

**DWH Trustee Council
1/9/23 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	USDA
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Ron Howard
Shannon Love	Jane Calamusa	Michelle Eversen	Craig Johnson
Michael Cave	Amy Hunter	John Massey	
			EPA
			Mary Kay Lynch
LA		NOAA	Gale Bonanno
Maury Chatellier		Chris Doley	Tim Landers
	FL	Rachel Sweeney	
MS	Gareth Leonard	Melissa Carle	
Chris Wells	Sarah Ketron	Natalie Matthews	
Bradley Ennis	Amy Raker		LAT
Valerie Alley	Nadia Martin		Holly Herod

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. MS TIG: The MS TIG held their restoration summit in November 2022. About 85 attendees came in person and 200 or so attended via Facebook live.

In terms of restoration planning the MS TIG is working on RP4 and anticipates releasing a draft plan in 2023 for public comment. The MS TIG has approved a draft reasonable range for the plan for three restoration types (Nutrient Reduction; Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities).

They are working on implementing several projects including the permitting for additional sediment to be dredged and placed at the Hancock County Living Shoreline. In 2023 the MS TIG is kicking off six new RP3 projects and several Region-wide TIG projects that are located in Mississippi.

- b. Cross-TIG MAM: The Cross-TIG MAM’s activities update was attached to the agenda for today’s call. The group is in the middle of their task year. They held an in-person meeting in December 2022 where they focused on lessons learned for future programmatic reviews and other long-term topics. The group is also writing up procedures for the MAM manual and updating MAM templates among other tasks.

The LA and RW TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: LAT Items

a. Discussion:

- Future TC Annual Public Meetings – The group discussed the meeting materials for the 2023 TC annual meeting (held via webinar). Options include leaving the presentation slides as is or modifying them. An email with additional details was circulated on January 4. Discussion. The LAT also recommends moving the webinar to a mid-day time, not holding a virtual open house, and continuing to ask for verbal public comments. The group discussed other options for interaction with attendees.

Decision:

1. AL, MS, LA, FL, TX, NOAA, DOI, EPA, and USDA agree to change the presentation slides to a new format; move the webinar to during the day; not do a virtual open house; and continue to ask for verbal public comment.
2. The group approves the LAT’s additional recommendations regarding details in the web story about the video, TIG emails, and factsheets.

Action Items:

1. The LAT Comms team will work on revising the content for the meeting presentation.
- Programmatic Review After Actions – The comments on the after-action review are nearly summarized into decision points for the small group to review prior to bringing to the TC. Recommendations are expected to be circulated to the TC ahead of the February meeting.
 - Call Note Approvals – Please complete any outstanding reviews on the 2022 call notes on Sharepoint by January 20.
 - Additional DIVER field – An additional optional field “Recent Update” was added to DIVER. If data is entered it would appear on the first page of the DIVER annual report. Also, additional drop-down options were added to the “As built” tab in DIVER.

Other Business

- a. The next regularly scheduled TC call is scheduled for Monday, February 6.

**DWH Trustee Council
2/6/23 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	USDA
Angela Schrift	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Ron Howard
Shannon Love	Amy Hunter	Michelle Eversen	
Angela Sunley	Jaime Miller	Nanciann Regalado	
Robin Riechers	Jane Calamusa		EPA
			Gale Bonanno
LA	FL	NOAA	Tim Landers
Maury Chatellier	Gareth Leonard	Chris Doley	Hugh Sullivan
	Sarah Ketron	Rachel Sweeney	Lenny Bankester
MS	Amy Raker	Craig O'Connor	Mary Kay Lynch
Chris Wells	Nadia Martin	Natalie Matthews	
Bradley Ennis	Rachel Schmalfuss	Michelle Donahue	LAT
			Holly Herod

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. **LA TIG:** The Louisiana TIG finalized Restoration Plan #3.2 earlier this month. After many years the LA TIG finalized RP #3.2 and associated documents to approve the 75,000 cs sediment diversion of the Mississippi River into the Barataria Basin. Restoration Plan #7.1 was completed last November. This plan includes restoration of several islands to support bird restoration.

Several projects are in construction including the Biloxi Marsh Living Shoreline project. Construction is about two-thirds complete and wave attenuation devices and other structures are being placed along the shoreline. The Large Scale Barataria Marsh Creation Project is also now in construction over approximately 1,200 acres and using sediment from the Mississippi River. The State of Louisiana also released the 2023 Coastal Master Plan for public review, which is updated every 6 years.

- b. **RW TIG:** The Regionwide TIG has completed and executed nearly all of its resolutions and implementation plans for projects included in RP #1. The remaining three projects will have their resolutions and implementation plans done soon. They are also looking at their near-term funding needs and identified \$25 million to invest. The Marine Debris project is in the beginning stages of implementation. It includes a “hotspot” management plan to employ techniques to try to decrease marine debris interactions for birds and sea turtles.

The AL and FL TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Standing Cross-TIG MAM Item

- a. Discussion: The group is starting to think about their task list and budget for the next fiscal year which starts in July. The group will share their task list with the TC, then they will create a budget that will be shared with the RW TIG for approval and funding. Programmatic review planning is also ongoing within the group.

