

**DWH Trustee Council
4/10/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Patti Powell	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
	Amy Hunter	Kevin Reynolds	Craig O'Connor
LA	Jane Calamusa		Aileen Smith
Alyson Graugnard			
Billy Plauché			
	FL	EPA	
MS	Larry Morgan	Mary Kay Lynch	DOJ
Gary Rikard	Gareth Leonard	Gale Bonanno	Rachel Hankey
Teri Wyly	Phil Coram		
	Amy Raker	USDA	

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The LA TIG finalized its first restoration plan earlier this year. The plan approves funding for engineering and design (E&D) on six projects with various agencies acting as leads. CPRA is currently finalizing contracts to begin E&D on the three marsh creation E&D projects. Last year the LA TIG also requested project ideas for recreational use projects and hopes to have a plan out for reallocated early restoration recreational use funds later this year. CPRA has secured funding for E&D on the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion. The LA TIG published a request for project ideas for projects that restore and conserve wetland, coastal, and nearshore habitats (especially those in Barataria Basin) with a deadline of April 30 to submit ideas.
- b. The RW TIG is working on strategic frameworks modules 2, 3 and 4 for oysters, turtles, marine mammals, and birds. The frameworks are in various stages but are currently being worked on via in-person meetings and small group conference calls. Most of the frameworks are expected to be complete by mid-May.

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

Discussion Item 2: Annual Reporting Update

- a. Discussion: The draft web stories were circulated for review with the draft call agenda. One story covers the progress and general activities of all the TIGs while the other focuses on DIVER. The information will be released to the public on Thursday, April 20.

b. Action Items:

1. TIG support will re-circulate the draft web stories for review. Comments are due by COB on Friday 4/14.
2. Early next week TIG support will send around the final package of everything that will be released, including the 2-page financial summary report that is based on previous TIG reporting.

Other Business

- a. 2017 meeting schedule – Continued discussion of timing for upcoming annual meetings. Most Trustees narrowed down the options to C1 or C2. TIG support will circulate the documentation language regarding meeting requirements.
- b. The next TC call will be April 24.
- c. On the call on the 24th discuss frequency of TC calls moving forward.

**DWH Trustee Council
4/24/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Gunter Guy	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
Jane Atwood	Amy Hunter	Kevin Reynolds	Aileen Smith
	Patti Powell	Clare Cragan	
LA			
Alyson Graugnard	FL	EPA	
Billy Plauché	Gareth Leonard	Mary Kay Lynch	DOJ
	Amy Raker	Gale Bonanno	
MS			
Marc Wyatt		USDA	
Teri Wyly			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The AL TIG released their final recreational use restoration plan and hopes to sign the ROD in mid-May. The TIG has formed a small group to work on their second restoration plan. The group is currently sorting and evaluating project ideas and working through project screening.
- b. The FL TIG is continuing work on the Phase V.2 Coastal Access early restoration project as well as long-term restoration efforts. FL DEP has identified and acquired options to purchase on two parcels, one in Gulf County and the other in Walton County. The acquisition of the two parcels and the construction of the amenities on one of the parcels will utilize the remaining funds allocated to the Phase Coastal Access project. The amenities on the other parcel will be paid for by Walton County. The FL TIG is also making progress on their initial restoration plan. They anticipate using the first two years of the BP payments for projects in the first restoration plan which will likely be released in late summer for public review and comment.

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

Discussion Item 2: Annual Reporting Update

- a. Discussion: The reports, financial summary, and web stories were posted on Thursday afternoon as scheduled. Thank you to everybody for their timely help in finalizing the various products.

b. Action Items:

1. Mike Peccini (NOAA) and Debora McClain will work on creating a “lessons learned” and guidance document to assist in next year’s reporting process.

Discussion Item 3: Call Note Approval

- a. Discussion: The call notes have been reviewed to varying degrees by the Trustees. Discussed a deadline for approvals.

b. Action Items:

1. Trustees should review the call notes by May 22. If no response is heard from a Trustee by that date it will be considered approval. TIG support will send out reminders.

Other Business

- a. 2017 meeting schedule – Discussion of options C1 and C2. The TC decided that the annual meeting will be held on a rotating basis between the Gulf States. The 2017 meeting will be held in Alabama in September and the 2018 meeting will be in late April or early May in Mississippi. The LAT will work on logistics for the meeting.
- b. The TC decided to change the call schedule to once a month, with the exact schedule being flexible. TIG support will keep the two call slots during May just in case topics warrant a discussion, but we anticipate starting the call schedule of once a month on June 5. Thereafter will be the first Monday of the month. TIG support will adjust the appointments accordingly.

**DWH Trustee Council
6/5/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
Don Pitts	Patti Powell	Kevin Reynolds	Aileen Smith
James Murphy	Jane Calamusa	Clare Cragan	
LA			
Billy Plauché	FL	EPA	
	Gareth Leonard	Mary Kay Lynch	DOJ
MS	Amy Raker	Gale Bonanno	
Gary Rikard			
Marc Wyatt		USDA	
Teri Wyly			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The TX TIG has been focusing on early restoration project implementation and drafting a restoration plan that was recently released to the public. Early restoration project updates include:
 - All the pyramids have been placed for the artificial reef project.
 - The sea turtle project is going well and a number of components are now complete. TXPWD enforcement and NOAA staff have been coordinating successfully on enforcement for TED compliance. Nesting patrols are in full force in TX and Mexico and preliminary reports indicate there's a high number of Kemp's Ridley nests (although the viability and hatchling success rate is still unknown at this time.)
 - The design and site investigation for the Rookery Islands project on Dickinson Bay is underway.

Most of the TIG's time has been spent drafting the draft RP/EA which was released for public comment several weeks ago. Public meetings are scheduled for June 7 and 8 and these will also serve as the annual TX TIG public meeting. The plan includes 13 projects which total approximately \$45.8 million. The TIG is also working on an RFP for an audit to cover expenditures up through 2016.

- b. The OO TIG is currently screening project suggestions submitted to the TIG for all restoration types. Once the project types have been established, the OO TIG will coordinate with the other TIGs as needed. The OO TIG may decide to pursue an EIS and an EA at the same time in order to move ahead any projects that are less complicated. The OO TIG hopes to have more clarity on project types by mid-to late summer.

The MS TIG and Cross-TIG MAM will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Call Notes Approval

- a. Discussion: The call notes for the first part of the year are ready for posting online.
- b. Action Items:
 - 1. TIG support will touch base with USDA to confirm their approval, then will supply the PDFs to NOAA for posting.

Discussion Item 3: In-Person Public Meeting

- a. Discussion of the public meeting options for locations and dates. The TC will coordinate with RESTORE on scheduling. General agreement that September 12 or 13 is the preferred date.
- b. Action Items:
 - 1. TIG support will touch base with USDA on the September 12th or 13th dates and will update the group via e-mail when the date is confirmed.
- c. Decisions:
 - 1. General agreement to have the meeting in Mobile on September 12 or 13.

Other Business

- a. The next TC call is July 10.