

Great Lakes Restoration and Protection Plan: Coastal Health Strategy Team
Feb 16, 2005
Conference Call

1. Welcome Gerry Mikol (New York Department of Environmental Conservation)
2. Welcome to new members – just received more complete lists from GLNPO. Encourage new members to look at documents on website and to get involved.
3. Maumee will be executive committee meeting and working meeting for Coastal Health. Only one or two teams will have participants there. Our group will spend the afternoon writing. Gerry briefly discussed the issues that the Team has raised to exec committee including membership list problems, extensiveness of chapter outline, and potential areas of overlap with other teams.
4. If going to Maumee contact Joyce jcoffee@cityofchicago.org, and sign up according to info you received in early Feb. Current participants:
 - Gerry Mikkol
 - Jeff Reutter
 - Don Zelazny
 - Gary Fujita
 - Erv Ball
 - Jill Liss
 - Joyce Coffee (Feb 22 only)
 - Elizabeth Murphy will also be there, working primarily with the PBT team
5. Call in number available 3:30-5:00 (Eastern Time) on Feb 22nd. Contact Joyce if you want to participate in work session by phone. Current call in participants:
 - Marcia Jimenez
 - Shaili Pfeiffer
6. Gerry reminded everyone that target audience is Congress and thanked everyone who contributed to problem statement and goals. Agree that draft is significantly improved with everyone's comments.
7. Comment: Goal statement years may be too optimistic.
8. On-Going Efforts working group is preparing list of efforts – currently organized by medium, but eventually organized by goal statement (when goals are firm). Julie Kinzelman is stewarding the effort and seeking input inside and outside of our strategy team.
9. End of May is draft deadline, but earlier draft is due to Executive Committee by April 21.
10. ? David Rockwell: When is the team going to break into drafting teams?
A: Gerry Mikol: Our strategy is initially for Team chairs to create first drafts, seek feedback of advisory group and send out to entire group for their input to refine and expand as needed. Next phase is intense writing time. Advisory group is made up of folks who indicated their areas of interest in response to 2nd team email.
11. Jeff Reutter: Still unclear from Team's Problem statement if we will include harmful algal blooms and botulism. It is hard to draw the line especially since

- blue-green algae requires considerable phosphorous. NOAA is doing a major study in Lake Erie that will shed more light. In meantime, recommend including these in Coastal Health. Jeff suggests further scoping out of Problem Statement would help in drafting the Alternatives and Recommendations sections.
12. Julie Kinzelman agreed and suggested one approach is to develop a table that expands the Problem Statement and including it in Appendix.
 13. Rich {-----} agreed and added that we need to determine how to prioritize the recommendations.
 14. General response: Deciding what the priorities are for the Coastal Health team's goals (and therefore problem statement) will be one of the group's challenges in Maumee. It will be helpful to clarify overlap issues with other strategy teams.
 15. Next Steps: -
 - a. further elaboration on Goal Statement
 - b. Alternatives Analysis to be discussed on next call and drafting should begin with:
 - Alternative Approaches
 - Costs and Feasibility
 - Benefits
 16. Next Call: March 10, 2005 12:00 - 1:00 pm Central Time (CT), 1:00 - 2:00 pm Eastern Time (ET)
 17. Future calls will be established for April and May also (potentially more than one a month).

Attachments:
Revised bibliography