

**DWH Trustee Council  
1/10/22 Conference Call Summary**

**Attendees:**

<b>TX</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>DOI</b>	<b>USDA</b>
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Ron Howard
Michael Cave	Amy Hunter	Michelle Eversen	Tanya Culbert
	Emily Seale	Nanciann Regalado	
<b>LA</b>	Bethany Kraft		<b>EPA</b>
Maury Chatellier	Jane Calamusa		Mary Kay Lynch
Beth Golden		<b>NOAA</b>	Treda Grayson
	<b>FL</b>	Chris Doley	
<b>MS</b>	Gareth Leonard	Aileen Smith	
Valerie Alley	Lisa Robertson	Melissa Carle	<b>LAT</b>
Bradley Ennis	Amy Raker	Natalie Matthews	Holly Herod
	Nadia Martin		

**Discussion Item 1: Report Outs**

- a. **MS TIG:** The MS TIG released its Draft Restoration Plan 3 for public review and comment in early December. A webinar will be held tomorrow at 2 central to present the plan to the public and accept comments. The draft plan includes \$19 million for seven proposed projects in the following restoration types:

- Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands
- Sea Turtles
- Marine Mammals
- Birds
- Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities.

Additionally, the MS TIG expects to release a web story requesting project ideas for their Draft Restoration Plan 4 in the first quarter of 2022. In terms of current projects, the MS TIG has a number of projects in construction and several that have recently completed construction.

- b. **Cross-TIG MAM:** The Cross-TIG MAM walked through an activity update which will be circulated via email. Select Cross-TIG MAM accomplishments include releasing an updated MAM Manual 2.0, releasing the Trustees’ first Programmatic Review, and updating MAM parameters in DIVER picklists. Ongoing tasks include reflecting on the programmatic review and gathering lessons learned, data management work with the DIVER team, considering additional MAM Manual content, refining the MAM templates, and continuing discussions on unknown conditions and adaptive management.

The LA and RW TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

### **Discussion Item 2: Sharepoint Update**

- a. Sharepoint Update: The Sharepoint update is going well. The AL TIG site was successfully migrated to the new system last week. Several other migrations will happen each week with the expectation that all migrations will be completed by the end of February. The schedule will be circulated with the call notes. Each TIG will get an email with instructions in the lead-up to their planned migration. The migration of the TC and Overarching section of Sharepoint will begin on Thursday, January 13 and re-open in the new location on Tuesday, January 18.

### **Discussion Item 3: LAT Items**

- a. Discussion:
  - Reminder of Annual Reporting Milestones – Annual reporting for 2021 opened on January 1, 2022. Key dates:
    - April 15: Trustee Review complete
    - May 20: TIG review complete
    - May 31: Publication date
  - Audit status updates – Per the Trustee Council SOP each Trustee must conduct a financial audit or AUP engagement.
  - Action Item: Holly will send an email to each Trustee with their status.
  - Best practices for naming projects – In the process of working through web stories, outreach materials, and the Programmatic Review, the LAT and Comms team realized that some project titles are quite long and unruly. The LAT and Comms team is working on a best practices document for project names. These are not requirements, but rather suggestions to help TIG members create more public friendly titles. This file will be circulated to the TIGs in the near future.
  - DIVER Updates – There will be two updates in DIVER to account for non-construction projects. In the planning section, the “Engineering and Design” option will be changed to “Planning/Engineering and Design”. In the execution section, the “Construction” category will change to “Implementation/Construction”. This will allow for non-construction projects to have more accurate reporting.

- 2022 TC Annual Public Meeting – The LAT and the Communications Team is starting preparations for the 2022 annual public meeting. They will pull together proposed dates and options for an in-person, virtual, and perhaps a combination meeting. The slides and materials will be looked at with the potential for a refresher.

**Other Business**

- a. Please review the call notes from 2021.
- b. The next regularly scheduled TC call is on Monday, February 7.

## DWH Trustee Council 2/7/22 Conference Call Summary

### Attendees:

<b>TX</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>DOI</b>	<b>USDA</b>
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Ron Howard
James Murphy	Kelly Swindle	Michelle Eversen	Tanya Culbert
	Jane Calamusa	Nanciann Regalado	
<b>LA</b>			<b>EPA</b>
Bren Haas			Mary Kay Lynch
Maury Chatellier		<b>NOAA</b>	Treda Grayson
	<b>FL</b>	Chris Doley	Tim Landers
<b>MS</b>	Gareth Leonard	Craig O'Connor	
Chris Wells	Lisa Robertson	Rachel Sweeney	<b>LAT</b>
Valerie Alley	Nadia Martin	Natalie Matthews	Holly Herod

### Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. **LA TIG:** The LA TIG has been busy with Restoration Plan 3.2 (Mid-Barataria Large Scale Sediment Diversion). This restoration planning effort is still ongoing. The resolution of the more than 40,000 comments is still ongoing. The LA TIG is working with the Army Corps of Engineers on the restoration plan. The goal is to release the final restoration plan and Environmental Impact Statement in June 2022. The LA TIG is also working on Restoration Plan 8 which includes Wetlands Coastal Nearshore Habitat restoration projects. The LA TIG has reached a reasonable range of alternatives for both engineering and design as well as construction of several projects. The draft will be in LA TIG fatal flaw review through mid-February and they expect the plan will be out for public review by the second week of March. The LA TIG is also ready to initiate Restoration Plan 7.1 which is tiered from Restoration Plan 7. The plan would include two bird restoration projects.

