Apalachicola Bay System Initiative
Community Advisory Board

Meeting 2 Phase V – April 12, 2023

Meeting Objectives and Updated Workplan and Schedule

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CAB MEETING OBJECTIVES APRIL 12, 2023
AGENDA ITEM #3

• Approval of Procedural Items (Agenda & Report)
• Review of Updated Workplan & Meeting Schedule
• Science & Data Collection, & Restoration Updates
• CAB Successor Group and RFWG Updates, & Community Outreach Update
• Acceptability Ranking of CAB’s Adopted Restoration and Management Plan Framework Strategies
• Agreement on Next Suite of Strategies for Ranking
• Public Comment
• Next Steps: Action & Agenda Items for 31 May 2023
MEETING 1 – FEBRUARY 1, 2023 (ANERR)
Initiation of Phase V of ABSI. ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Review of *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* and Strategies Evaluation Worksheet process. Summary and discussion of Fisheries Model simulation results for revised priority Habitat Restoration (Goal A) and Fisheries Management (Goal B) scenarios. Agreement on next suite of scenarios for model simulations. Public comment.

MEETING 2 – APRIL 12, 2023 (ANERR)
ABSI CAB PHASE V WORKPLAN-SCHEDULE
AGENDA ITEM #5

• **MEETING 3 – MAY 31, 2023 (ANERR)**

• **MEETING 4 – JULY 26, 2023 (ANERR)**
**ABSI CAB Phase V Workplan-Schedule**

**Agenda Item #5**

- **Meeting 5 – September 27, 2023 (ANERR)**

- **Meeting 6 – November 29, 2023 (ANERR)**
  ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Subcommittee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Finalize and adopt recommendations for strategies and actions (components) for inclusion in the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan) and submit to FSUCML. Public comment.


ABS Plan Development Chronology

1. CAB Guiding Principles and Operational Policies and Procedures Adopted October 2019 (Phase I)
2. Plan’s 5 Vision Themes, Goals, Outcome, Objectives developed and Adopted during 2019 (Phase I)
4. Strategies Prioritized October 21 and Plan Framework Adopted November 2021 (Phase III)
5. Strategies evaluated using data, modeling, and stakeholder knowledge during 2022 and 2023 (Phases IV & V)
6. Community Outreach, Education, and Workshops 2020 – 2023 (Phases II – V)
7. CAB’s recommendations for the Plan to be finalized and Adopted 29 November 2023 (Phase V)

Repeat Iteratively at Each CAB Meeting
Questions or Comments on Workplan and Schedule

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Strategies Acceptability Ranking Process Review

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Refining and Finalizing ABSI CAB Plan Recommendations

- The CAB will evaluate strategies using a Strategies Evaluation Worksheet consistent with the Consensus Building Procedures unanimously adopted 30 October 2019.

- During the meetings, CAB members will be asked to develop and rank strategies (options) using a 4-Point acceptability ranking scale. Once ranked for acceptability, strategies with a \( \geq 3.0 \) average ranking (75\%) will be considered preliminary consensus recommendations for inclusion in the package of recommendations for the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan).

The following scale will be utilized for the ranking exercises:

| ACCEPTABILITY RANKING SCALE | 4 = Acceptable, I agree | 3 = Acceptable, I agree with minor reservations | 2 = Not Acceptable, I don’t agree unless major reservations addressed | 1 = Not Acceptable |

- CAB members should be prepared to state their minor and major reservations when asked, and to offer proposed refinements to the strategy to address their concerns. If a CAB member is not able to offer refinements to make the strategy acceptable (4) or acceptable with minor reservations (3) they should rate the strategy with a 1 (not acceptable).
REFINING AND FINALIZING ABSI CAB PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

| CRITERIA TO CONSIDER FOR PROPOSING AND EVALUATING STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| **CRITERIA**                     | **EXPLANATION**                  |
| **IMPORTANCE**                   | Is this proposed strategy critically important to achieving the goals of the Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan? |
| **TIMELY**                       | Will things get worse if the proposed strategy is not implemented? |
| **FEASIBLE/PRACTICAL**           | Is it likely that the proposed strategy will be successful in achieving the relevant goals of the Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan? |
| **RESOURCES**                    | Are there resources available, or likely to become available for implementing the proposed strategy? Is implementation of the proposed strategy cost effective? |
| **COMMITMENT**                   | Is there commitment from the stakeholders and regulators regarding implementation of the proposed strategy? |

- This is an iterative process, and at any point during the process any strategy may be reevaluated and re-ranked at the request of any CAB or ABSI Team member.
- The status of a ranked strategy will not be final until the final CAB meeting, when a vote will be taken on the entire package of consensus ranked recommendations to the FSUCML.
- The CAB will finalize their recommendations for the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan* at the November 29, 2023 meeting.
**Consensus Solutions Strategies Evaluation Process Flowchart**

**Facilitator:** Introduces strategies from *Plan Framework* each in turn, and any requested by CAB member/modeler/ABSI scientist.

**Proponent/Modeler/ABSI Scientist:** Has opportunity to summarize model results or data relevant to the strategy.

**CAB Members:**
- Rank strategies (options/scenarios) on a 4-point scale.
- Summarize minor and major reservations.
- Strategies with score $\geq 3.0$ (75%) are deemed to have a preliminary consensus.
- Strategies may be refined to enhance support.

**Final CAB Meeting:**
- Iterative process will have produced a comprehensive and synergistic package of consensus level supported recommendations.
- Vote will be taken in support of the consensus package.

**CAB’s Recommendations for the Plan to be Finalized and Adopted November 29, 2023**
Questions or Comments on Strategies Acceptability Ranking Process Review

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