

**Jarbo Bayou TMDL
Boaters & Marinas Work Group**

Meeting Notes – June 4, 2014

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Work Group Attendees:

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED
Charlene Bohanon	Galveston Bay Foundation
Sarah Cunningham	Galveston Bay Foundation
Angie Galvan	City of Clear Lake Shores
Ken Hutchinson	Onward

Staff Attendees:

NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED
Aubin Phillips	H-GAC
Kathy Janhsen	H-GAC
Steven Johnston	H-GAC

Meeting Overview:

- I. Welcome, Introductions, and Review Agenda

- II. Work Group Data Collection
 - a. A basic overview of the nine-element table and common implementation strategies used to mitigate waste from boaters and marinas was provided by H-GAC.
 - i. Because the BIG does not currently include any strategies for boaters or marinas, the Work Group determined that the Upper Oyster Waters I-Plan Draft would be an appropriate starting place.

- III. Identify Needs
 - a. The Work Group has requested the following information:
 - i. Copy of the Upper Oyster Waters I-Plan Draft
 1. City of Seabrook Pump Station Ordinance
 - ii. Additional information on the existing Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) certification program for boaters.
 - iii. Additional information about current Coast Guard, TPWD, etc., boater waste training programs.

 - b. During the course of discussion, the Work Group discussed exploration of the following future implementation activities:
 - i. Seeking funding to subsidize certification costs associated with the MSD program.
 - ii. Finding opportunities to help TCEQ and TPWD merge MSD program efforts (registration and inspections/compliance).

- iii. Provide training to enforcement officials to increase likelihood of y-valve inspections taking place.
 - iv. Partnering with the Clean Marinas Program.
- c. Additional Information / Statements
- i. Boats over 40 feet are assumed to include a head (per GBF).
 - ii. There are currently 8,000 wet slips in the marina. Of those, less than 500 use a mobile pump out station (per Onward).

IV. Develop a Schedule / Timeline

- a. July
 - i. The Work Group would like to meet jointly with the Galveston Bay Foundation's Clean Vessel Committee and Boater Waste Committee in July to discuss shared tactics (City of Kemah or CLS Civic Center).
- b. August
 - i. Pending the outcome of the joint meeting in July, the Work Group will meet again to discuss findings and determine their recommendation to the Steering Committee (join the BIG or create a new I-Plan).

V. Additional Resources or Participants?

- a. Through discussion, the Work Group identified the following entities and individuals for targeted outreach and inclusion into future Work Group meetings:
 - i. Cities of Kemah, Clear Lake Shores (present) and League City
 - ii. Galveston County
 - iii. Enforcement Arms
 - 1. Coast Guard
 - 2. Texas Parks & Wildlife
 - 3. City Police
 - 4. Galveston County Sherriff's Office
 - iv. Linda Broach with TCEQ
 - v. Galveston Bay Foundation's Clean Vessel Committee and Boater Waste Committee
 - vi. Coast Guard Auxiliary
 - vii. Local Marinas (Watergate, Waterford, Legend Point)

VI. Public Comment

- a. None.

VII. Next Steps

- a. H-GAC
 - i. Contact additional resources or participants identified by Work Group
 - ii. Distribute Upper Oyster Waters Draft I-Plan
 - iii. Distribute MSD and training information to Work Group.

- b. Work Group Members
 - i. Submit questions or additional data needs to H-GAC in preparation for future meetings.

Please advise as to any inaccuracies, required edits or clarifications to Kathy Janhsen at Kathy.Janhsen@h-gac.com no later than June 13, 2014 by close of business for inclusion.