



Policy and Outreach Workgroup Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2012 2:00 PM

Workgroup Members Present: Charriss York (AgriLife/SeaGrant), Diane Humes (Public), Linda Broach (TCEO), Rebecca Olson (Public), Rani Henderson (GBF), Bob Stokes, (GBF), and Charlene Bohanon (GBF)

Discussion

Introductions: Charlene gave the group an overview of the I-Plan process, where we stand in the process and role of the Policy/Outreach workgroup. The final draft of the plan will be emailed to the workgroup, with the pertinent Policy/Outreach portions highlighted.

Outreach: Charlene reviewed the main outreach tasks that the P/O workgroup will need to work on including fat, oil and grease concerns (for homeowners, restaurants, multi-family complexes), lateral line/OSSF maintenance, SSOI participation by municipalities, and stormwater runoff. The workgroup will also be tasked with giving input on figures and graphs created from current and future data to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended audiences.

Policy: Charlene reviewed the main policy tasks that the P/O workgroup will need to work on including enforcement of grease traps at restaurants, establishment of pump-out ordinances, enforcement of open y-valves and other boater waste ordinances already in existence, and establishment of NDZ designation on Galveston Bay.

Workgroup Plans: The group discussed the sorts of people that they feel should be invited to this workgroup in order to have a balanced representation between outreach and policy people. Bob said that the summer legal interns can be involved and help with some of the policy tasks and that it may be possible to get another intern in the fall if needed. The other suggestion was to invite city and county representatives. The workgroup decided to continue meeting on Monday afternoons in the future.

Next meeting: June 4, 2012; 2:00pm