



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 31 and August 1, 2018
Port of Gulfport Marine Research Center
Gulfport, Mississippi

Tuesday, July 31 Agenda

- 8:30 am – 8:40 am** **Welcome and Introductions** (Chair - Ken Wagner, Co-Chair - Johnny Bradberry, Ben Scaggs)
- 8:40 am – 8:45 am** **Overview of Agenda and Desired Outcomes** (Buck Sutter)
- 8:45 am – 10:15 am** **Member Collaboration Reports and Discussion**
- Florida (8:45 am to 9:15 am)
 - Alabama (9:15 am to 9:45 am)
 - Mississippi (9:45 am to 10:15 am)
- 10:15am – 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:45am – 12:15pm** **Member Collaboration Reports and Discussion Continued**
- Louisiana (10:30 am to 11:00 am)
 - Texas (11:00 am to 11:30 am)
 - EPA (11:30 to 12:00 pm)
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm** **LUNCH: On your own**
- 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm** **Member Collaboration Reports and Discussion Continued**
- DOC/NOAA (1:15 pm to 1:45 pm)
 - DOI (1:45 pm to 2:15 pm)
 - US Coast Guard (2:15 pm to 2:45pm)
 - USDA (2:45 pm to 3:15 pm)
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm** **Mississippi Field Trip - Institute for Marine Mammal Studies**
- Adjourn for the day**

Wednesday, August 1 Agenda

- 8:30 am – 9:30 am** **Overview of Member Collaboration Reports** (Ben Scaggs, Jean Cowan)
Objectives:
- Discuss member collaboration reports, summarizing best practices, lessons learned, and potential collaborative Opportunities
- Materials:*
- Staff summaries prepared from Day 1
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am** **FPL Shortfall Funding Process** (John Ettinger)
Objectives:
- Decide on a Council process for addressing potential budget shortfalls on FPL projects/programs.
- Materials:*
- Budget_Shortfalls_for_FPL_activities_Options
- 10:00am - 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:15 am – 12:00 pm** **FPL 3 Funding Strategy Schedule** (Jean Cowan, Ben Scaggs)
Objectives:
- In depth discussion of the schedule and process to get to FPL 3 in May 2020.
- Materials:*
- FPL 3/Funding Strategy Schedule
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm** **LUNCH: On your own**
- 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm** **RAAMS Update, Applications and Awards Status** (Kristin Smith)
Objectives:
- Update Steering Committee on FPL Application and Award Status
 - Update Steering Committee on RAAMS Replacement
- Materials:*
- Grant/IAA Update
 - RAAMS Replacement Update
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm** **Role of Public Engagement Workgroup** (Keala Hughes)
Objectives:
- Discuss the critical role of the PE Workgroup in reaching the objectives of the Council’s Comprehensive Plan Update and FPL 3

Materials:

- PE Workgroup Update

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Scales of Outcomes and Objectives (Jean Cowan)

Objectives:

- Introduce how information provided by Steering Committee member report-outs may be used to develop outcomes and measurable objectives at appropriate scales (e.g., projects, watershed/restoration types, program).

Materials:

- *TBD*

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Operationalizing the Treasury Proposed Rule (Mary Pleffner/Mark Bisgeier)

Objectives:

- Discuss the operationalization of the 3% Treasury proposed rule if it is finalized as currently written.

Materials:

- 3% Admin Costs report
- 3% Admin Expense report

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Wrap-up

Adjourn