

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

Advisory Team Meeting Notes

September 18, 2008, 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Eureka Sea Grant Office

- I. In Attendance:** Steve Cannata (DFG), Annie Eicher (California Sea Grant Extension), Vicki Frey (DFG), Bill Pinnix (FWS), Kirsten Ramey (DFG), Susan Schlosser (California Sea Grant Extension). Joining via teleconference: Joel Gerwein (Coastal Conservancy).

- II. Draft Sections of Habitat Goals Report**
 - A. Draft sections of the Habitat Goals report (habitat descriptions for water column, eelgrass, tidal marsh) were passed around for review and discussion RE: overall tone, direction, and feedback.
 - B. Target audience: scientific community, land managers (general as well as environmental-regulatory), and other interest groups seeking scientific/natural history information about our study area. A less technical publication could be developed from this report targeting the general public.
 - C. Overall objective: provide a synopsis of available information plus lots of references to allow reader to locate more detailed information as needed.
 - D. Report research that has been done and/or is ongoing, including a discussion of what topics have been the subject of much research and also those for which information is scarce (and needed).
 - E. The results of our CAP process will be discussed in the report; we still need to determine in what manner—probably focus more on the results/outcome (e.g. the management recommendations we develop using CAP) than the process itself.
 - F. Additional comments from AC:
 1. Keep management recommendations short and to the point, clear but not too specific
 2. Since we are presenting multi-disciplinary data, overall management recommendations should be integrated and placed at the end of the report
 3. Management recommendations specific to a particular habitat should be addressed with the habitat description, e.g. specifications that have been developed to minimize impacts to eelgrass when working in the intertidal
 4. Be careful not to be redundant

- III. Ecological Attributes and Indicators for 1. Native Fish Assemblages, and 2. Shorebirds, Waterfowl, and Piscivorous Birds**
 - A. Drafts were handed out, discussed, and revised.
 - B. An updated CAP spreadsheet is attached; please note that the file has also been posted to collaborative tools as a file for group editing (version 3: 09-18-08).

- IV. MEETING SCHEDULE:**
 - Thursday, October 2, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**
 - Thursday, October 16, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**
 - Thursday, November 6, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**
 - Thursday, November 20, 1:30-4:30, Sea Grant Office**