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# SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

## Opening Remarks

*Galen Cobb, NOIA Chairman (Outgoing) and Erik Milito, NOIA President*

1:15 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.

## Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Break

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## BSEE Conversation on Offshore Safety Incidents, Jason Matthews, BSEE

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

## Senator Claire McCaskill (2007 - 2018)

4:15 p.m.

## Ajourn

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# SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

**Tom Harris**, *State of Louisiana*

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Break**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Dr. Scott Gottlieb, M.D.**  
*Moderated by Bruce Beaubouef*

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**Luke Clark, RenewableUK**

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Matthew Tejada, EPA**  
*Environmental Justice*

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Break**

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman**

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Break**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**U.S. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher & U.S. Rep John Curtis**

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**23rd World Petroleum Congress, Jeff Shellebarger,**  
*Organizing Committee Chair*

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Safety in Seas Awards**  
*Rick Martin, Compass Publications, Inc.*

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**General Session**  
*Erik Milito, NOIA President and Tim Duncan, NOIA Chairman (Incoming)*

4:00 p.m.

**Ajourn**

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# SPEAKERS



## Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-DE)

Sheldon Whitehouse has earned a reputation in the Senate as a fierce advocate for progressive values and a thoughtful legislator capable of reaching across the aisle to achieve bipartisan solutions.

Senator Whitehouse has been at the center of bipartisan efforts to pass laws overhauling federal education policy, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, reforming the criminal and juvenile justice systems, protecting Americans from toxic chemicals in everyday products, and addressing ocean plastic waste.

Recognizing the devastating toll of addiction in Rhode Island and across the nation, Whitehouse authored the first significant bipartisan law to address the opioid crisis, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. Representing the Ocean State, Whitehouse plays a key role in crafting policies addressing climate change, environmental protection, and a price on carbon. He passed into law a dedicated fund to support ocean and coastal research and restoration and bipartisan legislation to confront the crisis of marine plastic and other waste polluting our oceans. He has worked to enact bipartisan measures to reduce carbon pollution and boost America's clean energy economy.

Whitehouse has stood as a staunch defender of Social Security and Medicare, and has made improving care and reducing costs in our health care system a hallmark of his career. To counteract the corrosive effects of special interests in our democracy, Whitehouse has championed efforts to root out dark money from our elections and make Congress and the courts accountable to the American people.

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Sheldon served as Rhode Island's U.S. Attorney and state attorney general before being elected to the Senate, where he serves on the Finance Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, and the Budget Committee.

He and his wife Sandra, a marine biologist and environmental advocate, live in Newport. They have two grown children.

# SPEAKERS



## Jason Mathews

Chief, Office of Safety Management

Mr. Jason Mathews is currently the Chief of the Office of Safety Management (OSM) for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Office - Regional Field Operations, U.S. Department of the Interior, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Mathews is responsible for the supervision of all activities related to the review and analysis of operator compliance and incident data and coordination of the BSEE Gulf of Mexico Office's safety efforts. He also directs the review and audit functions of OCS operators' safety programs.

Mr. Mathews has 19 years of experience with BSEE, including offshore experience in drilling, production, and workover operations in the Gulf of Mexico at the District, Regional, and Headquarters levels. He also represents the agency in multiple API work groups developing industry standards, recommended practices and technical bulletins.

Mr. Mathews earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 2003. He also serves as a high school football coach at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans, La.

# SPEAKERS



## Senator Claire McCaskill

United States Senator of Missouri (2007 - 2018)

Claire McCaskill has spent her career as a prosecutor and elected official devoted to public service and earned a reputation in the U.S. Senate as a plain-spoken, independent, and effective champion for Missourians and all Americans.

Born and raised in the Show-Me state, Claire attended college and law school at the University of Missouri and began her career as an assistant prosecutor in Kansas

City, specializing in prosecuting arsons and sex crimes.

Claire was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives and made history when she became the first woman elected Jackson County prosecutor, where she launched one of the nation's first drug courts and established a first-of-its-kind domestic violence unit. Claire continued raising the level of accountability in Missouri as the state's Auditor and later took on her own party establishment, becoming the first person to ever defeat a sitting Missouri Governor in a primary election. In 2006, Claire became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Missouri – winning the seat once held by Harry Truman – and was resoundingly re-elected in 2012.

Claire's background as a prosecutor and auditor deeply informed her work in the Senate, where she championed a six-year-long battle to rein in wasteful wartime contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan and addressed tens of billions of wasted taxpayer dollars. She fought to curb sexual assault in the military and on college and university campuses, and led a historic, bipartisan investigation into online sex trafficking on the website Backpage and passed legislation to give law enforcement tools to prosecute websites like it.

Claire launched the largest congressional investigation into the business practices of opioid manufacturers and worked across the aisle to pass legislation to lower the price of prescription drugs. The daughter of a World War II veteran, she fought tirelessly for vets, including passing into law a bill to deliver decades-old relief to veterans who were exposed to mustard gas during World War II. Known for her work on behalf of consumers, Claire spearheaded efforts to improve consumer protections against robocalls, recalled vehicles, and sky-high cable bills. Always one to seek out the concerns of her constituents, Claire was known as the "town hall Senator," after holding more than 50 town halls in one year in every corner of rural Missouri.

