

Diamondback Terrapin Working Group Gulf Coast Regional Meeting

Presented by the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in partnership with the Gulf Coast Diamondback Terrapin Working Group; the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR); the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands (ADCNR/SLD), Coastal Section; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

February 7, 2008
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Five Rivers Delta Resource Center
30945 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527



This meeting is designed to provide a forum to update researchers on the activities of the national working group, identify gaps in regional information, discuss future management applications of on-going research, and establish a list of “next steps” or timeline of actions and activities for the Gulf Coast Regional Working Group.

Who Should Attend: Researchers who have participated in past Diamondback Terrapin Working Group meetings on the Gulf Coast and those who have an interest in diamondback terrapin research and conservation.

Agenda Highlights:

- Overview of the activities of the national Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
- Update research and conservation activities within the Gulf Coast region
- Identify information needs and gaps in current data
- Discuss future management applications of research
- Next steps for the Gulf Coast Diamondback Terrapin Regional Working Group

To register for this event, please copy and paste this link into your web browser (<http://www.grandbaynerr.org/education/ctp/opportunities.php>) and follow the instructions for on-line registration. If you have questions about the on-line registration process, please contact Marian Dicas at 228-475-7047 or marian.dicas@dmr.ms.gov.

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Lodging Information

The Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Fairhope, AL has two rooms with bunk beds: one room sleeps three (3) and the other sleeps eight (8). **There is no charge for this facility, but you are required to bring your own linens.** Please note that the capacity of the dorms is limited; beds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to reserve a bed in one of the dorm rooms or need more information, please contact Mike Shelton at (251)-928-9792 or michael.shelton@dcnr.alabama.gov.

For individuals who prefer motel lodging, discounted rooms are available at the Microtel Inn & Suites (251-621-7807) in Daphne only minutes from the conference site. The room rate is \$85.00/night, and individuals should refer to the Terrapin Working Group when contacting the motel. Rooms have two (2) double beds. Rates are locked in for only February 6, 2008. Contact the motel directly for reservations. Please contact Mike if you need any local assistance.

Directions to the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center

From Florida:

- On Interstate 10 west, take Exit 35 (Daphne-Fairhope).
- From the exit, go to the traffic signal at the intersection with U.S. Highway 98. Go straight.
- Merge onto Highway 90/98, also called Battleship Parkway.
- Cross the Blakeley River Bridge and continue for about .25 mile.
- Turn right onto 5 Rivers Boulevard (directly across from Meaher State Park).
- Follow road and signs into property.

From Mobile/Mississippi:

- Take Interstate 10 East through the George Wallace Tunnel.
- Take Exit 27 (immediately after the tunnel) onto Battleship Parkway (U.S. 90E).
- Go past the Blue Gill Restaurant and turn left onto Five Rivers Boulevard (directly across from Meaher State Park).
- Follow the road and signs into the property.