



Tips on what people can do will be included throughout the document with general tips included as part of the citizen's toolkit.

Deb said it needs to be simpler and had two suggestions:

What lands are managed for the environment? (#5)

Who is restoring the environment? (#6)

Pete suggested:

Is our water safe? (#8) But the group liked the first version, which was "is our water clean?"

Are our fish safe? (#2) He said that there are more fish eaters than shellfish eaters. The CCMP addresses mercury. Pete has access to information that can be used.

Kayton suggested that "can" be changed to "should."

Are fish and shellfish safe to eat? The group liked this change.

A call-out can include a list of fish that are safe to eat.

There was some discussion about the color of the background.

Ernesto wanted to verify that the information would be on the website. Lisa said that she suggested three versions: one for public with lots of graphics, one for scientists that is based on indicators and another version that is the PDF with hotlinks.

Richard said that the fish information is too much for the average person to understand.

Pete suggested that water management needs to be addressed but Lisa said that it's incorporated into several questions.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS SUMMARY:** Maran and Kaley suggested that there's a need to define historic change, recent change and quality in report. At a minimum, need to refer to page where details can be found. Kathleen suggested that a date be added but Lisa said that it's different for each issue. Deb suggested that this really serves as an executive summary.

Pete suggested that impervious surfaces should be included. Lisa will add "shoreline" to "hardening." Impervious information will be incorporated as part of other items.

More formatting will occur and that one idea is to color code green for good, red for bad.

**OUR WATERSHED:** Provides overview and map is color coded by basin. Pete suggested that corporate decisions are critical. Kayton suggested "restore" be changed to "protect" since we make a point that it's in good shape. Deb suggested that "cherished" should be dropped and "Charlotte Harbor environments" should be "Charlotte Harbor watersheds."

Ellen said that corporate citizens need to be acknowledged. Kathleen reminded people that the document is for the citizen and that if corporations are listed then citizens may relinquish their responsibilities. Deb suggested a change from "individual citizens have" to "everyone has an influence" and delete "than any other force." Kathleen is still worried that individuals will relinquish their responsibilities. Richard said that corporations aren't monoliths and are made up of responsible people. Kaley said it also makes her think of regulators, which are resource managers.

FWRI may analyze data on **fish** structure but doesn't include Dona & Roberts Bays and Lemon Bay. Pete said that the Snook Forum may have information and they've contracted with Mote.

DACS will provide information on **shellfish** closures. Might want to talk about clam leasing.

Richard asked how information that varies from area to area will be presented.

Fish and mercury information will be added. Kaley said people are interested in stone crabs but we don't have a big fishery within CHNEP. We do have a blue crab fishery. Information will be based on harvest areas. We have good data on landings.

Need to include guidance on how to read historic loss, recent loss, etc. be explained.

Kathleen asked if seagrasses can be named but there isn't enough space.

Richard asked if Lemon Bay Conservancy can be the suggestion for the land trust. Lisa suggested that each time "support private land trusts" appears, the organization listed will change.

Pete asked about color coding of the Caloosahatchee regarding seagrasses. After discussion Lisa suggested a different map. Ernesto said it was important to show quality and not quantity. The committee was polled for historic loss versus prop scarring but then there was discussion about merging the information into one map that'll include freshwater grasses.

HDR will refine the predevelopment vegetation map.

PhotoScience is completing the shoreline condition map.

FNAI information will be used with land acquisition programs. Data will also be gotten from GPRA report.

One of the things the committee liked from the other programs was Sarasota's centerfold. Lisa expects this centerfold to show different restoration projects that have occurred since 2000 to include hydrologic restoration, which is also needed for CCMP tracking. This

information requires a great deal of work that'll be gathered through the Management Conference.

With restoration projects proposed as part of the feasibility study the hydrology will be restored in several areas.

Graphs in river flows taken from MFL work. Ernesto thought that the calendar date should be changed to months of the year. Many people agreed with the chart starting on January 1.

Pete says in river flows "reading the charts," need to add man-made releases to reasons why the scale of each chart is different.

Kathleen suggested "natural river flows" and not "proper river flows." Pete suggested that river isn't adequate because of sheetflow.

The photo behind the Peace River information may be swapped with one that shows the upper river dry or flooded.

FDEP IWR will provide data on nutrients and fecal coliform.

Janicki Environmental may be contracted to prepare water clarity data and pollution we generate and will analyze data through 2005.

Ernesto asked that pharmaceutical information be included. Tests have shown in CHNEP there haven't been much ecoestrogens found.

**CITIZENS TOOLKIT:** What can I do and where can I buy it. Lisa suggested lists of where can purchase plants and rainbarrels. Maran suggested that instead of a list, reference associations, because of a concern about endorsing some businesses. Ernesto agreed.

Pete suggested change "buy" to "find."

Lisa asked each person to suggest places they like to use.

She also asked members to consider what words should be included in the glossary. After discussion, it was agreed that terms that the public may not understand should be explained where it is used. Use plain English when can.

Under volunteer opportunities, may want to feature programs of citizens doing work (photos).

Deb said that it seems that references should be included to make more authoritative and give credit to sources. Include references on website. Lisa said much of the information comes from various sources and that'll be included on page 3.

Members were also asked to consider things to include in the “what can I do” section.

**CAC members are asked to:**

What websites do people find helpful and what words do they use to search to find information they find helpful

What words or phrases should be included in the glossary

What things should be listed in the “what I can do” section

What volunteer opportunities should be listed

The subcommittee will meet the afternoon of the next regular meeting, which is October 15 in Fort Myers.

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