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EELGRASS WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

January 9, 2024
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) (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](#)
- 3) (1 min) Future Meeting Times.
 - a) 3pm-4:30pm. For 2024:
 - (1) Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024
 - (2) Friday, Jan 19, 2024
 - (3) Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024
- 4) (2 min) Review Topics of Discussion:
 - a) Nov 22 (Wed) – COMPLETE
 - 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) - COMPLETE

- 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) Jan 9 (Tue) - THIS MEETING

- 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) Discuss *Working Group Recommendations*

- 1. ** Please review working document prior to the meeting: [2024-Feb CGA Eelgrass WG Report](#)

5) Jan 19 (Fri) - FUTURE MEETING

- a) *Engaging the Community* - presentation & discussion (Zach/Tessa)
- b) Discuss *Working Group Recommendations*

- 1. ** Please review working document prior to the meeting: [2024-Feb CGA Eelgrass WG Report](#)

6) Jan 24 (Wed) - FUTURE MEETING

- a) discuss final draft of recommendations

- 7) (40 min) *Monitoring and Change Analysis of Eelgrass in Southern New England, Long Island Sound, and Long Island* - presentation & discussion (lead person/people - Jamie, Bill(?))

8) (40 min) Review: *Working Group Recommendations*

- a) What do we need to review? Is anything not currently in our plan?
- b) Review figures and details in report