
NATURAL RESOURCE USES (NRU) SUBCOMMITTEE

**GALVESTON BAY COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

20 March 2024

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR Philip Smith, GBF	SUBCOMMITTEE VICE CHAIR Scott Alford, USDA-NRCS
NRU COORDINATOR Lindsey Lippert, GBEP	

GBEP Staff Present

Matthew Abernathy, Ellen Creecy, Jenelle Estrada, Kari Howard, Lindsey Lippert, Lisa Marshall, Christian Rines

Members/Participants Present

Philip Smith (GBF), Scott Alford (NRCS), Sally Clark (GBF), Amanda Hackney (Black Cat GIS), Dianna Ramirez (GLO), Kelli Ondracek (HPARD), Matt Singer (GBF), Scott Williams (USFWS)

Members/Participants via TEAMS

Alexis Baldera (Audubon Texas), Kevin De Santiago (Texas Water Trade), Anna Deichmann (ABC), Pete Deichmann (Houston Audubon), Jim Dobberstine (Lee College), Savannah Horton (TPWD), Karla Klay (Artist Boat), Adriana Leiva (USFWS), Grant Moss (BPA), Suzanne Simpson (GBF), Michael Trainer (Ardurra Engineering) David Villareal (TDA), Katie Wilson (GCHD)

GBEP Interactive Conservation and Restoration Project Portal

Amanda Hackney (Black Cat GIS) gave a presentation on the GBEP Interactive Conservation and Restoration Project Portal (NRU Spatial Resource Hub). A recording of the presentation is available upon request.

Water Transactions on the Mid to Upper Texas Coast

Kevin De Santiago of Texas Water Trade, a 501(c)(3) based out of Austin addressing water issues statewide by promoting voluntary measures or solutions, gave a presentation on their environmental water transaction work on the mid coast and upper Texas coast. A recording of the presentation is available upon request.

Updates from the Estuary Program

Staff Updates – GBEP is interviewing for a Mickey Leland summer intern. Lindsey introduced the new Monitoring and Research Coordinator, Jenelle Estrada.

NRU Project Updates

*Spreadsheet available on request.

Other

Selection of A Presenter for Next Meeting - Deferred

Roundtable

Alexis Baldera gave a brief update on the current needs of the North Deer Island rookery island. A full discussion will be on the agenda for the June 2024 meeting.

Galveston Bay Foundation is looking for Marsh Mania Sites

Texas Coastal Program is still looking for projects for the next round of funding.

GLO has an open position at the La Port field office for an entry level biologist with boat experience.

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Future Meetings

Quarterly NRU Meeting

June 5, 2024 - 1:30pm

September 18, 2024 - 10:00am

December 4, 2024 - 10:00am

Invasive Species Workgroup Meeting - TBD

Oyster Restoration Workgroup Meeting - TBD