

Angler Subcommittee Conference Call  
April 8, 2008  
9:30 - 11:00

Attendance:

James Alamillo  
Robert Brodberg  
Stephen Groner

Tiffany Jonick  
Jackie Lane  
Sharon Lin

Khanh Nguyen  
Marilyn Underwood  
Dave Witting

Absent:

Linda Chilton  
Gabrielle Dorr  
Patty Velez  
Guang-yu Wang

1) Introductions - James Alamillo (Heal the Bay)

2) IC Program Updates

a. Strategic Planning Meeting Action Items

- Compile meeting information: In progress, still shooting for April 15 distribution;
- Post small group worksheets online: completed, SGA did not receive additional input from anyone regarding the worksheets;
- EPA's draft ranking of tactics: Sharon Lin (EPA) is working with Carmen White on finalizing tactic rankings and aiming for proposed priority ranking release by April 15; Stakeholders will be asked to review and comment on proposed ranking.

b. Agency Agreement Status - S. Lin

- Orange County Environmental Health Agency: agreement will be awarded shortly;
- Long Beach Environmental Health: EPA is processing the agreement award;
- Los Angeles County Environmental Health: completed work plan negotiation, LA County has not submitted the official application to EPA;
- Los Angeles County Public Health: completed work plan negotiation, LA County has not submitted the official application to EPA;
- OEHHA and Fish and Game: Working on extending existing agreement with both agencies and looking into the 5-year contract limitation clause.
- Fish and Game, S. Lin is also developing a cooperative agreement with the Marine Region (Marty Maytorena's department) to aid in carrying out some of the tactics from the Strategic Planning meeting discussion;
- EHIB: Establishing a cooperative agreement ranging between 3 to 5 years is underway.

c. Feasibility Study - S. Lin

- The study will be released for public comment by fall 2008;
- Most likely to take the Interim ROD approach and will aim to integrate IC's as part of remedy. Because the physical cleanup is very challenging and there are many unknowns, ICs will play a larger role than initially anticipated.

3) Angler Program Update

a. Heal the Bay - J. Alamillo

- Heal the Bay is continuing to conduct outreach on piers;
- The overall weather has improved and familiarity with the PDA's has improved, resulting in more efficient data collection;

- Progress report on angler outreach program released last month;
  - Heal the Bay, Cabrillo, EPA, and SGA will be discussing program elements in the upcoming months to plan for the next year.
- b. Cabrillo - not present during conference call.
- 4) Take Home Fish Assessment - Tiffany Jonick (SGA)
- There is no change from last update;
  - SGA is still planning to conduct the assessment by late April or early May.
- 5) Community Outreach Update - T. Jonick
- SGA has been able to follow up with approximately 20 percent (current N=61) of surveys collected through the health clinic component of the Community Outreach Program;
  - Early patterns point to decreases in overall fish consumption and in consuming the fish head, guts and skin. Pattern also points towards an increase in recommended preparation and cooking practices.
- 6) Agency Updates
- a. OEHHA - Robert Brodberg
- OEHHA lost another staff member, so R. Brodberg will take Dave Witting (MSRP) up on his offer to assist with the data;
  - R. Brodberg and his team met with the Director of Department and will complete the guidance tissue level document in the next couple of months. Document still needs to be reviewed by Chief Deputy Director for final approval. OEHHA will schedule time later in April to talk with EPA and Heal the Bay in order to respond to and discuss comments received.
- b. MSRP - Dave Witting
- There is no update since the last meeting;
  - MRSP has determined that it was not feasible to build an artificial reef at Cabrillo because sediments are too soft. MSRP will be meeting with pier managers at Belmont and Redondo piers regarding the project;
  - MRSP is also working with the Port of Long Beach on an alternate project;
  - MRSP will be hosting a booth at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific's Earth Day Celebration Event. Jackie Lane (EPA), J. Scully and SGA will also be staffing a booth at the event;
  - Eagles are hatching in various locations, including: Santa Cruz (3 nests, 2 chicks hatched); Santa Rosa (seeing its first nest in 50 years) and Catalina Island. Generally speaking, it appears that younger eagle parents have more successful eggs.

Action Items:

- 1) May 13<sup>th</sup> Angler Conference Call: Sharon will check with Patty Velez on her attendance status. Bob will hold the meeting until otherwise noted.
- 2) Future meeting/conference call structure: S. Lin will look into how to best arrange various ICs related meetings and conference calls (e.g. strategic planning, FCEC partners meeting and conference calls for specific programs).