

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination (BBRRCT) Sub-Team Meeting
Deering Estate, Cutler FL
December 18, 2013

Sub-Team Members discussed PURPOSE of BBRRCT as stated in Charter, early history of the BBRRCT, and how this related to our efforts moving forward.

Per its Charter, the Purpose of the BBRRCT (“The Team”) is to:

1. Provide a forum for public involvement, outreach and interagency coordination and communication
2. Identify goals and performance measures related to key issues and to assess the achievement of those goals
3. Identify funding requirements
4. Review elements of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) that affect Biscayne Bay

The Team will serve as the principal advisory body to the Working Group for issues in this region.

It was recommended that in a potential future rewrite of the Charter, Purpose #2 “identify goals and performance measures related to key issues and to assess the achievement of those goals” be dropped or replace with “adopt” or “provide information on goals and performance measures related to key issues and to assess the achievement of those goals.”

It was also recommended that Sub-Team Committee members focus on (Fourth Revision) Action Items:

1. To improve freshwater deliveries to Biscayne Bay: This will be achieved by focusing on projects, processes, and policies that potentially affect freshwater flows and providing guidance to the Working Group on achieving this goal. (AP – Subgoal 4.2.3 Improve Water Management; C – Purpose #2; WGG – Subgoal 3-C)
2. Ensure that all users of Biscayne Bay have access to the Bay, will use the Bay in a responsible and sustainable manner, and will support a variety of uses and activities that maintain the major economic impact the Bay brings to South Florida. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goal 3)
3. A Subcommittee will be formed to use existing information (e.g. “Biscayne Bay Economic Impact Study”), consolidate and update it, and create an ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES FACT SHEET FOR BISCAYNE BAY. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purpose #1; WGG – Objective 3-A.3)
4. Report the Team’s concerns (policies, plans, and projects in restoration, resource management, built environment, CERP, sea level rise, waterfront planning, access, and other areas that may affect the current or future condition of Biscayne Bay) and recommendations to the Working Group. (AP – Focus Areas 1, 2, 3; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goals 2 & 3)
5. Increase awareness and improve appreciation of the following in the Biscayne Bay watershed: a) Biscayne Bay’s recreational opportunities; b) Responsible and safe boating; c) Access to eco-tourism adventures; and d) Conservation of environmental resources. (AP – Focus Area 2; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goals 2 & 3)
6. Serve as a central clearinghouse and facilitate the ability of the BBRRCT and/or its members to participate in outreach that raise awareness of issues that impact the value and sustainability of

Biscayne Bay, especially with regard to other action items. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purpose #1; WGG – Objective 3-A.3)

It is recommended by Chair Phil Everingham that the above Action Items (except for #3) be considered As **OVERARCHING ACTION ITEMS**, and that the recommended Subcommittees/Committees/Sub-Teams Identify within their group’s purview key issues that affect the Bay, with these key issues from the sub-Committees be used to form new Action Items that can be acted upon in a meaningful way within the Period of (1) or (2) years.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS from the Planning Meeting:

- 1) Expand the number of committees/working Sub- teams to be able to “take on” the issues and move forward in a shorter timeframe while still having monthly meetings. **Sub-Teams shall NOT be limited to BRRCT Members – non-members are encouraged to be recruited to be involved.**

PROPOSED SUB-TEAMS (Total of (8):

Coordination Sub-Team:

Sub-Team suggested tasks:

- Update[d] email list and **list of** interested parties to include more business people or other interested parties **from the private sector and academia**
- **Focus on improving coordination between agencies**
- **Focus on achieving** better communication between economic interests and Biscayne Bay stakeholders **and their interaction with policy-making agencies**
- **Identify priority issues for Biscayne Bay and how to most effectively take action on same**
- **If this team is not the existing Science Coordination Team for the SFETF&WG then establish as BRRCT Sub-Committee Science Working Team**
- **Coordinate with Science Coordination Team**

Action Item Sub-Team (already existing)

Agenda Sub-Team (already existing)

Education/Communication Sub-Team (already existing new communications task added)

Proposed to include “Communication” to the tasks undertaken by the Education Committee

Chair and Sub-Team to determine tasks to be addressed and undertaken

Stakeholders Sub-Team - Made up of private sector members and others

Bay/Marine users
Economic Engines
Commerce
Sport/Recreational/Commercial users

Membership Sub- Team:

This team is made up of officers from the team and the DOI support staff. It currently includes Phil Everingham, Pamela Sweeney, and Joan Lawrence (The task is to determine who is listed and who comes and who doesn't come to the meetings.) The goal of this team is to update the membership list including an update of members and their alternates; to communicate via phone, email, and or/letter with delinquent members and/or their agencies/organizations about becoming active again; other tasks as needed related to membership.

Economic Impact Sub-Team:

Better link with Business Community and better explanation about linkages between science and economic health benefits.

BBRRCT Support Sub-Team:

Help identify sources of funding for: critical science/monitoring studies; economic review of the benefits of Biscayne Bay to the broader Miami-Dade County ; looking to continue educational outreach; looking to educate a broader audience. **Funding to be pursued by individual agencies and private sector groups, NOT by BBRRCT**

General:

2) Proposed Standing Agenda Items for BBRRCT Meetings:

- **Reports form Sub-Teams and recommendations toi BBRRCT (and if approved then recommended to Working Group by BBRRCT**
- **SFESWG Science Coordination Team Report (only items pertaining to Biscayne Bay)**

3) Establish better coordination with the SFESWG Science Coordination Team and agencies

4) Update e-mail list - task to be split jointly between the Education/Communication and Stakeholders Sub-Teams

Attendees:

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