

Apalachicola Bay System Initiative (ABSI) Science Advisory Board

Science Advisory Board Members

- Laura Geselbracht, Senior Marine Sci, TNC FL
- Megan La Peyre, Asst Unit Leader, USGS Coop F&W Res Unit, LA
- Roger Mann, Professor, VIMS
- Elizabeth North, Professor, Cntr Env Sci, Univ MD



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Speakers today

- Sandra Brooke, Research Professor and ABSI PI & Chief Scientist
- Josh Breithaupt, Asst Research Prof
- Andrew Shantz, Asst Research Prof
- Tara Stewart Merrill, Asst Research Prof
- Joel Trexler, Director CML and ABSI Co-PI

Additional Participants

- Ross Ellington, Prof Biol & Assoc VP Res (emeritus), FSU
- Betsy Mansfield, Post-doc Researcher
- Fabio Prior Caltabellotta, Post-doc Researcher



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Time	Item	Presenter
9:00	Introduction to the meeting (Committee Mission and Charge)	Joel Trexler
9:10	Welcome to the meeting and project overview	Sandra Brooke
9:30	New information network tool and role of parasites and disease in Apalachicola Bay	Tara Stewart Merrill
9:40	Status of Oyster Reefs – FSU tonging project	Andy Shantz
9:50	Status of Bay -biogeochemical study and ecosystem function (carbon cycle, etc)	Josh Breithaupt
10:00	Status of Oyster Stock Enhancement project (hatchery)	Sandra Brooke
10:10	Questions and discussion from Board members	All present
11:00	Adjourn	

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Mission

- Provide necessary input to ensure that ABSI science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to environmental assessment, resource management, and restoration guidance.
- The advisory board assists the ABSI Science Team in maintaining a complete and accurate understanding of scientific issues critical to the project's missions.

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Description

- The Scientific Advisory Board will consist of 4-5 members.
- Expertise in similar projects to ABSI and selected from academic institutions and non-governmental organizations from the eastern US (including one social scientist).
- Meetings will be held at least twice a year.

ABSI Science Advisory Board Charge to the Board



- Review the quality and relevance of the scientific and technical information being used by the ABSI;
- Provide advice on ABSI research programs and research plans prior to their implementation;
- Provide science advice generally as requested by the ABSI Science Team;
- Review and provide feedback on the ABSI annual report.