

Meeting Record

DRCC Steering and Implementation Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – 1 to 3 pm
Teleconference Call

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Jon Gee, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:08pm. Jon welcomed all in attendance and gave special thanks to Matthew Child for his significant contributions to the DRCC for over a decade. He reminded the group that Matthew recently accepted a position with the International Joint Commission. Natalie informed the group that a plaque was presented to Matthew on behalf of the DRCC. (Attendance in Appendix A)
Agenda accepted as presented by consensus.

2. Review of Action Items and Approval of Nov. 7/12 Meeting Record

Natalie noted that two typos have been corrected since the distribution of the Nov.7 Meeting Record and a final version will be sent to the Committee. The Meeting Record was reviewed and accepted by consensus. Below is a summary of the November 7 Items. *All items that were completed since the last meeting were removed from the list while others will carry over into the next meeting.*

November 7 Action Item Update	STATUS
Ted will follow-up with the COA Annex 1 Co-Lead, Conrad deBarros, to determine the status of the Fish Tainting BUI Re-designation approval. <i>Report is awaiting the re-negotiation of the Canada-Ontario Agreement. Anticipated completion June 2013.</i>	In progress
Natalie will continue to work with her U.S. colleagues to plan a re-designation event for the Fish Tainting BUI in the Spring 2013. <i>Same as above.</i>	In progress
Natalie will work with the RAP Governance Group to review the 2010-2015 work plan and develop an updated delisting plan (preferably BUI by BUI) to presented as a draft at the next meeting.	In progress
PAST ITEMS	
Jon to report on the decision for delisting the St. Lawrence River AOC (Cornwall) with/without the U.S. and with actions remaining. <i>(see discussion notes below)</i>	In progress
Jon to inform Committee when COA produces guidance on the ‘Restriction of Dredging Activities’ BUI. <i>(see discussion notes below)</i>	In progress
Natalie will review/revise media release (RE: Sediment/Fish Consumption Media Release) and contact Rose Ellison (US EPA) to ensure that the U.S. information is still accurate. <i>(Original Action from January 2012 Meeting)</i> Ted will notify the Four Agency Managers a week in advance of the media release being sent. <i>(Original Action from January 2012 Meeting)</i>	In progress
Natalie will complete revisions of Beach Closings Report and submit to COA. Sandra will provide Natalie with the feedback received on the Phytoplankton / Zooplankton Re-designation Report	In progress
Sandra Kok agreed to follow-up with Natalie regarding setting GLSF priorities in other AOCs. <i>(Original Action from January 2012 Meeting)</i>	In progress

3. Presentation of the 2013-2014 Work Plan

Natalie provided an overview presentation on the DRCC Work Plan for 2013-2014 (Appendix B). She referred the Committee to the full work plan (Appendix C) for more details or to contact her directly. The floor was open to discussion after each section of the work plan. Below are discussion points and related action items:

- Giovanni asked if there was contingency built in for sign maintenance. Natalie explained that the budget was only for design and production but ensures that high quality signage is produced. She noted it for future projects.
- Mike Moroney asked if the \$310,000 for the RTB was a one-time cost. Paul replied that it is a two year project and the work plan reflects the entire project cost. He added that there is some additional analysis of RTB effluent that will be done for pharmaceuticals and personal care products. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2014.
- Sandra noted that septic tank upgrades are more costly than septic maintenance. She added that other AOCs focus more heavily on buffer strips and riparian enhancements where they may have more impact.
- Peter explained that the design and permitting is completed for the Lafarge Shoreline Fish Habitat Restoration Project. Construction is planned for next winter, after the shipping season and before fish spawning.
- Paul noted that the DRCC S&IC may want to consider writing a letter of commendation for those private (industrial) entities that go above and beyond their responsibilities to restore the Detroit River. He noted that Lafarge could be considered after the shoreline project is completed.

