Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team

ITEMS FROM THE TEAM NEEDING CLARIFICATION/RATIFICATION BY THE WORKING GROUP:

FOR RATIFICATION (These are items the Team has already reached consensus on and have adopted):

1. Discussion Guidelines- see attached
2. Consensus Ranking rules- see attached
3. Organizational Structure:
   a. The Team will consist of both voting and non-voting (ex-officio) members.
   b. Each Team member will have one Designee and one Alternate.
   c. Attendance: If a member stakeholder group does not have a representative (designee or alternate) present for two consecutive meetings, the Chair will send a letter to the Designee putting him/her on notice that if a third meeting is missed a replacement will be sought. Upon three (3) consecutive absences, the Chair will send a letter directly to the stakeholder group asking that they appoint someone to the Committee who is able to have consistent attendance.
   d. To have a meeting requires 50% + 1 of the membership to be present.
   e. Deliberations will be by collaborative process. Consensus will be used for all decision making; if consensus cannot be reached within a reasonable period of time a super majority vote of 75% of those present at the meeting will be required.
   f. Each stakeholder group shall have only one member (either designee or alternate) at the table.
   g. Each member stakeholder group shall have one vote
   h. Public Comment shall be taken after each substantive agenda item and before final decision making.
   i. Citizen representation shall be made up of 3 categories and each category should have the following number of representatives:
      i. Environmental-6
      ii. User-6 (to be subdivided- with Marine User group being one category)
      iii. At Large-4
   j. At Large members are individual appointments by person; At Large member may appoint an alternate; if At Large member resigns and that person has named an alternate, the alternate is no longer a member of the Team.

ITEMS FOR ASSISTANCE/CLARIFICATION BY WORKING GROUP:

▪ Ensure that every group designated as a stakeholder member of the Team shall have a designee and an alternate named.

- Assist with getting names of individual's who will commit to attending the meetings names as designee or alternate.
- Need definitive policy on how many divisions of each agency should/could be at the table.
- Need to know what the words in the Charter "Using the final report of the BBPI as a guide" really mean. Did the WG intend that the Management Team recommendations all be followed or that THEY (the WG) used it as a guide to develop the charter and they decided which parts they wanted and which they did not.
- In the charter, the Working Group made appointments by individual names more than by group. Several groups that represent citizen interests can be categorized as enviro or user, or user and econo, etc. The Team needs clarification as to what category the WG thinks these groups belong. (Examples: Citizens for a Better South Florida- is it enviro? At large?)

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Need to determine exactly how members/agencies are appointed by WG.
2. Need to see how much control the Team has over its own membership.
3. Need assistance in getting designees/alternates appointed by stakeholders already identified and named.
4. Need to replace those designees/alternates who rarely/never attend.
5. What does it mean that the Team is "a principal advisory body" to the WG?
6. What Reports should the Team be delivering? Action Plan, Annual Report, Project List, others?
7. What regular feedback should the Team be getting from the WG?
8. What are the Team responsibilities specifically?
9. What is "the system"? per the charter. (goes to Team member comments on adding "ecological" and "enhance, maintain and restore" as well as "do no harm")

Agency membership currently:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
NOAA/Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS)
NOAA/ Atlantic Oceanographic & Meteorological Laboratory (AOML)
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)
South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
South Florida Regional Planning Council
Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning (MD P&Z)
Miami Dade County Cooperative Extension Service

Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management
(MD DERM)
National Park Service/Biscayne National Park