



**Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Project Implementation Committee**
September 26, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm



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Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- a) Present 2023-2024 NEPORT Data Submissions
- b) Request Watershed Management Plan Project Updates
- c) Discuss Preliminary CCMP Survey Results

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

4. Old Business

- a) Management Conference Committee Status Updates
- b) 2023-2024 NEPORT Submissions, Jason Kudulis
- c) Request for Watershed Plan Project Implementation Status Updates, Bekah Farmer

5. New Business

- a) Preliminary CCMP Survey Results, Roberta Swann

6. Staff Report/Announcements

- a) MBNEP Project Updates
- b) Announcements

7. Adjourn

Minutes

Attendees:

David Newell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jenna Jacobson,
Will Underwood, Alabama Department of Conservation of Natural Resources
Shannon McGlynn, Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Mark Kate Brown, The Nature Conservancy
Katie Baltzer, The Nature Conservancy
Brian Underwood, Baldwin County Commission
Don Mroczko, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
George Ramseur, Moffatt & Nichol
Herb Bullock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Cade Kistler, Mobile Baykeeper
Jennifer Greene, City of Mobile
Walter Ernest, Pelican Coast Conservancy
Annelise Dodd, Volkert
Chris Warn, Environmental Science Associates
Robin McCall, EPA
Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Steve Jones, Geological Survey of Alabama
Nicole Love, City of Fairhope
Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County
Emma Cochran, City of Mobile
Patric Harper, US Fish & Wildlife Service
Jackie McGonigal, City of Orange Beach, Wind & Water Learning Center
Rita Peachey, Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, RESTORE
Kelley Barfoot, Stantec
Josh Eisenhauer, Allen Engineering & Science
Jay Estes, Allen Engineering & Science
Sawyer Shotts, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Leslie Gahagan, City of Foley
Eliska Morgan, Thompson Engineering

MBNEP Staff:

Bekah Farmer, Roberta Swann, Christian Miller, Blair Morrison, Jason Kudulis

Total: 37.

Of note: Not all attendees are listed. Attendees were asked to enter their name into the Zoom chat but not all were accounted for.

Takeaways

- 2023-2024 NEPORT submissions were presented by Jason Kudulis, MBNEP staff.
- A request was put out for the implementation status of projects suggested in watershed management plans by Bekah Farmer, MBNEP staff.
- Preliminary results for the CCMP survey were presented by Roberta Swann, MBNEP Director.

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. Shannon McGlynn opened the meeting by welcoming attendees.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mark Berte motioned to approve minutes from the June 27th meeting. Mary Kate Brown seconded the motion.

Old Business

Committee Updates: Updates were given on what other Management Committees are currently working on.

NEPORT Submission

- Jason Kudulis presented on GPRA projects completed between 10/1/23 and 9/30/24 that were submitted with to NEPORT.
- 8 projects submitted
 - 3 Acquisition projects: 8,020 acres total
 - 5 Restoration projects: 866 acres and 1.2 mile of stream channel

WMP Project Implementation Status Updates Request

- Watershed management plans suggest projects and MBNEP is requesting updates to the status of those projects.
- Materials and instructions for gathering those updates can be found on the MBNEP website under the Watersheds tab.
- Please fill out one form for every project.
- Initial deadline will be November 15th. However, this will be a permanent tool to use for tracking as well as facilitating partnerships on projects.

New Business

Preliminary CCMP Survey Results

- Survey has been sent out to gauge where committees are coalescing around key priority areas for the next CCMP: sediment management, waste management, and community growth management.
- Preliminary results were reviewed. Deadline for submission is September 30th.
- Results will be used to facilitate discussions at the CCMP summit meeting October 24th, 2024.

Staff Report/Announcements

- MBNEP staff reported updates on projects in Lower Fish River (Schoolhouse Branch and Magnolia Bluffs projects), Fowl River (Fowl River Spits), D'Olive (Pine Run project), Western Shore (Deer River project, Shoreline management plan), Three Mile Creek (invasive species), watershed management plans (Western Perdido, Eight Mile Creek, Eastern Delta, Western Delta, Grand Bay). If anyone has interest in seeing projects being implemented in Fowl River or Deer River, contact Jason Kudulis.
 - Save the date for a stream restoration technology workshop December 3rd, 2024.
- The Nature Conservancy
 - Perdido project, bids are opening up October 16th. Pre-bid meeting will be held the week of October 1st.
 - Mobile Airport Authority project is out for bid.
 - Bayou La Batre library project is out for bid. Storm water mapping in the city has been completed.
 - Lightning point project has been completed.
 - Coffee Island project will soon be initiated.
- City of Mobile
 - Segment of Greenway trail will be going out for bid and up for permit.
 - Langan dredging will soon be out for bid. Community meeting will be October 13th to talk to community members.
 - LID near Zeigler Blvd.

- Nearing 100% design plans on Phase I of Brookley.

Adjourn

Mark Berte motioned to end the meeting at 1:07 pm. Nicole Love seconded the motion.