

Thursday, December 7, 2023

EELGRASS WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

December 7, 2023
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Meeting

1. (2 min) Welcoming Remarks
 - a. Link to this document:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16a5ocRvraUrMIYGPFJT2xOcUzx4f1t-TCJnmLzkl8co/edit?usp=sharing>
2. (3 min) Follow up on Establishing a Recurring Meeting Time.
 - a. Meet every 2 weeks; 3pm-4:30pm. For 2023 / 2024:
 - i. Dec 7 (Thu)
 - ii. ~~Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue)~~, **Dec 21 (Thu)**??
 - iii. Jan 10 (Wed)
 - iv. Jan 24 (Wed) - review of final draft
3. (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](#)
4. (3 min) Review Topics of Discussion and assign Leads:
 - a. Nov 22 (Wed) – last time
 - i. *Stressors to Connecticut Eelgrass* - presentation & discussion (lead Jamie)
 - ii. *Eelgrass Habitat Restoration* - presentation & discussion (lead Craig)
 - iii. Continue discussion of barriers & pathways to success (specific topic will be refined based on results of previous meeting; permitting, siting, funding, capacity of workforce)
 - b. Dec 7 (Thu)
 - i. *Preservation and Expansion of Eelgrass - Policy, Legislation, and Recommendations in Neighboring Regions and Programs* - presentation & discussion (Jamie - but all review & discuss)

- ii. Continue discussion of barriers & pathways to success; start to develop policy/ruling recommendations informed by activities in neighboring regions

c. ~~Dec 18 (Mon), Dec 19 (Tue)~~ - Dec 21?

- i. ~~*Monitoring and Change Analysis of Eelgrass in Southern New England, Long Island Sound, and Long Island*~~ - presentation & discussion (lead person/people - Jamie, Bill(?))
- ii. ~~*Engaging the Community*~~ - presentation & discussion (lead person/people?)
- iii. ~~*Discuss Working Group Recommendations*~~ - funding, policy and legislative rulings

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e. Jan 24 (Wed)

- i. discuss final draft of recommendations

5. (40 min) *Policy, Legislation, and Recommendations in Neighboring Regions and Programs* - presentation & discussion (lead Jamie)

6. (35 min) Group Discussion of Potential Recommendations

- a. What do we need to review? Is anything not currently in our plan?
- b. Review the Current Outline - expansion of ideas?