

# Mobile Bay NEP Community Resources Committee Meeting Minutes



Five Rivers Delta Center, Blakeley Hall Classroom  
March 8, 2017 11:00 a.m.

## **In attendance:**

Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation  
Tammy Herrington, Conservation Alabama Foundation  
Carol Adams-Davis, Alabama Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Hank Caddell, Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust  
Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper  
Meg Goecker, Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust  
Kara Lankford, Ocean Conservancy  
Mike Magnoli, South Mobile County Community Development Corporation  
Jill Mastrototaro, National Wildlife Federation  
Chris Oberholster, Birmingham Audubon Society  
Andrew Whitehurst, Gulf Restoration Network

**Staff:** Roberta Swann, Bethany Dickey

## **Takeaways**

- The CRC has requested for MBNEP to develop a process for evaluating projects that are consistent with the CCMP.
- The CCMP work plan was edited and approved.
- There were some suggestions as to what other changes need to be addressed on the CCMP work plan the next time it is updated.

## **1. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. CRC Co-Chair Mark Berte asked everyone to introduce themselves and to share one positive thing from each organization that has happened since our last meeting. He then reported that the Executive Committee met last month and that the CRC Co-Chairs have met twice since our last meeting to work on the proposed work plan. Everyone thanked Carol Adams-Davis and the Sierra Club for catering lunch. Mark said if anyone wants to do that for the next meeting to please let he or Tammy know.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes from the November meeting, Casi Callaway made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Carol second the motion. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

## **3. MBNEP Review Committee Request**

Tammy Herrington presented the request for the NEP to develop a process for evaluating projects for the Alabama RESTORE Council that would be made up of members from each of the Management Conference Committees. The CRC believes that there should be

another layer of review for projects before they reach the Alabama RESTORE Council. Hank Caddell made a motion to approve requesting the NEP, on behalf of the Management Conference, to develop a process for evaluating projects that are consistent with the CCMP. The motion was second by Kara. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Review/edit draft CRC CCMP strategy and approve work plan**

The group discussed changes to be made to the work plan based on the goals/objectives/suggested activities from the CCMP.

Several changes to EPI-5.2 were made – “Publicly support state process to establish regulations to more strongly identify and clarify best management practices for living shorelines. Publicly support the state to support living shorelines and/or ahead of bulkheads. Publicly support the establishment of alternative shoreline management practices as the preferred practice to bulkheads.”

There was conversation about combining EPI-5.3 and EPI-5.4, but it was decided that they stay separate strategies. In EPI-5.4 we added state into the wording as well as changing “streams” to “wetlands” to broaden - “Publicly support the establishment and implementation controls and standards at state and local level to protect waterways and wetlands”.

See attached spreadsheet for all changes that were made. A motion was made by Casi to approve the updated work plan. Hank seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Adjourn**

With no other business before the Committee, Tammy thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

