



**MINUTES**  
**Technical Committee**  
**Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program**  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 CT  
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Jessica Bibza, Chair	NWF
Ken Heck, Co-Chair	DISL
Emerson Cheney	PPBEP
Logan McDonald	PPBEP
Whitney Scheffel	PPBEP
Donald Killorn	PPBEP
Amanda Croteau	UWF
Beth Fugate	DEP
Brian Underwood	CBEP
Darryl Boudreau	NWFWMD
Haley Gancel	UF
Katie Baltzer	TNC
Lee Yokel	Citizen
Matt Posner	Escambia County/PPBEP
Melody Ray-Culp	FWS
Mollie Taylor	GeoSyntec
Samantha Bolduc	Escambia County
Tanya Linzy	Santa Rosa County
Naisy Dolar	Santa Rosa County
Zach Whalen	FWC
Amy Newbold	EPA GMD
Jeanette Kelson	Wood
Jason Evert	JMT
Chelsea Conley	CBEP
Matthew Miller	WRA
Shelley Alexander	Santa Rosa County
Gary Baine	UWF

### **1. Welcome and Opening**

### **2. CCMP Action Plan Development Overview presentation, *Whitney Scheffel, PPBEP***

- Reminder to participants that the feedback survey for Action Plan comments would close on August 6, 2021. Whitney announced that there were 11 submissions as of July 26.
- W. Scheffel presented a workflow visual highlighting the steps in developing the CCMP including stressor & needs assessments, workshop series, Community Values Survey, and synthesis and drafting of the Action Plan and the Education and Outreach Strategic Plan.
- The results of the Community Values Survey and the recently published Oyster Fisheries and Habitat Management plan were also presented.

### **3. Action Plan Structure**

- W. Scheffel outlined how PPBEP structured the CCMP Action Plan. The Action Plan has a layered structure including overarching goals (focus areas), objectives, actions, implementation strategies, potential partners, funding sources, and metrics.
- It was modeled after other relevant estuary programs' CCMPs with modifications to fit the needs of our program.

### **4. Review Comments and Discussion**

- Committee Chair, Jessica Bibza, opened the floor for discussion about the draft Action Plan. Committee members engaged in general discussion about suggestions for changes and clarifications that would improve the impact of the Action Plan.
- Concerns were raised by participants about the breadth of the Action Plan. Ken Heck, Co-Chair, recommended that staff prioritize actions in adherence with the 5-year timeline of the CCMP. J. Bibza asked for clarification on who would be leading the work that is proposed in the Action Plan. Ms. Scheffel expressed that the PPBEP staff would provide clarification on the role the program for each action and stakeholders agreed to add themselves as partners, where applicable.
- Committee members discussed accessibility as a priority aspect of the CCMP. Mollie Taylor, Geosyntec, suggested that the program develop an application that allows citizens to communicate with the estuary program and report issues in their communities (e.g., Pensacola 311). Committee members agreed that local knowledge should be prioritized to develop and implement projects that make an impact in underserved communities.

### **5. Overview of Roles and Editing Process**

- J. Bibza introduced the idea of committee structure and whether specific roles should be established to help guide productivity. However, many participants agreed that establishing roles should be considered after the CCMP is finalized.
- Committee members believe there is strong dedication from partners and a large capacity for engagement with the Program through the CCMP development process.

### **6. Identify Partner support to Fill Gaps in Action Plan Table**

- Partners agreed to fill out the Action Plan Feedback Survey (administered by UWF) before August 6 or provide direct feedback on potential partnerships to PPBEP staff.