

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

EELGRASS WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

November 22, 2023

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

Zoom Remote Meeting

1. (2 min) Welcoming Remarks
 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. Meet every 2 weeks; 3pm-4:30pm. For 2023 / 2024:
 1. Dec 7 (Thu)
 2. ~~Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue), Dec 21 (Thu)??~~
 3. Jan 10 (Wed)
 4. Jan 24 (Wed) - review of final draft
4. (1 min) Outline of document is now available - please sign up for sections by adding your name as a comment: [2024-Feb CGA Eelgrass WG Report](#)
5. (3 min) Review Topics of Discussion and assign Leads:
 1. Nov 22 (Wed)
 1. *Stressors to Connecticut Eelgrass* - presentation & discussion (lead Jamie)
 2. *Eelgrass Habitat Restoration* - presentation & discussion (lead Craig)
 3. Continue discussion of barriers & pathways to success (specific topic will be refined based on results of previous meeting; permitting, siting, funding, capacity of workforce)
 2. 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
3. ~~Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue)~~- Dec 21?
 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
4. Jan 10 (Wed)
 1. Discuss *Working Group Recommendations*
5. Jan 24 (Wed)
 1. discuss final draft of recommendations
6. (20 min) *Stressors to Connecticut Eelgrass* - presentation & discussion (lead Jamie)
7. (20 min) *Eelgrass Habitat Restoration* - presentation & discussion (lead Craig)
8. (35 min) Group Discussion of Potential Recommendations
 1. What do we need to review? Is anything not currently in our plan?
 2. Review the Current Outline - expansion of ideas?