

## WORKSHOP SUMMARY Technical Committee Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program March 10, 2021 09:00 am – 12:30 pm CT Zoom Virtual Meeting

## I. Registered Participants

Donald Killorn Whitney Scheffel Logan McDonald Matt Posner Jane Caffrey Amanda Croteau Haley Gancel Matt Deitch Jessica Bibza Amv Newbold Barbara Albrecht Chris Verlinde Glenn Conrad Tanya Linzy Shannon McGlynn **Beth Fugate** Matthew Kelly Webb Jackson Gary Baine Darryl Boudreau Eric Schneider Jeanette Kelson Jenny Paul Shelley Alexander Tesfay Gebremicael Darrel Williams Jackie Lane John Lehrter Latif Kalin Lee Yokel Paul Looney Stacy Cecil Mike Norberg Tannvr Lamica Bush Sara David

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## II. Workshop Executive Summary

- a. Purpose, Goals, & Expected Outcome
  - i. Identify and prioritize indicator data needs and actions that will be incorporated into the Program's CCMP.
  - ii. Expected outcomes of the workshop were to have a draft prioritized list of data needs and associated locations of greatest concern, and actions for selected sediment indicators from both watersheds (Perdido/Pensacola).
- b. Structure
  - i. Introductory presentation given by Whitney Scheffel, Haley Gancel, and Amanda Croteau (*see "Workshop Materials" link for PDF of slides*)

- 1. Workshop purpose and goals
- 2. Review of Stressors Assessment & Water Quality Indicator Workshop outputs
- 3. Indicator data compilation process overview
- 4. How data and participant feedback will be used
- 5. Overview of Mural virtual whiteboard tool & engagement activity
- 6. Zoom breakout session format & guidelines
- ii. To focus discussion, participants were split into breakout sessions based on their interests and/or expertise in the watersheds:
  - 1. Perdido or Pensacola
    - a. Indicator overview
    - b. Brainstorm, discuss & prioritize data needs
    - c. Sediment in water column: total suspended solids (TSS), turbidity, secchi depth
    - d. Sediment as substrate: grain size, toxins (mercury, dioxins/furans, PCBs)
  - 2. Perdido or Pensacola
    - a. Discuss data need locations within the watersheds
    - b. Brainstorm, discuss, & prioritize actions
- iii. Indicators were selected based on identified stressors and indicators from the watersheds from the Stressors Assessment workshop in November.
- c. Breakout Session Format
  - i. Welcome and Introductions
    - 1. Facilitator briefed participants on the process for each session and expectations/guidelines
    - 2. Overview of the whiteboard software used during each session, Mural.
  - ii. Indicator Data Overview
    - 1. Haley and Amanda reviewed sediment indicator data maps from compiled datasets to discuss with participants.
  - iii. Brainstorming, Discusion, & Prioritization Activities
    - 1. Developed list of data needs, data need locations within watersheds, and actions.
    - 2. Voted on priority data needs and actions from all possible to Top 5 from each category.
  - iv. Discussion
- d. Breakout Session Debrief & Discussion
  - i. Summarized priorities from each breakout session (Perdido/Pensacola)
  - ii. Discussed emerging themes from both watersheds.
  - iii. Process Evaluation overview
    - 1. UWF led survey sent to workshop participants to evaluate stakeholder process and facilitation.
    - 2. Staff will incorporate feedback provided by participants into planning future workshops and engagements.
- e. Staff Action Items
  - i. PPBEP and UF/UWF staff are working to pull existing data sources for selected habitat indicators to synthesize and present to TC members at next workshop.
  - ii. Staff has scheduled final workshop in the series for:
    - 1. Fish & Wildlife: Thursday, April 8, 2021