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
Please bring your own lunch

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 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| OCRM issues draft guidance                   | July 1st States | October 1st States |
| Comments on draft Guidance due               | Week of January 20, 2014 | March 14, 2014 |
| OCRM issues Final Guidance                   | June 30, 2014    |                 |
| CMPs begin developing Assessment and Strategy |                 |                 |
| - CMPs engage key stakeholders               |                 |                 |
| - OCRM & CMPs work together to identify priority enhancement areas and develop strategies |                 |                 |
| 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 (tentative) | | Late Summer/Fall 2015 |
| Proposals for FY 2016 PSM Competition due (tentative) | | 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  |                 |

December 2014 Coastal Partners’ Workshop (Virginia Witmer)

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

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)
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