Project updates: West Grand Terre Beach Nourishment and Stabilization Project (Jefferson Parish) was affected by Hurricane Ida. Much of the fill had recently been placed and much of that material was over washed, so revisions are in progress. Construction is happening now through the end of June to place the material again.

The LA TIG also drafted an overall Monitoring and Adaptive Management (MAM) strategy to provide a process and framework for Trustees to submit MAM activities for funding. The strategy was finalized and 13 MAM activities were proposed by the Trustees with ten ultimately being approved for the development of Monitoring and Adaptive Management Implementation Plans for a total of \$20 million.

The LA TIG also held their annual meeting in October 2021 via webinar.

- b. RW TIG: The RW TIG released its first restoration plan (birds, marine mammals, oysters, sea turtles) in September 2021. The RW TIG is now building out implementation plans for the projects approved in that first restoration plan. There is one project implementation plan for conservation enhancement of bird and nesting habitat with a completed implementation plan. A second implementation plan for marine debris is out for signature. Two additional project implementation plans are under review and two are still being drafted. There are an additional five projects that are awaiting development of the project implementation plans.

The AL and FL TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

### **Discussion Item 2: Cross-TIG MAM**

- a. Cross-TIG MAM Update: The Cross-TIG MAM is working on recommendations for the next programmatic review. They are working closely with the LAT and small group to gather a cohesive set of recommendations. They are also drafting their task list for the next fiscal year (July 2022-June 2023) which will be shared for TC approval before the April TC call. The budget would be shared with the TC and then the RW TIG.

### **Discussion Item 3: SharePoint Update**

- a. SharePoint Update: The SharePoint update is going well. The last TIG to migrate is the TX TIG which will take place this week. If there are any issues, please get in touch with NOAA.

### **Discussion Item 4: LAT Items**

- a. Discussion:
  - 2022 TC Annual Public Meeting – The LAT and the Communications Team are working on initial plans for the 2022 public meeting. The question for the TC is whether they would like to meet in person in Alabama or virtually. The date would likely be in early June or July. In years past, the TC and other TIGs would use the opportunity to gather in person; however, this year there may not be agenda items for in person meetings. The group discussed the possibility of a virtual versus in-person meeting. While the group would like to get back to an in-person meeting, that will likely have to wait until 2023. The Communications Team is recommending moving the open house to after the presentation (rather

than before), but by and large the idea is to keep the public meeting the same. There was good participation in prior years for a virtual meeting. There is a desire to perhaps do a hybrid in-person/virtual event for 2023 and beyond.

- Decision: The TC decided to hold a virtual meeting for 2022 with the open house after the presentation.
- Action Item: TIG support will circulate dates for a virtual meeting in June or early July.

### **Other Business**

- a. The 2021 call notes are approved and will be posted on the Gulf Spill Restoration website soon.
- b. The next regularly scheduled TC call is on Monday, March 7.

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**Discussion Item 1: Report Outs**

- a. **AL TIG:** The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has conserved over 60,000 acres using \$309 million of various funding streams from the BP settlement. Of that about 20% or 12,000 acres has been on acquisition and conservation along the coast in Mobile or Baldwin counties. Land conservation and water quality have been a particular focus on NRDA restoration in Alabama. Most recently the Alabama TIG has been working to acquire the Lloyd Tract (60 acres, \$2.7 million) that is expected to close on April 1. The Alabama TIG is also moving along on additional acquisitions and restoration projects. On May 19 there will be a Governor’s Restoration Summit in Spanish Fort, AL in the evening. They will have an open house and presentation.
  
- b. **FL TIG:** The Florida TIG is working on drafting a supplemental environmental assessment to the Phase V project to acquire a 114-acre coastal parcel. This is within the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. The draft plan is expected to be released next month. They plan on hosting a virtual and in-person meeting in May. The plan will likely be finalized this summer. The property would be managed by the refuge. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is finishing up the construction of the Phase III Early Restoration Project - Florida Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline. They anticipate project construction to be completed at the end of April. The Florida TIG is also starting planning for the \$12 million St. Joe Bayou Recreational Improvement project. They are engaging the public via an online survey to work with members of the public.

The TX and OO TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

## **Discussion Item 2: Cross-TIG MAM**

- a. Standing Cross-TIG MAM Update: The Cross-TIG MAM is working on their task list and budget for the next fiscal year (July 2022-June 2023). This will be shared with the TC before the April TC call. The goal would be to get that approved by the TC by May at the latest. The budget would be shared with the TC and then the RW TIG. The Cross-TIG MAM is aiming to have both documents completed before the end of June.

## **Discussion Item 3: LAT Items**

- a. Discussion:
  - 2022 TC Annual Public Meeting – The 2022 TC Annual Meeting and Open House will be held the evening of June 16, 2022. It will be held via webinar and start at 6 pm central. The communications team has also updated the look and feel of the presentation and factsheets. The look and feel updates will help it align with the programmatic review and make it easier to produce 508 compliant PDFs for posting. These materials will be shared with the Trustees in April.
  - Action Item: The communications team will reach out to staff to determine who will participate in the open house to open questions.
  - Annual deposit resolution – The email requesting fatal flaw review on the Trustee Council resolution was circulated last week. The Excel spreadsheet with the deposit breakdown was also attached to that email.
  - Action Item: Let TIG support know by March 18 if you have any edits on the resolution or deposit breakdown.

## **Other Business**

- a. The next regularly scheduled TC call is on Monday, April 4.