



2023 Watershed Summit



Wednesday, June 21

8:30 - 9:00 REGISTRATION / NETWORKING

9:00 - 9:15 OPENING REMARKS

- Jennifer Hecker, CHNEP

9:15 - 11:00 AQUATIC HABITAT RESEARCH

- Dylan Yakich, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
- Andrew Wooley, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
- Kelly Chase, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
- Matthew Bunting, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

11:00 - 12:35 WATER QUALITY

- Chris Anastasiou, PhD, Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Rebecca Cray, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Andre Mele, Peace & Myakka Waterkeeper
- Detong Sun, PhD, South Florida Water Management District

12:35 - 2:00 LUNCH BREAK / NETWORKING

2:00 - 4:30 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Kate Rose, UF/IFAS Florida Sea Grant
- Debra Childs Woithe, Manatee County
- Regina Bale, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Michael D'Imperio, Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension
- Aaron Adams, PhD, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
- Emily Hall, PhD, Mote Marine Laboratory

Thursday, June 22

8:30 - 9:00 REGISTRATION / NETWORKING

9:00 - 9:10 OPENING REMARKS

9:10- 10:55 HYDROLOGY

- Shimelis Setegn, PhD, South Florida Water Management District
- Teresa VanderWaag, Sarasota County
- Peter Rubec, PhD, Fish & Wildlife Research Institute (ret.)
- Jon Dinges, City of Winter Haven

10:55 - 12:30 AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION

- Paul Julian, PhD, The Everglades Foundation
- JoEllen Wilson, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
- Barbara Welch & Elizabeth Salewski, PhD, South Florida Water Management District
- Kayla Hayes, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection

12:30 - 2:00 LUNCH BREAK / NETWORKING

2:00 - 4:30 HURRICANE IAN IMPACTS

- Brandon Moody, Charlotte County
- Eric Weather, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
- Chris Anastasiou, PhD, Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Eric Milbrandt, PhD, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation
- Stephanie Erickson, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Kayla Hayes, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection



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