

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**SAVANNAH HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**STAKEHOLDERS EVALUATION GROUP (SEG) MEETING**  
AUGUST 3, 1999—9:00AM-1:00PM  
MASTER'S INN—GARDEN CITY

***Start-up***

- Start @ 9:00am
- Introductions—SEG Members, observers, staff (GPA, consultants)
  
- Facilitator's reminders re: SEG mission and focus
  - Your mission/focus (from (a) Congress/"Savannah Harbor Expansion Feasibility Study, Attachment B, EIS Provision for Savannah Harbor Expansion, 8/12/98, p. 129 of 133, and (b) your "Operating Guidelines", para. 1, p. 1, SEG 5/4/99)
  - Very complex system you're dealing with in the SEG—the natural resources, the people, the agendas, the technology, the history, the paradigms, the goals, etc.
  - Trust, credibility, good science, commitment to your SEG mission—all critical—absolutely
  - Not automatic—all of these can be lost, missed, jeopardized, made hard—or attained
  - Nurture, build, grown, allow, contribute to, make possible, etc.—or not
  - Each action—around this table or anywhere else—as any part of the whole SEG process—is a choice
  - Your choice as SEG Members (individual and entity)—your call entirely
  
- Pass out draft agenda--few changes from draft 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?

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<sup>1</sup> Prepared 7/29/99 by Ben Dysart (SEG meeting facilitator) based on previous meeting's summary, items deferred from previous meetings, and agenda inputs received from SEG Members. Modified 8/2/99 based on additional inputs.

- 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
  - Choose time-keeper
  - Defer items to future meeting if necessary to accomplish SEG Membership's intent for today

### ***Wrap-up Prior Meetings***

- Summary **(re-revised)** of **5/4/99** SEG meeting—discussion, corrections, approval—hard copy to be provided at meeting (all SEG Members<sup>2</sup>)
- Summary **(revision not completed—should be posted before end of next week)** of **6/8/99** SEG meeting—(no action required today)
- Summary of **7/13/99** SEG meeting—discussion, corrections, approval—hard copy to be provided at meeting (all SEG Members)

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

- **SEG Communications** Committee (Ben Brewton, CEO)
  - Report
  - Recommendations
  - Any action items
- **Economics** Working Group (Judy Jennings, Sierra)
  - Report
  - Recommendations
  - Action item
- **Striped Bass** Committee<sup>4</sup> (Tom Meronek, Ga. DNR Wildlife Resources)
  - Progress made when the committee met after the July SEG meeting
  - Status
- **Fisheries overview** (Tom Meronek, Ga. DNR Wildlife Resources)

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

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

- 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.
- Formation of an (SEG/harbor expansion project) Savannah Harbor **Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Committee** (Press Brownell, NMFS, and Bill Bailey, Corps of Engineers)
  - Report on committee's first meeting 7/23
  - Leadership, administration, logistics—feasibility, role
  - Recommendations to SEG
  - Any action items
  - Include in layman's terms what the various fish-related committees are dealing with.
- (SEG/harbor expansion project) **Shortnose sturgeon** study (Mark Collins, SC DNR, & Press Brownell, NMFS)
  - Status
- Tybee **Beach Erosion** Committee (Bill Farmer, City of Tybee Island)
  - Report
  - Any action items
- **Contracting process** review involving SEG committees and GPA (Morgan Rees, GPA)
  - Purpose
  - Nature of review
  - Findings
  - Any recommendations
  - Any action items
  - Comments by other parties with knowledge of the facts
- Hydrodynamic/water quality mathematical **modeling overview** (Bo Ellis, ATM/GPA)
  - SEG requests MTRG explain in general layman's terms the mathematical model package to be used in MTRG-recommended and SEG-approved tasks.
  - 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.
  - Use appropriate visual aids.
- Modeling Technical Review Group (**MTRG**) (Bo Ellis, ATM/GPA)
  - Status
  - Any new recommendations

- Any action items

### ***Old & New Business***

- Proposed Q&A re: Doug Marchand/GPA's **6/9/99 response to ASA(CW) Westphal's 3/19/99 letter** and accompanying Corps report (Ben Brewton, CEO, and Patty McIntosh, The Ga. Conservancy)
- Proposed discussion of definition of an individual's **meaning of "success"** (as cited in the May facilitator's opening round) (Ben Brewton, CEO)
- Proposed **re-visit to David Schaller's statement** at 5/4/99 SEG meeting (Ben Brewton, CEO)
- Clarification of the various Savannah River **water quality modeling studies** (Judy Jennings, Sierra)
- Specific engineering solutions to overcome **low DO** in the Savannah River (Judy Jennings, Sierra)
- Discussion of potential **detrimental impacts of oxygenation system** proposed to address dissolved oxygen problem (Patty McIntosh, The Ga. Conservancy)
- Formation of **new committees** to achieve SEG's mandated mission (as/if needed)—match up with SEG issue list and recommendations to SEG on necessary scope of scientific studies required to identify mitigation measures (various SEG Members)
- Fresh-water **marsh succession** study—GPA advisory (Morgan Rees, GPA)

### ***Closing***

- Interest in potential port facility tour in conjunction with future SEG meeting
- Set next meeting date *1<sup>st</sup> Tues. is September 7<sup>th</sup> — Master's Inn—Garden City*
- Set October meeting date *1<sup>st</sup> Tues. is October 5th*
- *Adjourn by 1:00pm*

