

**DWH Trustee Council
11/7/16 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Gunter Guy	Kevin Reynolds	Chris Doley
Jane Atwood	Jane Calamusa	Nanciann Regalado	Lois Schiffer
	Will Brantley	Debora McClain	Melissa Carle
LA		Greg Steyer	
Billy Plauché			USDA
Alyson Graugnard	FL		Michele Laur
	Kelly Samek		
MS	Gareth Leonard	EPA	DOJ
Marc Wyatt	Mimi Drew	Gale Bonanno	Mike Zevenbergen
Teri Wyly			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. Topic – The MS TIG and Cross TIG MAM reported on their recent and upcoming activities.
- b. Discussion – MS TIG update: They are planning to release a restoration plan by the end of 2016 with three projects (Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management, Graveline Land Acquisition and Management, and the Upper Water Quality Enhancement). MS TIG will hold an annual meeting in Biloxi (in conjunction with the restoration summit) on November 15. The TIG is aiming to release the plan between December 16 and December 30.

Cross TIG MAM update: The group formed in July and has representatives from all Trustees. They had an in-person meeting in early October and reviewed the MAM chapter of the SOP and developed a DIVER database structure for restoration monitoring data among other topics. They are currently working on a management and adaptive management plan template for the TIGs to use and developing monitoring standards. The group is forming working groups to focus on particular resource categories among other tasks. Public comments on monitoring have been received via public meetings and via letters from NGOs.

Discussion Item 2: SOP

- a. Topic – Approval status of the SOP V2; discussion of section 2.2 language; and draft resolution.

- b. Discussion – Discussion of outstanding approvals. Discussion of section 2.2 options. Agreement for option 3 which has no voting for either chair or vice chair. The draft resolution to approve the SOP V2 was circulated with the TC call agenda. The SOP working group is now standing down. TC can decide if they want to reinstate the working group.
- c. Decisions – Agreement by AL, MS, FL, TX, LA, NOAA, DOI, EPA, and USDA that option 3 on section 2.2 will be incorporated into version 2 of the SOP. Chris Doley (NOAA) will take over for Ann Mills (USDA) as vice chair.
- d. **Action Items:**
 - 1. MS, DOI, and NOAA will send email approval of the SOP V2 to TIG support.
 - 2. Kelly Samek (FL) will update the SOP V2 with the language in section 2.2 with that presented in option 3.
 - 3. Edits to the resolution are due by Wednesday (11/9) EOD and then approvals for the SOP V2 are due by EOD on Tuesday, November 15.

Discussion Item 3: Administrative Budgets

- a. Discussion – Preference is for a calendar-year to calendar-year schedule for administrative budgets. All Trustees are in agreement. Plan is to draft a resolution to clarify the timeframe. Discussed options for what to do for the first year. Proposal to release budgets for 2016 and then create a budget for 2016-2017. Could also release a 21-month budget.
- b. **Decision:** Agreement by AL, MS, FL, TX, LA, NOAA, DOI, EPA, and USDA that administrative budgets will be reported for a calendar year going forward. The Trustees will release a budget for April - December 2016 and then will do a 12-month budget version going forward (January –December).
- c. **Action item:** Lois Schiffer (NOAA) will draft a resolution that says the Trustees are interpreting the TC MOU to mean budgets will be on a calendar year. TIG support will help facilitate.

Discussion Item 4: TC Call Notes

- a. Discussion – The notes from previous Trustee Council calls were circulated for review. Several Trustees requested more time to review the notes.
- b. **Action item:** Trustees will review the notes by November 21.

Discussion Item 5: Potential In-Person Meeting

- a. Discussion – Discussed December 15 in New Orleans for a potential in-person meeting from 1-5 pm. Discussed potential agenda items including reporting requirement for the public in the first quarter of 2017, LAT functions, and data. Not all Trustees are able to attend in-person on the 15th. Reminder that the RESTORE meeting starts early the next morning.
- b. **Action item:** DOI and NOAA will work on a proposed agenda that will be circulated to the group for consideration.

Other Business

- a. LAT - Potential Restoration Planning Contract is still in discussion.