

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**SAVANNAH HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**STAKEHOLDERS EVALUATION GROUP (SEG) MEETING**  
JULY 13, 1999—9:00AM-1:00PM  
COASTAL GEORGIA CENTER

***Start-up***

- Start @ 9:00am
- Introductions—SEG Members, observers, staff (GPA, consultants)
  
- Facilitator reminders re: SEG mission and focus
  - Mission/focus (from operating guidelines, para. 1, p. 1, SEG 5/4/99)
  - Feasibility Study, pp. 129-131, 8/12/98 (Congressional Record—Senate, p. S3876, 4/19/99 and HR 1480)
  - SEG-identified issues (from operating guidelines, App. B)
  - SEG Membership collective decision on where 10 ring is
  - 6 months into SEG's work
  
- Pass out draft agenda previously posted on web site
  - Look over
  - Is goal or objective of agenda items clear to SEG Membership?
  - Add?
  - Delete items?
  - Defer items to end after working committee reports (if time is available)?
  - Prioritize
  - Re-order?
  - Agenda OK?
  
- Does SEG Membership desire to adjourn by 1:00pm today? If so:
  - Set upper limit on time SEG Membership desires to spend today on items and segments of agenda
  - Defer items to future meeting if necessary to accomplish SEG Membership's intent for today

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<sup>1</sup> Prepared 7/9/99 by Ben Dysart (SEG facilitator) based on previous meeting's summary and agenda inputs received from SEG Members. Modified 7/12/99 based on additional inputs.

## **Wrap-up**

- Summary of **5/4/99** SEG meeting—discussion, corrections, approval—hard copy to be provided at meeting (all SEG Members<sup>2</sup>)
- Summary of **6/8/99** SEG meeting—discussion, corrections, approval—hard copy to be provided at meeting (all SEG Members)

## **Committee & Other Reports Back to SEG<sup>3</sup>**

- How **cumulative impacts** will they be dealt with by SEG (Morgan Rees)
  1. As starting point for SEG action, GPA will prepare glossary on agency (fed and state) guidance on cumulative impacts – what's required and allowed. Morgan will prepare this glossary. He will also incorporate this into preparation of criteria for decision-making presentation dealing with recommended actions from the SEG to GPA.
  2. Use a flowchart to illustrate this to SEG.
- **Criteria** for determining project relevance of SEG committee-proposed scientific studies (Morgan Rees)
  3. GPA will develop a template for committee task recommendations.
- **Striped Bass Committee<sup>4</sup>** (formerly the SEG Back River Restoration Committee) (Tom Meronek, Carl Hall, Bill Bailey)
- Formation of an (SEG/harbor expansion project) **Fisheries Committee** (Press Brownell)
  4. Bring a report back next time about how to constitute a Fisheries Committee.
  5. Include in layman's terms what the various fish-related committees are dealing with.
    - Discussions of the (SEG/harbor expansion project) **Fishery Management Work Group/Committee** (Discussion Leader: Prescott Brownell, NMFS)
      - Topics:

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<sup>2</sup> These notations mean suggested by, SEG committee chair, SEG Representative, mentioned by, etc. May be but not necessarily party responsible for leading discussion.

<sup>3</sup> Committee chairs are reporting their committee's views and recommendations, not necessarily theirs, those of their employers, or clients.

<sup>4</sup> Referring to the SEG Striped Bass Committee as contrasted with the Back River Restoration Committee of the Ga. DNR and the Corps of Engineers.

- Responsibility for determining (SEG/harbor expansion project) fisheries **study needs**: SEG, GPA, COE, or fishery management agencies? (Prescott Brownell, NMFS)
  - **Overview of** (SEG/harbor expansion project) **striped bass** studies (Carl Hall & Tom Meronek, GA DNR)
  - (SEG/harbor expansion project) **Shortnose sturgeon** study (Mark Collins, SC DNR, & Prescott Brownell, NMFS)
- **Fisheries overview** (Tom Meronek)
  - 6. SEG wants the "Fisheries Committee" or (SEG's fisheries-related committees) to give a general presentation to SEG on aspects of channel deepening on fish, and make sure US F&WS is included.
- Tybee **Beach Erosion** Committee (Bill Farmer)
- Hydrodynamic/water quality mathematical **modeling overview** (Bo Ellis)
  - 7. SEG requests MTRG explain in general layman's terms the mathematical model package to be used in MTRG-recommended and SEG-approved tasks.
  - 8. Provide policy-oriented/big-picture/non-modeling technical expert SEG Members with a practical hands-on feeling of what modeling experts have collectively recommended and are trying to do including model use and expected results.
  - 9. Use appropriate visual aids.
- Modeling Technical Review Group (**MTRG**) **new recommendations** (Bo Ellis)
- SEG **Communications** Committee (Ben Brewton)
- **Economics** Working Group (Judy Jennings)

<b><i>Old Business</i></b>
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- Critical path **schedule** and dates involving overall project and SEG's mandated mission and deliverables (Morgan Rees)
  - 10. GPA will develop this and present to SEG at a future meeting.
- Clarification of the various Savannah River **water quality modeling studies** (Judy Jennings)

- Specific engineering solutions to overcome **low DO** in the Savannah River (Judy Jennings)
- Formation of **new committees** to achieve SEG's mandated mission—match up with SEG issue list and recommendations to SEG on necessary scope of scientific studies required to identify mitigation measures (various SEG Members)

### ***New Business***

- Fresh-water **marsh succession** study—GPA advisory (Morgan Rees)
- Requested Q&A re: distribution of GPA's recent letter responding to ASA(CW) **Westphal** (Ben Brewton, Stuart Stevens)
- Proposed discussion of definition of an individual's **meaning of "success"** in the May facilitator's opening round (Ben Brewton)
- Proposed **re-visit to David Schaller's statement** at 5/4/99 SEG meeting (Ben Brewton)

### ***Closing***

- Feed-back from SEG Members
- Meeting your expectations
- Set next meeting date *1<sup>st</sup> Tues. is August 3rd*
- *Adjourn by 1:00pm*

