with Weather Service
  - Data products to facilitate short-term hypoxia forecasts
  - 2012 Spring Flood Outlook
  - Perhaps start of more robust forecasting collaboration?

### Thanks!

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