Claire and her husband Joseph live in St. Louis and have a blended family of seven children and twelve grandchildren.

# SPEAKERS

## **Tom Harris**

State of Louisiana, Secretary of Department of Natural Resources

Tom Harris is a member of the State Mineral and Energy Board. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Louisiana State University and a Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology from the Tulane University School of Public Health. Tom was previously the Director of the Technology Assessment Division at the Department of Natural Resources since 2014 and also worked at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for 19 years. At the Department of Environmental Quality, he served as administrator, overseeing the remediation of contaminated sites from 2005 until early 2014.



# SPEAKERS



## **Scott Gottlieb M.D.**

American Enterprise Institute

Scott Gottlieb is a physician and served as the 23rd Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Gottlieb's work focuses on advancing public health through developing and implementing innovative approaches to improving medical outcomes, reshaping healthcare delivery, and expanding consumer choice and safety. He is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a partner at the venture capital

firm New Enterprise Associates.

Dr. Gottlieb is an aggressive advocate for advancing the health of patients, promoting healthcare access, and driving innovation. The agency's historic and prolific advances in new policy distinguished his tenure as the FDA's commissioner, in addition to a record-setting number of approvals of novel drugs, medical devices, and generic medicines. Under his leadership, the FDA advanced new frameworks for the modern and safe and effective oversight of gene therapies, cell based regenerative medicines, targeted drugs, and digital health devices. The FDA implemented new reforms to standardize drug reviews and make historic improvements of post market data collection and the use of real-world evidence. They promoted policies to reduce death and disease from tobacco, improve food safety, and aggressively confront addiction crises.

Previously, Dr. Gottlieb served as the FDA's Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs and before that, as a Senior Adviser to the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he helped advance policies to improve healthcare quality and promote the effective use of new medical technologies. Dr. Gottlieb is widely published in leading medical journals and periodicals, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Washington Post. He has held editorial positions on the British Medical Journal and the Journal of the American Medical Association and is a regular contributor to CNBC. Fortune Magazine recognized him as one of the "World's 50 Greatest Leaders" in 2018 and again in 2019. In 2018, 2019 and then again in Modern Healthcare named Dr. Gottlieb the "Most Influential Physician Executive and Leaders" in its annual survey of 50 physician executives, and Time magazine named him one of its "50 People Transforming Healthcare in 2018.

Dr. Gottlieb was a practicing hospitalist and he is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. He lives in Westport, Connecticut with his wife and three daughters.

# MODERATOR



## **Bruce Beaubouef**

Managing Editor, Offshore Magazine

Bruce Beaubouef is the Managing Editor for Offshore magazine, where he manages all content flow for the magazine as well as newsletters, website and webcasts.

Beaubouef has more than 23 years of experience in covering the oil and gas industry, 11 of those with Offshore magazine. He previously served as editor of PipeLine and Gas Technology; associate editor for Pipe Line and Gas Industry; and as editor of Pipeline Digest. Beaubouef earned his Ph.D. at the University of Houston in 1997, and his dissertation was published by Texas A&M University Press in 2007 as *The Strategic Petroleum Reserve: U.S. Energy Security and Oil Politics, 1975-2005*.

# MODERATOR



## **Luke Clark**

Director of Strategic Communications,  
RenewableUK

Luke leads RenewableUK's engagement with media and Parliament as Director of Strategic Communications. Luke joined RenewableUK in 2012 in the public affairs team and has worked in a number of roles within RenewableUK's engagement team.

Since joining RenewableUK Luke has worked on a key initiatives for the industry, including Electricity Market Reform, the Offshore Wind Sector Deal and Brexit. Prior to joining RenewableUK Luke worked in Parliament and for a political intelligence service provider, focusing on energy and utilities.

# SPEAKERS



## **Matthew S. Tejada**

Director of the Office of Environmental Justice  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Matthew S. Tejada joined the EPA in March of 2013 as Director of the Office of Environmental Justice. As Director, Matthew leads the Environmental Justice Program's cross-cutting work throughout the EPA and federal government. This includes working with communities, other

EPA divisions, federal agencies, academic partners, business and industry, and state, local and tribal partners to further the mission of the EPA and its efforts to advance environmental justice.

Before his career at EPA, Matthew spent over five years in the non-profit world as executive director of the environmental advocacy Air Alliance Houston, where he focused his efforts on environmental justice issues affecting the many overburdened communities in the Houston and Texas Gulf Coast area, region-wide ozone reduction policies and alleviation of toxic and particulate matter hotspots. In this position, Matthew was also centrally involved in local, state and federal level legislative and policy formation as regards environmental and public health issues. Matthew received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Oxford where he was a member of St. Antony's College. His research and dissertations largely focused on environmental and energy policy, international relations, politics and the development and role of civil society.

