

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
AOC Strategy Team

February 9, 2005 Conference Call

Updates on Drafting Teams

Information on drafting team progress, contacts and resources can be found at www.great-lakes.net/aocstrategyteam/.

The RAP Program Implementation Team will have their first call on February 10 at 2pm.

The Contaminated Sediments and GLLA Team will have their first call on February 11 at 1:30pm.

The Delisting Team had their first call on February 9. The initial focus was on identifying the key messages the group wanted to send in their report. These included:

- 1) Final targets need to be locally driven.
- 2) One size does not fit all (targets could be different for each AOC).
- 3) Why targets are important.
- 4) Sometimes remediation is not the answer.
- 5) The US Policy Committee Report on Principles and Guidelines for Delisting is working.
- 6) The need for a more focused delisting effort.
- 7) Communicate the absolute importance of continuing support for the RAP process if delisting targets are to be determined and achieved.

The suggested outline for the overall AOC Strategy Team report does not adequately capture what needs to be said about delisting. Therefore, the Team will use a briefing on the Delisting Principles and Guidance document prepared by GLNPO for the US Policy Committee to prepare a more comprehensive outline for their report. Every attempt will be made to address the main components in the original outline. Some BUIs have guidance already set in state and federal regulations, while others still need more science to back up final goals. The Delisting Team will create a table/matrix to break out the BUIs into the appropriate categories. The next call is scheduled for February 16 at 2:30.

General Update

- The Executive Committee is still looking for a Co-chair.
- Pat Madigan spoke with Joy Mullinex (Great Lakes Task Force) and Matt Reiff (Congressman Ehler's Office) to get more input

concerning what the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation is looking for in this strategy. Matt was on the call and emphasized that the strategy and recommended actions need to be as specific as possible. Prioritize those actions that will achieve the most progress whenever possible. This will get much more support from Congress.

- There was a suggestion to have speakers from the Everglades and Chesapeake Bay projects to relay their experiences and provide potential insight to the Great Lakes Collaboration. Pat will bring this up to the Executive Committee for possible presentations at the April meeting.
- Drafting teams need to think about how they want to spend their time at the upcoming Maumee Bay State Park meeting and if they need flipcharts or overheads, etc.
- Will have conference call with entire AOC Strategy Team at 2pm on Feb.23 (at the end of the Maumee meeting) to debrief all those who could not attend.
- The agenda for the February 22-23 Meeting has been set and is as follows:

February 22

10:00 – 12:30	Executive Committee and Co-Chairs
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	Issue Team Updates (All teams meet together)
3:00 - 5:00	Individual Team Meetings
5:00 – 5:30	Break
5:30 – 6:45	Dinner
6:45 – 7:00	Break
7:00 – 8:30	Issue Teams Meet

February 23

7:30 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – Noon	Issue Teams meet
Noon – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Issue Teams meet
3:00	Adjourn

As always, contact Pat Madigan (pat.madigan@epa.state.oh.us) with any questions or comments.