

4. Meeting Minutes

**Legislative Subcommittee
February 25, 2004
Punta Gorda**

ATTENDANCE

Lisa Beever	CHNEP
Matt Bixler	Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Bill Byle	Charlotte County
John Cassanni	SWFWC
Liz Donley	CHNEP
Barb Graettinger	CHNEP CAC
Maran Hilgendorf	CHNEP
Kaley Miller	CHNEP CAC
Jim Sampson	CHNEP TAC

1. Call to Order—Kaley Miller
2. Welcome and Introductions - Kaley Miller
3. Agenda Items and Deletions – Kaley Miller
4. Approval of Minutes – Kaley Miller

MOTION BY JOHN CASSANNI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2004. SECOND BY MATT BIXLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Tarpon Fishing Methods – Lisa Beever

Rep. Jerry Paul included in his January 27, 2004, presentation to the Legislative Subcommittee a discussion regarding the current practice of “jigging” for tarpon. The committee asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next subcommittee meeting, with special attention to whether the CCMP has a priority action that is applicable to the issue. Since that time, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has stated it is developing regulations regarding tarpon fishing.

6. Phosphate Severance – Lisa Beever

At the January 2004 meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee, it was requested that the Phosphate Severance bill that had been considered by the Florida Senate in the 2003 session be placed on the agenda of the next subcommittee meeting. Mr. Sampson gave a summary of that bill.

7. Florida Chamber of Commerce – Water Task Force – Liz Donley

At the February Florida Chamber Environmental Permitting and Growth Management Short

Course there was a presentation by members of the Chamber's Water Task Force. The Task Force anticipates releasing a final report in May 2004 and working for legislative reform in the 2005 Florida Legislative session.

8. Upcoming meetings with Federal Legislative Delegation – Lisa Beever

The annual Spring meeting of the Association of National Estuary Programs is March 7 through 11, 2004 in Washington, D.C. CHNEP staff is arranging appointments with the Federal Legislative Delegation to present and discuss the Legislative Agenda adopted on November 17, 2003, and the proposed FY 2005 Federal budget.

9. Update on Upcoming Legislative Session – Liz Donley

The Regular Florida State Legislative Session convenes March 2, 2004; April 30, 2004 is the last day of Regular Session.

A brief overview of pre-filed bills was presented with bills filed since last meeting included at the end.

10. Agenda Items for next subcommittee meeting

11. Member's Comments - Members announce upcoming events or current issues

12. Staff Comments – there were no staff comments

13. Public Comment – there were no public comments

14. Next Meeting's Topics, Location and Date – to be set

15. Adjourn, meeting adjourned at 11:30 am