

**Gulf Seafood Institute**  
**Gulf of Mexico Offshore Aquaculture Roundtable**  
**November 14 - 15, 2016**  
**Airport Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**GSI Position of Offshore Aquaculture:**

"Recognizing the importance of providing consumers with premium, U.S. seafood from the Gulf of Mexico, GSI accepts that offshore aquaculture can play an important role in the future of a healthy Gulf of Mexico seafood supply chain. Given the multitude of hurdles yet to be cleared prior to this program becoming a reality, GSI will work to bring stakeholders together in various forums where solutions to the current challenges facing offshore aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico can be addressed positively with a spirit of unity and transparency."

**Purpose of the Roundtable Meeting:**

Bring together influential, national stakeholders from the areas of industry, government, ENGO, finance and science to **define the key challenges** to the development of offshore aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico and **outline realistic strategies** to resolve each challenge.

**Sponsors:** The Gulf Seafood Institute and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

**Monday, November 14, 2016**

**Afternoon** Delegation arrives New Orleans

**3:00 PM** **Hotel Check-in**  
Location: Hilton New Orleans Airport  
901 Airline Drive  
Kenner, LA 70062  
504-469-5000

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM** **Welcome Dinner and Keynote Speaker**  
Location: Hilton New Orleans Airport, Pontchartrain Ballroom  
Keynote Address: Wally Stevens, Executive Director, Global Aquaculture Alliance  
Contact: Margaret Henderson, GSI Executive Director

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

**7:30 AM** **Continental Breakfast available outside Rivertown Ballroom**

**8:00 AM** **Roundtable Participants convene**  
Location: Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel Rivertown Ballroom  
Facilitator: Dr. Ken Roberts

**8:15 AM** **Opening remarks: Paul Doremus, NOAA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations**

**8:30 AM** **Discussion Topic #1: Opportunities for Offshore Aquaculture**  
Presentation: Neil Simms, Ocean Stewards Institute, Kona, Hawaii

**9:00 AM** **Facilitated Discussion on Topic #1**

**10:15 AM** **Discussion Topic #2: Environmental Risks and Benefits of Aquaculture**  
Presentation: Don Kent, Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute, San Diego, CA

**10:45 AM** **Facilitated Discussion on Topic #2**

- 12:00 PM**      **LUNCH BREAK**  
*Buffet lunch will be provided*
- 12:30 PM**      **Discussion #3: Interaction with the Existing Ocean-Based Industries and Stakeholders**  
Presentation: Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association
- 1:00 PM**      **Facilitated Discussion on Topic #3**
- 2:15 PM**      **BREAK**  
*Light refreshments will be provided*
- 2:30 PM**      **Discussion #4: Building a Bigger Market for All Gulf Seafood**  
Presentation: Jim Anderson, University of Florida
- 3:00 PM**      **Facilitated Discussion**
- 4:00 PM**      **Wrap-Up and Next Steps**  
Dr. Ken Roberts
- 5:00 PM**      **ADJOURN**

**Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 AM-**      **Casual Continental Breakfast will be provided**  
**9:00 AM**      Location: Bonnet Carre Room