

**Humboldt Bay EBM
Advisory Team**

Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2007

Handouts: Advisory Team contact list; Coastal Conservancy Contract Work Plan, HBMP Policy Summary; Ocean Protection Council strategic plan and funding guidelines

Agenda Review: no changes

Meeting purpose / desired outcomes: Susan Schlosser gave a brief overview

Meeting Purpose

- Clarity on what we are trying to achieve and role of Advisory Team
- Introduce Advisory Team to each other and Core Team
- Resources available to Advisory Team
- How information will flow

Desired Outcomes

- Develop decision-making process and ground rules
- Develop definitions
 - Humboldt Bay Ecosystem
 - Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-based Management
 - Develop criteria or guiding principles (if time)

Self Introductions: name, affiliation and expertise

Advisory Team:

Steve Hackett – HSU Economics Dept.: environmental and natural resource economics

Moira McEnespy – State Coastal Conservancy: resources and funding for EBM on north coast

Adona White – North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board: timber harvest review, sediment TMDL

Susan Schlosser – California Sea Grant: project administrator

Julie Neander - City of Arcata: restoration projects on city parcels along the bay

Becky Price-Hall – City of Trinidad: interdisciplinary social science

John Mello – DFG: aquaculture and bay management project

Sharon Kramer - HT Harvey & Assoc.: applied fish ecology

Vanessa Metz - Coastal Commission: water quality/storm water management, seabird ecology

Vicki Frey – DFG: environmental scientist, marine and water quality project review

Diane Ashton NOAA Fisheries: fish biology, regulatory project review

Mike Furniss – USFS Redwood Sciences Lab: geology, watershed management, climate change

Eric Bjorkstedt – NMFS/adjunct HSU Fisheries Dept.: salmonid conservation planning, fisheries oceanography/ecology

Greg Crawford – HSU Oceanography Dept.: physical oceanography, circulation

Scott Quackenbush – HSU Telonicher Marine Lab Director: invertebrate zoology

Mike Wilson – Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Commissioner: representing North Bay communities, watershed/bay connection

Bob Gearheart – HSU Emeritus: sustainable water quality management

Aldaron Laird – Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Manager, Environmental Planner: regulatory ecology, salmonid/watershed restoration

Eric Nelson - USFWS Humboldt Bay NWR Manager: bird ecology, bay recreation

Pete Nelson - California Sea Grant: physiological and community ecology of fish

Paula Golightly – USFWS: supervise habitat restoration program (Partners in Fish/Wildlife and Coastal Programs), wildlife biology - aquatic ecology

Jeff Anderson - Jeff Anderson & Assoc.: hydrology, water quality transport processes, estuary restoration

Darren Mierau - McBain & Trush: salmonid restoration,

David Hull – Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District CEO: regulatory jurisdiction in Humboldt Bay

Debbie Marshall – California Sea Grant: support staff

Lisa Shikany - City of Eureka: environmental planner, community development, CEQA/NEPA, regulatory permit process

Jennifer Rice - Redwood Community Action Agency, natural resources: implement watershed management, restoration and public access planning

Public Participants:

Susan Pen – Northcoast Environmental Center

Maggy Herbelin – Humboldt Bay Watershed Advisory Committee Chair: recreation, county agriculture statistics

Humboldt Bay Ecosystem Program Overview: Susan reviewed the program startup, funding, formation of Core Team and selection of Advisory Committee members. (see PowerPoint presentation)

Questions or Comments:

Is thrust of program to create database to inform management and possibility of using Dean Wendt's idea of linking science and management? Committee's responsibility is to address management issues from an ecosystem approach but need to develop framework before identifying issues. EBM Advisory Committee is the beginning of linking science to management. The Harbor District will form advisory committee for the Humboldt Bay Management Plan (HBMP) implementation so this EBM committee can be seen as the beginning phase to define program. This process is beyond the informational framework. It's a guide to changing policies, breaking down the jurisdiction boundaries to better manage resources. How does this process fit into the HBMP? The 5-year strategic plan is being completed then the Harbor District Advisory Committee will be formed to work on the policies adopted in the plan. This EBM Advisory Committee is an initial step in prioritizing the policies. The EBM Advisory Committee's goal is to develop proposals and start implementing priority projects using the foundation of the HBMP and HBWAC plans.

Comment that the Advisory Team lacks a public or industry representative. Susan explained that the Core Team would make presentations to stakeholder groups and obtain public comments on the project through those meetings. Several AT members raised the issue of stakeholder participation. Suggestions included involving stakeholders from the beginning; keeping city and county officials informed in order to promote coordination with those entities; using more citizen science and incorporating traditional ecological knowledge. Member comments on Committee representation: Advisory Team is a scientific based group to develop framework; initial list of Advisory Team participants narrowed to those who could attend monthly meetings; invite other participants to subject specific meetings for their expertise; more people can be involved as proposal collaborators; economic development representative for input on existing projects and future plans; regular updates to stakeholders/public throughout the process via the website, monthly meetings, two public meetings expected in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008; stakeholder input is dependent on expected proposal outcome of 1.) establishing policy neutral EBM framework or 2.) actual project implementation;(At this time we do not know what the priority issues will be, but the more public input at meetings or via the website the better.) The Humboldt Bay Ecosystem Program will prioritize existing policies from HBMP and recommendations from HBWAC Plan to develop proposals. Both had much community input. Outreach to discuss

project with city, county, industry and public suggested; promote website as additional way for public comment.

Establish Meeting Process:

Ground Rules

Be respectful of others, don't interrupt

Always say something new

Closure for topic before moving on to another

Send information to Susan or another Core Team member for inclusion on agenda

Distribute draft agenda to entire Committee

Stand name tag on end to notify facilitator you have a comment or question

Send meeting minutes to Committee within one week for review before posting on website

Have a second facilitator to help with meeting process – Eric Bjorkstedt and Sharon Kramer volunteered when they are not involved in discussion

RSVP to Susan for negative meeting attendance

Display Humboldt Bay map(s)

Videotape meeting

List agenda items with desired outcome

Send meeting reminder two days in advance

Decision Procedures

Convergent process -

Motion presented at one meeting, decision vote at next meeting

Advisory Committee and Core Team have voting rights; Core Team is the Executive Board to establish agenda

Public Input

Core Team suggests to set two 5 minute sessions – one before break, one at the end of the meeting; Committee decided on comment session at the end of each agenda item with a 1-1/2 minute limit per person and a 5 minute session for open topic comment at the end of the meeting.

Motion to add another member to the Committee; discussion regarding Core Team original process for inviting Advisory Committee members; vote to close Advisory Committee membership, unanimous approval.

Meeting Schedule

Not on Tuesday because of Board of Supervisors meetings

July 13, 8:30-12:30, Humboldt Area Foundation

August 10, 8:30 to 12:30, venue to be determined

Meeting Evaluation

Positive: using name tag, location, good refreshments, room arrangement

Negative: more space for public, can't depend on web

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 8:30-12:30, Humboldt Area Foundation

Agenda Items: Facilitator options – Susan will contact University of California Cooperative Extension colleagues and local facilitators to see who is available to facilitate some Advisory Team meetings. Work on Humboldt Bay Ecosystem and Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-based Management definitions; EBM criteria.