



Meeting Minutes  
FBHCP Steering Committee meeting  
14 June 2016  
Tallahassee

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**Steering Committee members:** Kipp Frohlich (Chair), John Coates (Co-Chair), Gary Appelson, Brett Moore, Tamara Pigott, Jeff Gore, Stephen James, Julie Wraithmell

**Others present:** Jennifer McGee, Tom Ostertag, Robbin Trindell, Brian Powell, Dave Mills, Bob Ernest, Mike Flaxman, Rebecca Pfaller, Kim Colstad, Lois Edwards, Amy Knight, Robert Hardy, Adam Blalock, Carol Knox

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### **Minimization Measures**

Still working on minimization measures. All but coastal armoring, which are very preliminary, have been vetted through FWC staff and CCCL staff. Currently with subcontractors for editing.

- Coastal armoring section is tricky, because there aren't many conditions that apply to all armoring projects throughout the state. Instead, the armoring section will be divided into categories – by region, type of armoring, habitat quality, etc. – not certain yet which categories will make the most sense.
- Comment from G. Appelson: There are a lot of administrative things that could go into minimization requirements – e.g. variance procedures, notification to FWC to provide input on armoring, etc.

### **Conservation Recommendations**

Reminder – minimization measures are going to be requirements in permit. It was determined that a number of recommendations from review staff that aren't feasible as requirements of all permits.

- Example: Specific design type for a seawall may not be suitable for all seawalls throughout the state.

- Work Group has begun discussing having another section of the minimization chapter that addresses “conservation recommendations (CRs).”
- CRs could further offset an applicant’s amount of take, and potentially their mitigation fee, however they would be optional.
- SC has concerns about how much extra time this added section will add to the whole HCP development process and would like to have more information and discussion at next meeting.

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### **Mitigation**

Still in progress, but WG had to take a step back to take another look at the take calculation

- Recent feedback from USFWS regarding how take should be reported. They would like to see take projection broken down by direct, indirect, species, activity type, and region.
- M. Flaxman is currently working on parsing that out.

### **Legislative updates**

Started process of putting together legislative review documents for internal FWC legislative staff in November. At that time we were aiming to bring the statutory changes to the Legislature in the 2017 session.

- DEP’s internal process begins in June
- FWC legislative staff will be reaching out to their counterparts at DEP to coordinate a plan and timeline.
- Still discussing the best way to bring the changes to the Legislature – one legislative change at a time or in a complete package, level of review prior to going to session, etc.
- Most recent feedback from legislative staff is that a 2017 session deadline is too soon. However, session in 2018 will begin in January, which is before the finalized HCP is slated to be completed, reviewed by the SC and DEP Secretary, and submitted to the USFWS.
- Comment from J. Wraithmell: Early 2018 session means meetings will begin in the fall of 2017. Some of this could wait until 2019, but I encourage you to really shoot for 2019 for the bulk of it.

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### **Scope of Work**

- Grant 8 will end March 2017 and includes chapter refinement, initial implementation work and nailing down what exactly the legislative changes will be.
- Grant 9 has already been awarded and will end December 2018. Work should begin on that in the fall, when FWC and DEP execute a new contract for that work.
- Grant 9 will focus on mitigation, wrapping up the implementation plan, a lot of outreach, and finalization of the NEPA documents, along with final edits and clean-up.
- Suggestion from K. Frohlich: Would like to have legislative staff at September SC meeting.

- Suggestion from C. Knox: Make sure you have the best team for outreach. It will probably be helpful to have someone from DEP who's really familiar with the permitting side, for instance.
- Suggestion from J. Wraithmell: With such a busy time ahead in terms of finishing the Plan, don't hesitate to go ahead and schedule some additional webinars to get feedback from the SC. Cancelling a webinar is much easier than trying to get one scheduled last minute.
- G. Appelton: Webinars prior to SC meetings would also be helpful.