



**Dr. Nancy Rabalais**

Chair, National Sea Grant Advisory Board  
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**Educational Background**

- **Ph.D., 1983, Zoology**  
The University of Texas, Austin, TX
- **M.S., 1975, Biology**  
Texas A & I University, Kingsville
- **B.S., 1972, Biology**  
Texas A & I University, Kingsville

**Research Interests**

- Biological oceanography-continental shelf ecosystems influenced by large rivers; distribution, dynamics and effects of hypoxia
- Estuarine and benthic ecology
- Integration of science and policy

**Current Projects**

- Coastal Change, Eutrophication and Hypoxia
- Cumulative Coastal Stressors
- Historical Reconstruction of Ecosystem Changes from Sediments
- Effects of the Macondo Oil Spill on Coastal Ecosystems (BP GoMRI Research Consortium)

Dr. Rabalais serves the Board of Trustees for the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, the Council for the University National-Oceanographic Laboratory System, the National and Southern Associations of Marine Labs, and the Board of Directors for GCOOS the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System. Dr. Rabalais is an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow, an Aldo Leopold Leadership Program Fellow, Past Chair of the Ocean Studies Board and Past President of the Estuarine Research Federation. She has received several awards for the research that she and her collaborators have conducted on hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico.