

Highlights, Decisions and Tasks

LTMS Science Group Meeting 1218/08

Future Meeting Dates

Science Group: Jan 28, 9:30-12:00
Feb 19, 9:30-12:00
Mar 25, 9:30-12:00

Presentation: *Does Dredging or Disposal Cause Short-term Water Quality Impacts that are Harmful to Sensitive Fish Species in San Francisco Bay?* by Dr. Thomas Jabusch, SFEI.

1. Dr. Jabusch's presentation was based on a recently completed document funded by the LTMS (<http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/ltms/Water%20Quality.pdf>).
2. In response to the presentation, it was decided to develop a Water Quality Subcommittee to further discuss further work in the area and to solicit additional agency response. The Subcommittee was tasked with presenting regular updates at upcoming meetings.

Fish Tracking Study Update

1. Tom Keegan, project study manager, informed the group that almost all monitors have been deployed. Some of the consortium fish have been released. The LTMS fish will be released in early February.
2. The Three-Year Study Plan will be posted on the LTMS website shortly; a link will be emailed to the group once it has been posted.
3. The first draft of the FY07-08 data report will be submitted to the Corps within a week. A draft should be available to group by the end of February.

Update on other Work Products

1. The water quality paper is available online (see above).
2. Second drafts of the Suspended Sediment paper and Fish Behavior Tools were received. They are still undergoing Corps review and will be available to the group by February or March.
3. The final draft of the Green Sturgeon Study Plan will be available soon.
4. We are expecting a first draft on Fish Behavior.

Identification of Possible Funding Priorities for FY09

1. Both the Science Group reaffirmed that the Green Sturgeon Summit is a top priority.
3. We should have a better handle on the future of the Fish Tracking Study after the FY07-08 report is available.
4. David would like to shift the focus to green sturgeon research.
5. A herring field study that examines the distribution of larval herring was suggested by Peter.
6. Bill will circulate a revised set of suggested and interim priorities before the next meeting to pass on to the Long Term and Management Committees.
7. Some discussion centered on the relation of current and future studies to the temporal aspect of windows.

Attendees

Bill Brostoff (USACE), Jessica Hamburger (BCDC), Carolyn Box (BCDC), Allison Bremner (USACE), Jessica Burton Evans (USACE), Pete LaCivita (USACE), Ellen Johnck (BPC), David Woodbury (NOAA Fisheries), Tom Keegan (ECORP), Calvin Fong (Walter Yep Inc. for Port of Stockton), Nancy Ferris (USACE), Christine Boudreau (Boudreau Associates LLC for Port of SF), Beth Christian (RWQCB), Thomas Jabusch (SFEI), James Zoulas (BCDC), Ralph Boniello (AAR), Marucia Britto (Port of Oakland), Anne Whittington (Port of Oakland), Brenda Goeden (BCDC), Rob Lawrence (USACE), Jim Haussener (CMANC), Fari Tabatabai (USACE).