

Maumee AOC Advisory Committee

February 17, 2016 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Conference Call # [614-387-7405](tel:614-387-7405)

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Attendees: Sandy Bihn, Tim Bollin, Daryl Dwyer (phone), Jenny Carter-Cornell, Sally Gladwell, John Kusnier (phone), Tim Walters (phone), Paul Hotz, Terry Shankland, Melanie Coulter, Tim Schetter, Joann Banda (phone), Cherie Blair, Cassie Lovall (phone), Joey Sink-Oiler, Nick Bohland, Joshua Miller, Kevin O'Donnell, Jeff Schaeffer, Marilyn DuFour

- **Welcome & Overview:** Kris & Cherie welcomed new committee members and let the group know that we had a productive new member orientation that hopefully helped new members become more familiar with the AOC program specifics.
- **Vote: Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair** Kris, in lieu of there being a current Chair (as it is the new committee year) called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. John Kusnier indicated he would be willing to serve as Chair again and Tim Bollin agreed he would be willing to serve as Vice Chair again. Both self-nominations were accepted by the committee. There were no other nominations. The committee voted on the slate of officers. Sandy moved to accept the slate of Officers as nominated. Jenny seconded. The motion passed.
- **Review Agenda/Approve Minutes:** John, as Chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Terry so moved. Jenny seconded and the motion passed.
- **BUI 14: Wildlife Target Development Team Update:** Tim Schetter, who is on the BUI 14 working group, updated the committee on their progress so far. He explained the working groups' concerns about the state target and the methods used to evaluate it, and the three different sub-regions that the working group is analyzing now. He answered a few questions. The BUI 14 working group plans to bring a recommended target to the committee in April.
- **Review Letter from Ohio EPA and State Targets (ver. 2) (release January 2016):** Cherie provided detailed handouts and went through the changes made to the Target document, based on previous oral and written feedback from the committee. Some targets were also revised based on changes/corrections the State needed to make. She went over these changes as well. There were no changes to some targets so these were not discussed in any detail. Cherie stated that no additional changes will be made to this target document, unless the State needed to incorporate changes to stay aligned with state water quality metrics, programs, or protocols. Any future revisions or changes the committee would like will need to be made as proposed local targets, such as BUI 14, with concurrence from the state. Daryl Dwyer made a motion to accept the revised targets as written. There was not a second and more discussion ensued. The committee discussed BUIs 7, 10, 11 & 13 in detail. Sandy recommended Ohio EPA establish guidance on open lake placement of dredgings if still used in the targets. In the interest of moving expediently and onto other priority steps, the committee decided to vote this meeting. Sally made a motion to adopt the changes as written, with the exception (as previously documented) of BUI 14 and with the intent of still selecting local indicator species for BUI 3.

Terry seconded. Sandy abstained. The motion passed. Kris will prepare a letter with the MAAC response to Ohio EPA as requested by April 30th.

- **Yearly goals and Who Can Help?** Cherie and Kris will be working on the tasks under the different grant contracts (US EPA-State contract and State – PCS pass through) and the work that Ohio EPA expects to contract with Tetra Tech. Tetra Tech has an existing state contract that Ohio EPA will use for tasks to help support the Maumee AOC. Cherie and Kris will work on figuring out how each respective agency can best help the MAAC. Kris will complete her proposal when she receives direction and guidance from Ohio EPA on the expectations and deliverables. John briefly went over the list of work for the Committee to undertake this year, which includes the following:
 - Complete BUI 14 Target Development
 - Select BUI 3 Sentinel Species (likely with Tetra Tech’s contractual support)
 - Review BUI Status as more and more appropriate data is included and analyzed
 - Begin developing Management Actions List – how to organize and prioritize projects
 - Continuing Education & Outreach. The Committee re-affirmed that PCS should focus on this.
- **Ohio EPA Report** (Cherie) The full report was distributed in writing but Cherie did explain that her role is changing. Amy Jo is moving to a new position at Ohio EPA and transitioning some duties to Cherie. Cherie will be overseeing all AOC programs in Ohio and serving as a Project Officer for the facilitating organization pass-through grants. Russ Gibson still serves as Program Manager.
- **Facilitating Organization’s Report** (Kris)
 - Winter AOC Summit Overview: 40+ people, several powerpoint presentations including US EPA sampling & research project in the Ottawa River and overview of MAAC work so far, and a new USGS project proposed for the mouth of the Maumee River.
 - DMDS: Version 2.0 was launched and new BUI Status Sheets are being developed, along with a new Charting module.
 - Updated and Expanded MaumeeRAP.org coming
 - Planning for 2016 outreach activities, such as Patch Day and Storm Drain Marking for Global Youth Service Day.
 - Facilitating grant ends Feb. 29th and hopefully a new sub-award will be in place sometime in April.
- **RAP Small grant RFP:** This discussion was tabled, in the interest of time.
- **Future Meeting Frequency, Dates, Times** (Chair): The group decided on bimonthly starting in Feb, and scheduled them as follows: April 14th, June 9, August 11, October 13, December 8, all from 2-4pm. The locations are yet to be determined. The discussion on other sub-committees and/or working groups and longer half-day meetings will be continued next meeting. One Summit will be scheduled in December.
- **Public Comments:** No public comments were received.
- **Meeting Adjourned.**