Discussion Item 3: LAT Items

- b. Discussion:

- 2023 TC Annual Public Meetings – The group discussed potential dates in June and July for the TC annual public meeting. USDA and LA will adjust to the date that is selected.

Action Items:

1. An email will be circulated once a date is confirmed.
- Programmatic Review After Actions – The small group has been working on recommendations for the TC. Those recommendations are with the small group for review and will likely be sent to the TC in advance of the March meeting.
 - Call Note Approvals – Thanks to everybody for their approvals. The notes will be posted on the Gulf Spill Restoration website later today.
 - Annual Distribution of BP Funds Deposit – An email will be circulated soon from TIG support asking TIGs to determine how they would like their annual deposit distributed.

Other Business

- a. The next regularly scheduled TC call is scheduled for Monday, March 6.

**DWH Trustee Council
3/6/23 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	USDA
Robin Riechers	Amy Hunter	Mary Josie Blanchard	Ron Howard
Shannon Love	Jaime Miller	Gant Massey	
Angela Sunley	Jane Calamusa	Ashley Mills	
	Chandler Williams	Nanciann Regalado	EPA
			Mary Kay Lynch
LA	FL	NOAA	Gale Bonanno
Maury Chatellier	Gareth Leonard	Rachel Sweeney	Tim Landers
	Sarah Ketron	Craig O'Connor	Lenny Bankester
MS	Amy Raker	Natalie Matthews	Hugh Sullivan
Chris Wells	Nadia Martin	Michelle Donahue	
Bradley Ennis	Rachel Schmalfuss	Laurie Rounds	LAT
Valerie Alley		Melissa Carle	Holly Herod

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. **AL TIG:** The Alabama TIG provided an update on several restoration projects. The town of Dauphin Island recently held a public meeting to discuss the 15 NRDA and non-NRDA projects happening in their area. Four NRDA projects in that area are currently underway including the Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvements project. The Phase 1 beach installation was completed in late 2022 and Phase 2 is in the bid opening process. The Dauphin Island Ecotourism project has about 80% of its design complete. This project has some aspects funded by GOMESA. The Mid-Island Parks and Beach Improvements project is expected to begin in late 2023. Habitat acquisition on the West End of the island is expected to protect more than 800 acres of habitat and predator reduction is also ongoing.
- b. **FL TIG:** The Florida TIG is initiating their third restoration plan which will focus on water quality projects. They received 30 project ideas as a result of their request for project submissions. The TIG currently in project screening process and EPA will be the lead federal trustee on the plan.

The Florida TIG completed construction on the Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline project which constructed 3.5 acres of breakwater and more than 9 acres of marsh habitat. NOAA will now be doing monitoring. The Phase IV Early Restoration Coastal Access project – Island View Park was completed in 2018 but was destroyed by Hurricane Michael. The county has recently re-built and re-opened the park using funds secured from FEMA. The Florida TIG closed out four projects and will be closing out an additional four projects at the conclusion of this annual reporting cycle.

The TX and OO TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Upcoming Release of OO TIG RP3

- a. Discussion: The Open Ocean TIG is expecting to release Restoration Plan 3 on March 14 for a 45-day public comment period. The restoration plan is focused on seabird restoration projects, seven of which are preferred alternatives for a total of approximately \$25 million. Two webinars are scheduled for March 28 and April 4 and will include an open house segment. The project locations range from Canada to the Caribbean. If any TIGs or Trustees have questions, please get in touch with the Open Ocean TIG members.

Discussion Item 3: Standing Cross-TIG MAM Item

- a. Discussion: The group shared their task list with the TC. Once that is approved the Trustees will create a budget that will be shared with the RW TIG for approval and funding to be distributed to the Cross-TIG MAM. The group discussed the proposed task list for the upcoming fiscal year.
- b. Decision: AL, LA, FL, MS, TX, NOAA, DOI, EPA, USDA approve the 2023-2024 Cross-TIG MAM task list.

Discussion Item 4: LAT Items

- c. Discussion:
 - 2023 TC Annual Public Meetings – The meeting will be held via webinar on June 20 at noon central. Perry Franklin will be the facilitator again this year. The LAT Comms team is working on updating the TC slides and TIG slide templates. The plan is to walk through the TC slides on the April 6 call. The Comms Team proposed adding a multimedia overview of TIG achievements through a video or photo montage as a transition from the TC section to the TIG section.

Action Items:

1. Comms will reach out to the TIGs with a voluntary request for video clips and photos and show a test product on the April TC call if possible.
- Programmatic Review After Actions – The group discussed the recommendations that were circulated to the Trustee Council on February 27.

Action Items:

1. The small group will develop a milestone calendar of recommended milestones and approvals and include a time trigger to revisit “parking lot” items.

2. TIG support will ask for approval via email once the materials are re-distributed.
- Annual Distribution of BP Funds Deposit – An email with the signature ready resolution will be circulated soon from TIG support with signatures requested by March 24.

Other Business

- a. The Trustees discussed potential recognition for the upcoming anniversary of the spill.
- b. The next regularly scheduled TC call is scheduled for Monday, April 3.