



Coastal Policy Team

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

DEQ Central Office, 2nd Floor, 629 East Main Street, Richmond VA

- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 10:05 Climate Adaptation Efforts
- CZM Grants and Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum (Ben)
 - Recurrent Flooding Initiatives (Shep)
 - MARCO Climate Change Action Team (Shep)
 - Tide Gauge Funding Opportunity (Curt)
- 10:20 National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (Shannon Hulst, Wetlands Watch)
- Presentation
 - Q & A
- 10:50 Updates to Executive Order continuing VA CZM Program 2014-18 (Laura)
- Adding VA Dept. of Emergency Management
 - Any other proposed changes?
- 11:05 FY14 CZM Application to NOAA (Laura)
- Continuing grants
 - Land acquisition, Seaside restoration, PDC competitive process
 - 4th and 5th year grants of current Section 309 strategy
- 11:15 Program Changes (Shep and John Kuriawa)
- Inland Fisheries
 - State T&E Species
 - Non-point Source Pollution/Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act transfers to DEQ
 - Bay Act in non-Bay watersheds of VA Beach & Eastern Shore
- 11:45 New Section 312 Program Evaluation Process (Laura and John)
- Paper v. In-person
 - Review of Section 306a Acquisition & Construction Projects – updating signage before next evaluation

12:00 Please bring your own lunch

12:45 Planning for Next Section 309 Coastal Needs Assessment and 5 Year Grant Strategy for 2016-2020 (Laura)

- Planning starts in fall 2014
- Can it be done in-house without contracting researchers/facilitators?
- Can partners help?

Timeline for Completion of Section 309 Guidance and Assessment and Strategy Development		
	July 1st States	October 1st States
OCRM issues draft guidance	Week of January 20, 2014	
Comments on draft Guidance due	March 14, 2014	
OCRM issues Final Guidance	June 30, 2014	
CMPs begin developing Assessment and Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CMPs engage key stakeholders</i> • <i>OCRM & CMPs work together to identify priority enhancement areas and develop strategies</i> 	July 1, 2014	October 1, 2014
Draft Assessment and Strategy due	February 1, 2015	May 1, 2015
OCRM provides comments to CMPs on draft Assessment and Strategy	April 1, 2015	July 1, 2015
Final Assessment and Strategy due	June 1, 2015	September 1, 2015
OCRM approves Final Assessment and Strategy	August 1, 2015	November 1, 2015
OCRM issues FFO for FY 2016 PSM Competition (<i>tentative</i>)	Late Summer/Fall 2015	
Proposals for FY 2016 PSM Competition due (<i>tentative</i>)	Late Fall 2015	
CMPs begin carrying out FY 2016-2020 Strategies	July 1, 2016	October 1, 2016
OCRM issues FY 2016 PSM awards	October 1, 2016	

1:00 December 2014 Coastal Partners' Workshop (Virginia Witmer)

- 309 planning as a workshop product?
- Smorgasbord or one or two topics?
- Possible dates?
- Planning team volunteers?

1:15 Working Waterfronts Strategy (Beth Polak, Lewie Lawrence)

- Feb 26 Workshop and Media Coverage
- Policy/tool Development

- Case study volunteers: Poquoson, Wachapreague, Mathews

1:30 Ocean Resources Strategy (Laura)

- Mar 10 MARCO Stakeholder Liaison Committee for Regional Planning Body
- Mar 20 RPB Listening Session
- Whale migration study
- Mapping commercial fishing areas (Todd Janeski and Curt Smith)
- Marine debris reduction plan (Todd Janeski)

1:50 Habitat Restoration Projects

- Davis tract at Pickett's Harbor Natural Area Preserve (Tom Smith)
- GATR tract at Mockhorn Wildlife Management Area (Becky Gwynn)
- Kiptopeke State Park Improvements and Plan Update (Danette Pool /Janit Llewellyn)
- Seaside Restoration and SAMP Project (Laura and Curt Smith)
 - Eelgrass expansion and set-aside area proposal
 - Bay scallop progress

2:05 Native Plants Campaign (Virginia)

- Eastern Shore
- Northern Neck (Stuart McKenzie)
- Northern VA (Cory Miles)
- Hampton Roads (Ben McFarlane)
- Virginia Native Plants Marketing Partnership

2:25 Coastal GEMS (Nick Meade)

- Any new layers needed?
- Should we update the VEVA layer?

2:35 Addressing priorities identified at the Dec 2012 Coastal Partners Workshop and determining next steps

1. Increasing public understanding of climate issues (Ben and Lewie)
2. Collaborating with VDEM and participating in regional hazard planning meetings (Shep)
3. Update on Fisheries/Land Use project(s) (Troy Hartley)
4. Improving information on TMDL requirements (Ben and Lewie)
5. Packaging info on donating to Public Access Authorities (Lewie, Stuart and Curt)

2012 Virginia Coastal Partners Workshop - Action Items Identified and Ranked by Attendees			
Priority Rank	Vote Total	Session	Action Item
1	129	Climate Adaptation Efforts	There is a need to increase public scientific literacy and understanding of the seriousness of the issue – stronger relations need to be built between scientists and elected officials. CZM should continue to invest in discussions with these officials.
2	69	Coastal Hazards & Shifting Habitats	Collaborate with the Virginia Dept of Emergency Management - participate in regional hazard planning meetings.
3	57	Fisheries	CZM should develop guiding principles to promote fisheries sustainability for use in comp plans; create a packet of easily usable scientific info for use in comp plans. (Better link science to local planners, e.g. SAV coverage is easily viewable on the web but policy officials tend to look only at their land even though they have some jurisdiction over their adjacent waters. Local governments need to be made aware of their true boundaries. Potomac boundary is different with MD having authority to VA's shoreline.)
4	35	Water Quality	Support efforts to improve transmission of information about TMDL requirements to local level decision makers and then citizenry.
5	34	Public Access	CZM should package informational materials on how private citizens can donate private property for public use (e.g. outline the benefits).

3:00 Partner Updates

- Ecotour Guide Certification Classes: April 3rd – May 22 (Laura)
- Richmond Oyster Shell Recycling Project (Todd)
- MRC Oyster Replenishment Funds (Jim Wesson)
- Coastal NPS Plan Update?
- Others?

3:30 Adjourn