

years' experience in field biology, natural resources management, and education outreach. Samantha studies how marine ecosystem-scale dynamics are best applied to management and conservation; and works directly with communities to empower individual action through volunteerism, 'citizen science', and consumer awareness to protect our oceans, coasts and wildlife.

Panel 2 – Solutions

Chris Holland, Attorney, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

Chris Holland is an attorney and state lobbyist who specializes in aerospace and clean energy issues. His clients include the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Workforce Brevard, United Space Alliance (NASA's Space Shuttle prime contractor), Space Florida, Excalibur Almaz, Erickson Energy and others. Chris has over 25 years of experience dealing with economic development for aerospace, clean technologies and other industrial innovations capable of boosting employment in Florida.

Adrianna Quintero, Natural Resources Defense Council

Adrianna Quintero is a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council and the founder and director of NRDC's Latino Advocacy program La Onda Verde. Ms. Quintero is part of NRDC's climate center and has litigated with NRDC's environmental health program on issues surrounding safe drinking water, pesticides and toxic air pollution.

David Adams, PODER Magazine

David Adams is the editor of PODER Magazine, a division of Page One Media. Adams has more than 25 years' experience in print and online journalism, and served the last 15 years as the Miami-based Latin America correspondent for the St. Petersburg Times, Florida's largest newspaper. He is a longtime contributor to The Economist magazine. Adams is based in Miami and will direct the Miami and US Editions of PODER Enterprise, as well as online contents for PODER 360 (www.poder360.com).

Lance Orchid, Repower

Lance Orchid joined The Alliance for Climate Protection in 2009 to run the Repower America Campaign in Georgia and then Florida. Lance is a graduate of The University of Virginia and Tulane Law School and worked as an attorney for the international law firm Hunton & Williams. Repower America was first introduced as a bold plan to "Repower" our country with 100% clean electricity and revitalize our national energy infrastructure. At its core, Repower America stands for the importance of investing in energy efficiency; clean, renewable and diversified energy sources; a unified national smart energy grid that connects these renewable energy sources to every part of the country; and clean car technology.

Gulf Oil Disaster Community Forum

From Crisis to Solutions

Thursday, July 15th
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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Susan Glickman, Florida Business Network for a Clean Energy Economy

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Robert Cowen, Rosenstiel School

Carlos Espinosa, Department of Environmental Resources Management

Ana Cecilia Velasco, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce

Samantha Whitcraft, Oceanic Defense

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Speaker Biographies (In order of appearance)

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Susan Glickman, Florida Business Network for a Clean Energy Economy

Susan Glickman is the Director of the Florida Business Network for a Clean Energy Economy. She has been involved in issue advocacy and political campaigns since 1984 working both at the federal level and in her home state of Florida. The current focus of Susan's work is in the climate and energy arena. Susan is a consultant to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and Ceres. Most recently, Susan served as the US Southern Region Director for The Climate Group, an international non-governmental organization working to accelerate a low carbon economy.

Panel 1 – About the Oil Spill

Robert Cowen, Associate Dean of Research Maytag Professor of Ichthyology, Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science

Robert K. Cowen is the Robert C. Maytag Professor of Ichthyology and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. He also holds a joint appointment as Professor in the Department of Biology at UM. He earned his B.A. at UCSB, M.S. at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and Ph.D. in biological oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He has authored or co-authored over 100 publications on topics ranging from coastal fish ecology and early life history, to fishery oceanography, larval transport and population connectivity. His research has included both field-intensive empirical and bio-physical modeling approaches to resolve the mechanisms and population consequences of larval dispersal. Dr. Cowen is has served on the U.S. Ocean Research and Resource Advisory Panel (ORRAP), the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans (PISCO) External Advisory Committee, NOAA/NSF CAMEO Steering Committee, JOI Ocean Observatory Interim Steering Committee, and as CLIOTOP/GLOBEC Early Life History Working Group chair. His other service activities have included ICCAT Technical Advisor, Marine Reserve Consensus Panel, hosting and participating in various workshops on the topic of marine population connectivity and management of Caribbean coral reefs.

Carlos Espinosa, P.E. Director, Environmental Resources Management

Carlos Espinosa has been serving as the Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) since January 2006. Mr. Espinosa oversees a department that regulates and manages activities that have an impact on the County's natural resources. DERM is one of the most prominent local environmental agencies in the U.S.

Ana Cecilia Velasco, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce

Ana Cecilia Velasco, known as "Ceci", is the Chief Operating Officer for the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. Although new to the Chamber, Ceci has 25 years in public service and worked on policy issues at the Municipal, and State levels contributing her background in Policy, Finance, and Business Development. The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1921 to promote the economic well-being of Miami Beach's citizens, to improve the quality of life for the entire community, and to communicate the view of the business community on major issues of public policy.

Samantha Whitcraft, Oceanic Defense

Samantha serves as Director of Conservation Biology and Research for Oceanic Defense, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to "Activation through Education". Samantha earned her Bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences from Harvard University (2000) and her Masters of Marine Affairs and Policy from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine Atmospheric Sciences (2009) with 12+