

Mobile Bay NEP Community Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes



International Trade Center, Killian Room
November 9, 2016 1:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Tammy Herrington, Conservation Alabama Foundation
Walter Ernest, Pelican Coast Conservancy
Kara Lankford, Ocean Conservancy
Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper
Kellyn Garrison, The Nature Conservancy
Hank Caddell, Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust
Jeremiah Newell, Mobile Area Education Foundation
Andrew Whitehurst, Gulf Restoration Network
Mona Dominguez, Alabama Water Watch
Yael Girard, Weeks Bay Foundation
Blakely Ellis, Coastal Conservation Association of Alabama
Jordan Macha, Gulf Restoration Network

Staff: Kelley Barfoot, Bethany Dickey

Takeaways

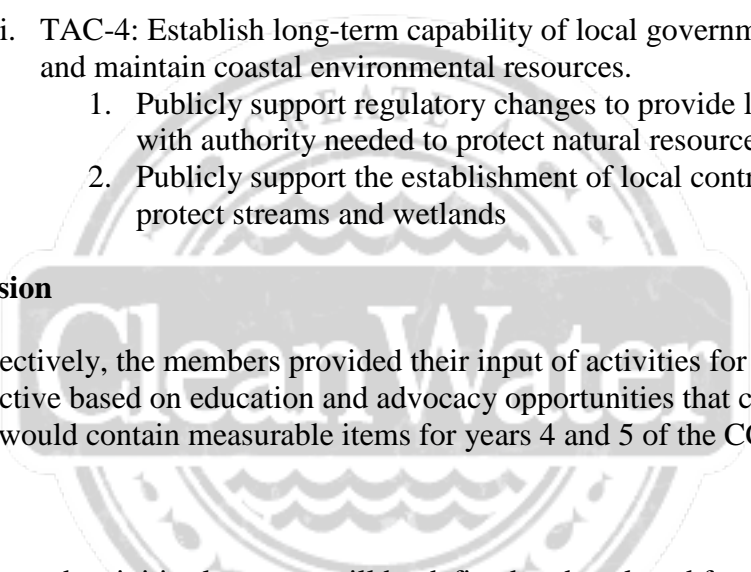
- CRC members reviewed survey results and identified 3 goals and objectives to focus on for Years 4 & 5 of the CCMP.
- CRC members developed suggested activities to complete based on the 3 chosen goals and objectives.
- The MBNEP, two co-chairs and volunteered members, Kellyn Garrison and Jeremiah Newell, will meet to discuss the results, conduct an ease impact statement of the suggested activities, and determine the next steps for CRC committee members.

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. CRC Co-Chair Mark Berte asked everyone to introduce themselves and noted that Mona Dominguez with Alabama Water Watch has joined the Committee as its newest member. He then gave a quick summary of what has happened since the first meeting of the CRC in April.

2. Survey Results

- a. CRC Co-Chair Tammy Herrington gave a brief overview of the survey that was sent to all CRC members for ranking. The survey consisted of the CCMP goals and established objectives from previous CRC meetings and working groups.
- b. The top six results from the survey were discussed with goals and objectives. The top six were chosen by ranking based on input from CRC members. The group discussed each goal and objective and decided to focus on the following:

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- The logo for the Water Quality Action Plan is a circular emblem with a scalloped border. It features a central banner with the text "Clean Water" in a stylized font. Above the banner, the words "Water Quality" are written in a smaller font, and below it, "Action Plan" is written. The background of the emblem contains wavy lines representing water and a sun-like symbol at the top.
- i. EST-3: Improve understanding of relationship between biological condition of estuarine system and provision of ecosystem services related to improving conditions in resources.
 - 1. Educate key stakeholders and raise community awareness about the connectivity between upstream areas and the estuary/downstream
 - ii. ERP-1: Improve trends in Water Quality in priority watersheds with impairments (either 303[d]-listed or those with approved TMDLs) discharging into priority fishery nursery areas.
 - 1. Publicly support the development of Watershed Management Plans and their implementation in guiding coastal restoration and community reliance
 - iii. TAC-4: Establish long-term capability of local governments to manage and maintain coastal environmental resources.
 - 1. Publicly support regulatory changes to provide local government with authority needed to protect natural resources
 - 2. Publicly support the establishment of local controls and standard to protect streams and wetlands

3. Strategy Discussion

- a. Collectively, the members provided their input of activities for each goal and objective based on education and advocacy opportunities that could be achieved and would contain measurable items for years 4 and 5 of the CCMP.

4. Next Steps

- a) The proposed activities language will be defined and analyzed for group comment.
- b) The two co-chairs and volunteered members, Kellyn Garrison and Jeremiah Newell, will meet to discuss the results, conduct an ease impact statement of the suggested activities, and determine the next steps for CRC committee members.
- c) Next meeting will occur in January.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.