

**Angler Subcommittee Conference Call**  
**May 13, 2008**  
**9:30am - 11:00am**

**Attendance:**

James Alamillo  
Robert Brodberg  
Gabrielle Dorr

Stephen Groner  
Tiffany Jonick  
Sharon Lin  
Alfonso Montiel

Khanh Nguyen  
Marilyn Underwood  
Patty Velez  
Dave Witting

**Absent:**

Linda Chilton  
Guangyu Wang  
Jackie Lane

1) Future Meetings - Sharon Lin

a. June FCEC Partners Meeting

- S. Lin proposed new FCEC partners meeting date because June 19<sup>th</sup> (previous proposed date) conflicts with MSRP's congressional tour to Channel Islands;
- Call participants agreed June 26<sup>th</sup> was a better date for everyone.

b. Proposed 2008-2009 ICs/FCEC Meeting Calendar

- Angler Conference Call will shift to be an Agency Program Update Call to focus on different ICs components, involve the appropriate people and provide an opportunity to get advice from call participants. For example, one call would focus on angler outreach, another on enforcement, etc.
- The last Thursday of the month was proposed as placeholder dates for the meetings and 9:30am conference calls;
- State agencies noted that they may have difficulties in covering travel costs due to budget cuts;
- A new element added to the calendar was an e-newsletter, which would provide another opportunity to update partners on a quarterly basis.

2) Review of IC Programs

a. ICs Program Road Map

- List of prioritized tactics was sent out to all partners for feedback. The prioritized tactics will be used to move forward with the implementation plan. Several prioritized tactics have also been reflected in work plans with various agencies.

b. Contracting/Agreement Status - S. Lin

- OEHHA: EPA will extend the existing cooperative agreement for two more years;
- California Department of Fish and Game CERCLA program: CDFG will apply for a new agreement due to the time limitation;
- California Department of Fish and Game Marine Region: EPA is developing a new cooperative agreement with the Marine Region, which will hopefully start in November;
- EHIB: working on establishing a new cooperative agreement;
- Los Angeles County Public Health: EPA is processing the application from the LA County.
- Los Angeles County Public Health Environmental Health: completed work plan and budget negotiation with LA County. EPA is still waiting for LA County to submit the official application. Target start date is July 1;
- Orange County Environmental Health Agency: three-year contract was awarded, but awaiting OC Board approval in June. The contract includes

- market inspection, outreach and developing in-language (Vietnamese) materials;
  - Long Beach Environmental Health: hoping to award contract in June with target start date of July 1;
  - FCEC: Solicitation for a three-year contract going out May 13<sup>th</sup> with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. FCEC – Tiffany Jonick (SGA)
- Community Outreach:
    - Over 100 baseline surveys have been collected;
    - EPA participated in a community workshop at St. Anslem’s Cross Cultural Community Center, at which Vietnamese media were also present;
    - S. Lin observed that the community has baseline knowledge of fish contamination and credited FCEC’s previous work with the community.
  - FCEC Website: had over 5,000 unique visitors last month, exceeding previous record by 2,000.
  - Take Home Fish Assessment (THFA)
    - Training began in early May;
    - Heal the Bay trained SGA staff on angler outreach at piers;
    - Training on white croaker identification with CH2M Hill is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>;
    - The assessment will take place at Belmont Pier and Rainbow Harbor;
    - Dave Witting (MSRP/NOAA) mentioned the project will be very timely because of the artificial reef project MSRP is pursuing;
    - Next steps: S. Lin informed that a new contract for fish sample analysis (for both the THFA and market inspections) is being developed. Currently EPA has a short list of labs to carry out the analysis.

### 3) Angler Program Update

#### a. Heal the Bay – J. Alamillo

- Heal the Bay continues to conduct outreach on piers every Thursday to Sunday;
- Heal the Bay is currently not conducting outreach at Belmont pier because the THFA is taking place there;
- The analysis for January 2008 to May 2008 angler outreach data should be completed by the end of June. In this analysis, 2 data sets will be evaluated.

#### b. Cabrillo – Alfonso Montiel

- Cabrillo is still conducting outreach at Cabrillo;
- The number of anglers are expected to increase as summer is approaching;
- Linda Chilton will no longer be involved in FCEC and A. Montiel will take her place with FCEC.

### 4) Agency Updates

#### a. MSRP – Gabrielle Dorr and D. Witting

- The congressional outing is on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The trip is for representatives for local and district senator and assembly members, as well as US congressional members and senators. They will tour Santa Cruz Island and will be given an update on restoration efforts;
- Mini-grants to Sea Lab and Cabrillo:
  - MRSP visited Sea Lab to observe one of the middle/high school workshops. Currently, the structure for each of the three hour

workshops includes: reading *What's the Catch* comic book, going out to the pier and fishing, and learning how to fillet fish properly;

- Cabrillo is still working on the workshop for teachers and general public;
  - There will likely be another call for applications for the mini-grant early 2009, as MSRP is still trying to determine what program is best;
  - MRSP is currently looking into Belmont Pier and Redondo Pier for the artificial reef project.
- b. EPA - S. Lin
- Carmen White (EPA) was recently in Washington DC to present the Feasibility Study for the PV Shelf before the EPA National Review Board. Public review of the draft for stakeholders will probably be delayed until after fall 2008.
- c. OEHHA - Robert Brodberg
- OEHHA has been working with D. Witting on analyzing the data, and will formulate the data into advisories and recommendations, which will take some time;
  - In the meantime, R. Brodberg suggested reviewing the Sacramento River Delta advisory, which was developed using over 1,000 data points and using a format based on considerable amount of testing with the public.