Matthew received a BA in English from the University of Texas at Austin, then served two years in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria as a high school teacher of English as a foreign language. Matthew is a native of Ft. Worth, Texas.

# SPEAKERS



## **Bruce Westerman**

U.S. Representative of Arkansas District 4

U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman (R) is a Hot Springs native currently serving his fourth term as representative from the Fourth District of Arkansas, having first been elected in 2014. Westerman serves on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and as Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. Westerman also serves on the Minority Whip

Team under the leadership of House Minority Whip Steve Scalise.

Prior to serving in Congress, Westerman was elected to two terms in the Arkansas General Assembly, where he was the state's first Republican House Majority Leader since Reconstruction following the 2013 GOP takeover of the Arkansas House of Representatives.

An engineer and forester by trade, Westerman worked for 22 years at Mid-South Engineering in Hot Springs. He was named Engineer of the Year by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers in 2013.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Westerman was a four-year walk-on member of the Razorback football team. He was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012. Westerman is also a graduate of Yale University, earning a Master of Forestry degree in 2001.

Westerman lives in Hot Springs with his wife, Sharon, and their four children. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

# SPEAKERS



## Lizzie Fletcher

U.S. Representative of Texas District 7

Lizzie Fletcher represents Texas' Seventh Congressional District, in the greater Houston area. Located entirely within Harris County, the district includes residents of Houston, Bellaire, Bunker Hill Village, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Hunters Creek Village, Jersey Village, Piney Point Village, Southside Place, Spring Valley Village, West

University Place, and unincorporated Harris County west to Katy.

A resident of Houston and Congressional District 7 nearly all of her life, Congresswoman Fletcher was elected to represent the district in 2018. Prior to her election, she represented Houstonians in the courtroom as a lawyer on a wide range of matters, first at an international law firm headquartered in Houston and later at a boutique litigation firm, where she became its first woman partner.

Congresswoman Fletcher graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio in 1997, where she earned highest honors in History and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After college, she worked in the business and non-profit sectors for six years before attending William & Mary Law School in Virginia. At William & Mary, she was the editor-in-chief of the William & Mary Law Review and received the Gambrell Professionalism Award when she graduated in 2006.

In the 117th Congress, Congresswoman Fletcher serves on the House Committee on Energy & Commerce and on the House Science, Space & Technology Committee.

# SPEAKERS



## John Curtis

U.S. Representative of Utah District 3

John R. Curtis proudly represents Utah's 3rd Congressional District, serving on the House Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs Committees. After being elected to Congress on November 13, 2017, John sponsored 12 bills in his first year in office. Four of these bills passed through the House and three were signed into law: The POPPY Study Act to combat the opioid crisis, the Public-Private Partnership Advisory

Council to End Human Trafficking Act, and the Small Business ACE Act.

The Congressman cares deeply about hearing the diverse perspectives and feedback from his constituents: he held over 100 town halls in 2018. Utah's third district is the youngest in the country, with an average age of 26 years old. John is also sensitive to the many constituents that live in rural Utah, and has focused on legislation that can fit needs of both demographics such as student loans, rural broadband access, and more.

John has been committed to helping Utah's growing tech scene flourish and was recognized by Silicon Slopes as their first Community Hero Award recipient. Other personal awards comprise of Civic Innovator of the Year by Utah Valley University, Thayne Robson Award for Leadership in Economic Development, and Outstanding Citizen Award from the Office of Civic Engagement Leadership by Brigham Young University.

Prior to coming to Washington, John was the 45th mayor of Provo City, serving two terms. Known for his personal approach to city government, Mayor Curtis prioritized his outreach to residents of Provo by utilizing various channels including his popular blog. He was named the #1 Top Elected Official on Social Media 2015 by the Government Social Media group and has been recognized by Forbes for his commitment to citizen engagement. Curtis was re-elected for a second four-year term as mayor in 2013 with 86.49% of the vote. As mayor, he averaged an approval rating of 93%.

Before becoming mayor, John was a small business owner in Provo, working with his partners to build their business "Action Target," where he led sales and operations strategy.

Congressman Curtis and his wife Sue have six children and seven grandchildren. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and almost certainly has more socks than you do.

# SPEAKERS



## Jeff Shellebarger

Chairman, 23rd WPC Organizing Committee

Recently retired as President, Chevron North America Exploration & Production, Jeff Shellebarger was responsible for all of Chevron's crude oil and natural gas exploration and production operations in the United States and Canada. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology from the University of Georgia,

Mr. Shellebarger began his career with Chevron as an exploration geologist in New Orleans, Louisiana. During his 35-year career with Chevron, Mr. Shellebarger has held leadership and technical positions in the upstream business segment in Angola, Indonesia and various U.S. locations. He is currently based in Houston, Texas. Active in the energy industry and in the Houston community, Mr. Shellebarger is a member of the American Petroleum Institute's Upstream Committee, the Greater Houston Partnership's Executive Committee, and serves on the Board of the Greater Houston United Way and the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



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