

## CHIMMP Regional Chapter Content Suggestions

The Coastal Habitat Integrated Mapping and Monitoring Program (CHIMMP) report will consist of a general introduction to coastal wetlands (compiled by the FWC Coastal Wetlands group) and regional chapters with location-specific coastal wetland information (compiled by local experts across Florida). CHIMMP is modeled after the Seagrass Integrated Mapping and Monitoring (SIMM) program at FWRI, which successfully facilitated the coordination of seagrass mapping and monitoring activities within the state. To learn more about the SIMM framework and view the final report, please visit: <http://myfwc.com/research/habitat/seagrasses/publications/simm-report-1/>.

Please draw upon the list of suggested local contacts that was developed during the CHIMMP workshop. The format of the chapters is flexible, so you may directly utilize data and research that has already been collected in your region. We are requesting a draft of regional chapters be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Please contact the CHIMMP coordinators if that time line is not feasible for you.

Suggestions for chapter content include the following:

- List of chapter authors and affiliations
- Map of region
  - GIS map(s) of the entire region depicting current salt marsh and mangrove cover. Specify the land cover classification system used and source of data for the map.
- Summary table
  - Concise presentation of current coastal wetland data from the region (categories are determined by the coauthors, but may include spatial extent, percent change, economic value, or other statistics)
- Regional assessment
  - Is coastal wetland area increasing or decreasing?
  - What are the greatest threats to coastal wetland health or extent in this region?
- Regional mapping and monitoring
  - What regional mapping and monitoring programs are currently present in this region? Omit statewide and national programs, as these are summarized within the introduction of the report.
  - Are data freely available on line from these programs? If so, list a website.
  - With what regularity do these programs map and/or monitor coastal wetlands?
- Additional regional-specific data
  - Optional subsections may be added based upon the authors' areas of expertise. Examples include:
    - Methods and results from monitoring efforts
    - Information on past, present, and future coastal conditions and vegetation
    - Assessment of room for landward expansion of coastal wetlands
    - Assessment of wetland health, stress, hydrology, or disturbances
  - Subsections can focus on smaller areas within the CHIMMP region

- Recommendations for protection, management, and restoration
  - What specific needs exist within this region?
  - How can these needs be met?
  - What are the management priorities for this region?
- Works cited
- Contact information of coauthors