ACTIONS:

- Natalie to check that the projects included in the Education & Public Involvement section is not also reflected in the line item for RAP Governance.
- Natalie will contact Dr. Drouillard (GLIER Researcher) to obtain more information regarding the sampling regime and deliverables as they relate (or compare) to the 1999 Sediment Sampling work. She will also ask the researcher if they are using sediment data already collected on the U.S. side of the river.
- Natalie will obtain a full list of priority pollutants being considered for the “Weight of Evidence Approach” study and send it to Mike Moroney.
- Richard will obtain the number of landowner projects completed as part of the Rural Nonpoint Source Pollution Remediation Program for the committee
- Natalie to liaise with Stan Taylor and Dan Krutsch (Landmark Engineering) regarding the progress of the Shoreline Design Manual project.

DECISION: The Committee endorses the 5 new projects being considered for GLSF support as they all contribute to delisting goals for the Detroit River AOC.

ACTION: Natalie will send letters of support for the endorsed projects to the contact person at GLSF. (DONE)

DECISION: The Committee approves the 2013-2014 Work Plan, as presented.

4. Discussion of the Draft Delisting Document

Natalie reminded the group of their request to produce a Delisting Document (Nov. 7 Meeting). She noted that the RAP Governance Group (made up of one representative from EC, MOE, ERCA, PAC and the RAP Coordinator) have started drafting the document. She presented a Table of Contents (Appendix D) to the Committee to begin discussion of the document and to ensure that it is the direction the Committee wanted. Natalie described each of the sections and explained that the draft document is similar to a Stage 2 update and a “pathway to delisting”, offering clear, concise guidance for the AOC with respect to delisting.

After the presentation, the group discussed the document. Discussion points to consider for the document are listed below:

- Can the Detroit River Canadian AOC be delisted with one or more beneficial use impairment? The St. Lawrence River AOC is planning on doing this.
- It is possible that our AOC does not fall into a clear-cut delisting situation. How will we deal with that? The DRCC should consider the weight of evidence approach rationale.
- Clarification around the Area in Recovery title and process. A sub-group of Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement will be formed to discuss the meaning of the designation. For example, if an AOC is re-designated an AIR, can it ever get delisted?
- If the AOC changes its status, how will that be “operationalized”? The DRCC needs to be confident in its delisting and ensure that they meet a desirable standard of quality, but also are reasonable and practical.

DECISION: The group agreed with the proposed Table of Contents for the Delisting Document.

ACTION: Natalie to continue to lead the development of the Delisting Document with relevant Work Group and will aim for a draft for S&IC for review at the June 2013 meeting.

5. Detroit River Evening / Next meeting

Natalie reported that a guest speaker, Dr. John Howard, has been confirmed for our 3rd Annual Detroit River Evening. Location is to be determined. Natalie and Kris will continue to plan and the Committee will receive additional details as the date is approached. Natalie asked if the Committee would like to meet face-to-face in the afternoon of the event. The committee agreed to meet June 19 in the afternoon, break for dinner, then reconvene for the public event in the evening. Please save the date: June 19, 2013 for the event.

6. Closing Remarks

Jon asked if there were any additional questions/comments. None were received. He thanked everyone for participating in the call and adjourned the meeting at 3 pm.

Next meeting is June 19, 2013 at 1 pm.

*Meeting Record prepared by Natalie Green and Kris Ives
DRAFT Pending Approval by the Committee*

Appendix A Meeting Attendance

Steering and Implementation Committee Members

Jon Gee	Environment Canada, S&IC Co-Chair
Michael Moroney	Ontario Ministry of the Environment, S&IC Co-Chair
Peter Berry	Windsor Port Authority
Tom Henderson	Public Advisory Council
Kevin Miller	Town of LaSalle
Richard Wyma	Essex Region Conservation Authority
Giovanni Grande	Honeywell
Paul Drca	City of Windsor (on behalf of Mario Sonogo)

Resource/Support Staff

Natalie Green	RAP Coordinator (DRCC)
Kris Ives	RAP Assistant (DRCC)
Sandra Kok	Environment Canada
Rajesh Bejankiwar	International Joint Commission

Regrets

Rich Drouin	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Ted Briggs	Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Mario Sonogo	City of Windsor
Dr. Doug Haffner	University of Windsor – Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research