



Ecosystem Protections Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/25/2011

Start Time: 2:00pm

End Time: 3:00pm

Meeting Method: Go-To Webinar

Attendance: Adam Pack (Chair), Jack Kittinger (Chair, call lead), Sarah Mesnick, Malia Chow, Lisa White (note taker), Micki Ream, Joey Lecky, Jean Souza, Alex Sheftic, Rachel Sprague, Hannah Bernard, Sarah Courbis, Jon Martinez, Kauai Public- Gordon LaBedz (SAC), Nina Monasevitch

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- Review penultimate draft of EPWG report (25 min)
Adam requests opening paragraph be edited by Kehau Watson, WG agrees
EPWG definition of EBM unique in that human uses have equal footing to species and habitat! Make it known when presenting to rest of SAC.
Check references.
Manini formatting to be reviewed by Jack, Adam, Sarah M., Micki
Add number of technical experts solicited with list of respondents. 35 letters sent, anticipate 30% return. Coral reef scientists most responsive.
Specify which UH campus professionals affiliated with (Manoa v Hilo).
Add that each conference call allotted time for public comments.
Replace Hannah's last name Barnard with Bernard.
Correct Alex Sheftic's affiliation from WESPAC to Hawaii County SAC Seat.
- Review EPWG recommendations (20 min)
Include blank recommendations ballot in the appendix.
Keep the vote report out format as is.
Expand #6 and #8 to all communities not just sentinel sites? (HB) Define sentinel sites as NOAA program that will use Sanctuaries as data collectors. NOAA Program wording to be added (SM). Shows connection to other Sanctuaries, too (AP).
Are they mutually exclusive recommendations? Don't want the ideas lost if have to prioritize. (HB) Add introduction statement that states the recs are intended to be taken together not piecemeal (JK).

Next Steps: Make final tweaks. Then document sent to Sanctuary Oahu office. Documents due on Friday 10/28. Final draft sent to EPWG on Thursday 10/27. Executive Committee will compile all 9 working group reports TBD from there.



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- Review responses from letter to technical experts (10 min)

These responses are internal documents and should not be distributed beyond staff and working group members.

Responses will be shared in aggregate verbatim, just anonymously in an appendix with each question and each answer w justification; labeled Expert 1 recommendation/justification, Expert 2 rec/just, etc. But if request for specific information made could be made available down the road with permission from the individual if specifically requested.

Should not be included in appendix if we are still waiting for responses. Hold information within working group until can be integrated down the road in some future document. (JK)

Should be in appendices! Even if added later once some more answers come in. (AP)

Options: A. leave out; B. put in what got; C. put in what got with not to put in more responses once received

AP says option C/A with a place holder

AS says option C

HB says option A, hold 2 weeks or so then add in appendix

JK says option A, report out technical input at later date when ready for larger public review; take out names; review text to remove identifying information

Draft anonymous aggregate report will be ready for Thursday for EPWG review. All agree.

- Public comment (5 min)

GL-Will ocean be better off given these recommendations? Likely not. Too many wiggles words. Ocean will not notice the hard work. Not sure if any working group is making the ocean safer.

ACTION ITEMS: Review documents Sarah M sends on Thursday

Next meeting: NONE! :o)