

Thursday, November 9, 2023

EELGRASS WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

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3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Remote Meeting

1. (3 min) Welcoming Remarks (Vaudrey, Lucey)
 1. Link to this document:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16a5ocRvraUrMIYGPFJT2xOcUzx4f1t-TCJnmLzkl8co/edit?usp=sharing>
2. (5 min) Introductions
3. (3 min) Follow up on Establishing a Recurring Meeting Time.
 1. Poll: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdilfUYIdkrf6Hw1WO-ZS-4tRjtwXmaxVuZEiw1_ZUS2_t6w/viewform
 2. Meet every 2 weeks; 3pm-4:30pm. For 2023/2024:
 1. Nov 21 (Tue), Nov 22 (Wed) - Thanksgiving week
 2. Dec 6 (Wed), Dec 7 (Thu)
 3. ~~Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue), Dec 21 (Thu)??~~
 4. Jan 10 (Wed), Jan 11 (Thu)
 5. Jan 24 (Wed), Jan 26 (Fri) - review of final draft
4. (2 min) Outline of document is now available - please sign up for sections by adding your name as a comment:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Wml6bY1Pds_8FQKdOQss2LoMOY4QksEtGzGTNcGUnl/edit?usp=sharing
5. (10 min) Review Topics of Discussion and assign Leads:
 1. Nov 9 (today)
 1. Discussion - identifying barriers to restoration
 1. Permitting, siting
 2. Funding
 3. Capacity of infrastructure & workforce
 2. Nov 21 (Tue), Nov 22 (Wed)

1. *Stressors to Connecticut Eelgrass* - presentation & discussion (lead person/people?)
2. *Eelgrass Habitat Restoration* - presentation & discussion (lead person/people?)
3. Continue discussion of barriers & pathways to success (specific topic will be refined based on results of previous meeting)
3. Dec 6 (Wed), Dec 7 (Thu)
 1. *Preservation and Expansion of Eelgrass - Policy, Legislation, and Recommendations in Neighboring Regions and Programs* - presentation & discussion (lead people?)
 2. Continue discussion of barriers & pathways to success; start to develop policy/ruling recommendations informed by activities in neighboring regions
4. Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue)
 1. *Monitoring and Change Analysis of Eelgrass in Southern New England, Long Island Sound, and Long Island* - presentation & discussion (lead person/people - Jamie, Bill(?))
 2. *Engaging the Community* - presentation & discussion (lead person/people?)
 3. Discuss *Working Group Recommendations* - funding, policy and legislative rulings
5. Jan 10 (Wed), Jan 11 (Thu)
 1. Discuss *Working Group Recommendations*
6. Jan 24 (Wed), Jan 26 (Fri)
 1. discuss final draft of recommendations
6. (60 min) Discussion - identifying barriers to restoration
 1. Permitting, siting
 2. Funding
 3. Capacity of infrastructure & workforce