

Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin Stakeholders
GOVERNING BOARD

George T. Bagby State Park and Lodge

May 18-19, 2011

9:00 am Wednesday – 12:30 pm Thursday

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:

- **Learn about the status and scope of work for the sustainable water management planning process and seek agreement on final selection process;**
- **Learn about status and key elements of the Draft Water Control Manual and the Georgia Regional Water Council water resources plans. Discuss points Governing Board members suggest be considered for potential consensus recommendations and plan next steps.**
- **Seek consensus on a letter to the Corps of Engineers regarding public comment process on the draft Water Control Manual;**
- **Learn about USFWS PAL letter and get an update from the National Integrated Drought Information System;**
- **Receive financial report and learn about ongoing fundraising activities;**
- **Review Issues Committee recommendations to form a Water Control Manual Work group and on Charter implementation;**
- **Learn about other ACFS committee and work group activities; and**
- **Plan next steps, including suggesting topics for next Governing Board meeting.**

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

8:45-9:00 **Informal gathering**

9:00-9:30 **Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda**

Advance materials: Proposed agenda.

Dan Tonsmeire, ACFS Chair

Gail Bingham, facilitator

9:30-9:45 **Old Business**

Objective: Approve March 2011 meeting notes. Complete any other old business.

Advance materials: meeting notes

Dan Tonsmeire, ACFS Chair

9:45-10:45 **Sustainable Water Management Plan**

Objective: Review scope of work for the sustainable water management planning process recommended by the Executive Committee, DNS Work Group and Professional Services Work Group and status of responses. Seek authorization of the Governing Board for the: 1) DNS work group to review and rank the proposals and recommend finalists to be interviewed and 2) Executive Committee to interview finalists, select the preferred candidate, negotiate a contract and submit a proposed contract to the Governing Board for its approval.

Advance materials: RfP with the scope of work

Overview Presentation

Charles Stripling, Professional Services Work Group chair

Woody Hicks and George McMahon, DNS Work Group co-chairs

Facilitated Discussion and Decisions

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Information Session: Georgia Regional Water Councils

Objective: Learn about the status and key elements of water resources plans applicable to the ACF Basin and discuss opportunities for and priority points to consider making in ACFS consensus comments.

Presentation [20-25 min]

Tim Cash

Questions and Discussion [35-40 min]

12:00-1:15 LUNCH

[opportunity for caucus discussions]

1:15-1:30 National Integrated Drought Information System

Objectives: Update on current drought and drought portal.

Overview Presentation

TBD

Questions and Discussion

1:30-2:30 Information Session: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Objective: Learn about current USACE activities in the ACF Basin, timetable and approach to revised water control manual, and opportunities for stakeholder engagement.

Presentation [20-25 min]

*Colonel Steven J. Roemhildt, District Engineer and Commanding Officer,
Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

Questions and Discussion [35-40 min]

2:30-3:15 USFWS PAL Letter

Objective: Discuss information in PAL letter and other relevant information regarding in-stream flows, what this information means and how it is intended to be used, and how this information might factor into the sustainable water management planning process.

Advance materials: USFWS PAL letter

Overview Presentation

Will Duncan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Questions and Discussion

3:15-3:30 BREAK

3:30-5:30

Committee and Work Group Status Reports

Objectives: Learn about current committee and work group activities. Includes current financial report; fundraising activities; recommendations concerning implementation of the guidance in the Charter to ensure an open, fair and balanced process is being used consistently across the sub-basin caucuses; best practices survey report; and other committee activities.

Advance materials: Status Report on 2011 Annual Plan implementation, Finance Committee Report, Issues Committee Report, Do Better Work Group draft survey report

Finance Committee [20 min]

Billy Turner, Finance Committee chair

Issues Committee [30 min]

Frank Stevens, Issues Committee chair

Do Better Work Group [30 min]

Kathy Nguyen, Do Better Work Group chair

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee [20 min]

Wilton Rooks, Interagency Committee chair

Education and Outreach Committee [20 min]

Steve Cannon and Deron Davis, Education and Outreach Committee co-chairs

5:30

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

6:00

Reception and Low Country Boil

[with white water presentation by the Middle Chattahoochee caucus]

Thursday, May 19, 2011

8:00-8:15

Reconvene Governing Board Meeting

Objective: Reflection from Day One; Review agenda for today.

Dan Tonsmeire, ACFS Chair

Gail Bingham, facilitator

8:15-9:15

Open Discussion

Objectives: Complete any unresolved decisions carried over from Day One, e.g. selection of firm(s) for the sustainable water management plan process. Address additional topics that arose during the meeting. Possible work group and committee break out sessions.

9:15-10:15

Issues Discussion: Comment Letter Prior to Response to Draft Water Control Manual.

Objectives: Seek consensus on a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning timing and approach to public comment.

Advance materials: draft letter recommended by the Issues Committee

Frank Stevens, Issues Committee Chair

Facilitated Discussion and Decisions

- 10:15-10:30 BREAK
- 10:30-11:30 General Discussion on Issues Associated with Draft Revisions to Water Control Manual and Georgia Regional Water Resources Plans
Objectives: Provide initial input to the work group(s) recommended by the Issues Committee to prepare draft comment letters on the water control manual and Georgia regional water resources plans to get started on ideas for the water control manual comment letter.
Questions and Discussion
- 11:30-12:30 Wrap up and Next Steps
Objectives: Summarize decisions and next steps, with assignments. Identify possible topics for the September meeting, and discuss dates and location.
- 12:30 ADJOURN MEETING
- 1:30-4:30 Tour through Locks and Interaction on Navigation Interests *[option subject to attendance]*