



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program Community Action Committee Meeting

Five Rivers Delta Center
Friday July 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes 5/15/2015
3. Recap from Fundraising Workshop & Volunteer Monitoring Meeting
 - a. Guest Presenters
 - i. Claire Wilson-Dog River Clean Water Revival
 - ii. Leslie Gahagan-Wolf Bay Watershed Watch
4. Updates/Discussion
 - a. Guest Presenter
 - i. Debi Foster-The Peninsula of Mobile
5. Clean Water Future Day Planning/Discussion
6. Announcements
 - a. Upcoming Workshops
 - b. Next meeting
7. Adjourn

Mobile Bay NEP CAC Meeting

Five Rivers Delta Resource Center

July 24, 2015 at 9:00 am



In attendance:

Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper
Ashley Campbell, D'Olive Working Group
David Dueitt, Lake Forest Improvement Committee
Debi Foster, the Peninsula of Mobile
Leslie Gahagan, Wolf Bay Watershed
Matthew Hinton, Spanish Fort Environmental Manager
Tracy McClure, the Peninsula of Mobile
Harold White, Fowl River Area Civic Association
Claire Wilson, Dog River Clearwater Revival

Staff: Kelley Barfoot, Amy Newbold

Takeaways

- Notes will be sent out regarding Fundraising Workshop. The next step will be to send out a survey/follow up questionnaire.
- Notes and presentations will be sent out regarding Volunteer Monitoring Meeting. The next step will be to engage the two counties educators and superintendents regarding the involvement of youth as monitors through the school systems.
- The CAC will designate a Clean Water Future day via Doodle Poll to the members. Once a date is established planning of activities/social media/press will begin.
- Grant Writing Workshop will be held on August 19, 2015 for CAC members and their affiliates. More information will be sent out once scheduling is finalized.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

2. Approval of minutes

Approval of minutes from the May 15, 2015 meeting was motioned by David Deuitt and second by Harold White.

3. Workshop & Meeting Recap

a. Fundraising Workshop

A Fundraising workshop was held on June 19, 2015 at the International Trade Center, Killian Room from 9-noon. The CAC chairs will develop a follow-up survey and send to attendees along with notes from the workshop to CAC members.

b. Volunteer Monitoring Meeting

Amy Newbold gave a brief overview of the Volunteer Monitoring Meeting that was held on July 9, 2015 at Five Rivers Delta Center from 9:00-noon. The purpose of the

meeting was to provide an overview of the active monitoring efforts throughout the two coastal counties. Guest presenters included Leslie Gahagan with Wolf Bay Watershed Watch, Ashley Campbell with City of Daphne, Dr. Mimi Fearn with Dog River Clearwater Revival, Christian Miller with Sea Grant/MBNEP, Mona Dominguez with Alabama Water Watch, Mark Berte with Alabama Coastal Foundation, Edward Bauer and students with Washington High School Marine Science Academy, and Kenny Langley with Mississippi State University/YES Curriculum. Each presenter addressed their concerns and challenges with maintaining chemicals and active volunteers for testing. The next step will be to engage the two counties educators and superintendents regarding the involvement of youth as monitors through the school systems. Notes and presentations are available on the [MBNEP website under Community Action Committee](#).

c. Guest Presenters

Claire Wilson with Dog River Clearwater Revival and Leslie Gahagan with Wolf Bay Watershed Watch both gave brief presentations regarding their organizations. Presentations are available on the [MBNEP website under Community Action Committee](#).

4. Updates/Discussion

a. Guest Presenter

Debi Foster gave a presentation regarding the current status and work efforts of the Peninsula of Mobile group. Presentations are available on the [MBNEP website under Community Action Committee](#).

b. Clean Water Future Day Planning/Discussion

Casi Callaway opened the discussion asking the CAC members to brainstorm on what an effective Clean Water Future Day would be. Many suggestions were made including keeping it simple by establishing a Clean Water Future week. This designated week would include all CAC members/groups to use social media and press to spread the word of the importance of a Clean Water Future. It was decided a Doodle Poll would be sent out to the members asking them to vote on a specific date(s) to establish as Clean Water Future Day. This would aid the MBNEP and the CAC in accomplishing its goals in the five year strategy.

5. Announcements

a. Upcoming Workshops

Water Words that Work: Working with School

Location: Online Streaming

Date: July 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Making a Visible Difference in Communities

Location: Online Streaming

Date: August 4-6

Contact MBNEP if you would like to sign up

Grand Writing Workshop for CAC Members

Location: To Be Determined

Date: August 19, 2015

Information will be sent out once scheduling is finalized

b. Next Meeting(s) Schedule

The CAC Retreat is scheduled for October 23, 2015 from 9:00-noon at Graham Creek Nature Preserve in Foley, AL.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

