

## **Subtidal and Intertidal Habitat Goals for Humboldt Bay and the Eel River Estuary**

### *Advisory Team Meeting Notes*

*August 21, 2008, 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Eureka Sea Grant Office*

- I. In Attendance:** Steve Cannata (DFG), Annie Eicher (California Sea Grant Extension), Joel Gerwein (Coastal Conservancy), Bill Pinnix (USFWS), Kirsten Ramey (DFG), Susan Schlosser (California Sea Grant Extension)
  
- II. Report on Cultural Roundtable**—Susan Schlosser  
A Cultural Roundtable workshop was held Aug 20, 2008, at the Agriculture Center, organized by the consulting team Planwest Partners, and attended by approximately 30 participants. Presentations included an historical overview of the Humboldt Bay area and a report on interviews with various ethnic groups. In breakout sessions, the participants discussed issues, concerns, and information gaps/research needs.
  
- III. Rankings for Eelgrass Indicators**  
Handout: a table summarizing data collected over time on eelgrass in Humboldt Bay (no data available for Eel R estuary). This data can serve as a basis for ranking our indicators for eelgrass. Before the next meeting, we will work on organizing this data to correlate with selected indicators and we will distribute the information to the Advisory Committee for consideration at our Sept 4 meeting.
  
- IV. Review and Revise Water Column and Intertidal Flats Attributes and Indicators**
  - A. Draft tables from our 08-07-08 meeting were reviewed and revised.
    1. Extensive revision—see attached tables
  - B. This is an iterative process, and today's work resulted also in revision of earlier work (all revisions attached)
    1. Focal conservation targets
      - a. Intertidal Flats: expanded to include flats, banks, and bars
      - b. Native Fish Assemblages: expanded to include shellfish in accordance with DFG regulatory definition of fisheries resources
    2. Eelgrass Attributes/Indicators: minor wording changes
  
- V. Ecological Attributes and Indicators for Tidal Marsh and Riparian Scrub/Forest**  
Postponed until next meeting.
  
- VI. Assignment for Next Meeting:**  
Think about key ecological attributes and indicators for the targets: Tidal Marsh and Riparian Scrub/Forest, and be prepared to share your ideas with the group on 09-04-2008.
  
- VII. MEETING SCHEDULE:**  
**Thursday, September 4, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**  
**Thursday, September 18, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**  
**Thursday, October 2, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**  
**Thursday, October 16, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**