



Policy and Outreach Workgroup Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2011 2:00 PM

Workgroup Members Present: Bob Stokes (GBF), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Gerhard Meinecke (Public), Chip Morris (TCEQ by phone), Scott Jones (GBF) and Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

Discussion: The meeting began by introducing Henry (Chip) Morris, TCEQ to the group. He will be taking Amanda Ross's place as the project manager.

The members of the workgroup will continue to research jurisdictions outside of Texas for ordinances and boater waste issues. The next step would be to compile the data to use in developing ordinances in this TMDL area. The group would like to facilitate an ordinance that requires pumpouts at marinas that have certain conditions. As the research continues, workgroup members will be meeting with mayors and council members to discuss the climate of their council and constituents. Cities that could be targeted based on relationships that have already been established are Kemah, Seabrook, and League City.

- Steve Hupp – is researching Chesapeake Bay and Florida
- Charriss – has received information from the NEMO list serve
- Bob – will ask for information on the RAE list serve and is researching Washington State
- Kim – has researched TCEQ in Austin and general boater waste sites
- Gerhard – will research Europe

Should we coordinate an effort with all of the TMDL groups in the area to develop a larger message relevant to all of the TMDLs? The group believes that enough overlap occurs with members of each of the TMDL Implementation projects that active coordination is not necessary. We should continue to encourage participation and communication with all of the bacteria projects in the area.

Action Items:

1. Gerhard will research boater waste policies in Europe – The Netherlands, Germany
2. Lisa will research which cities have marinas.
3. Nicole will email the group any research she has found about MARPOL and MSDs.
4. Each member of the workgroup will continue to research their jurisdiction that was assigned to them during the last meeting.

Next meeting: TBD

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