

Summary of Actions at March 17, 2005, MIG Working Committee Meeting

- 1. Members present:** Marla Morrissey, Pam Heatherington, Dave Rymal, Dan Berman, Leslie Krinsk, Bob Hather, Matt Fleming, Nancy Dalman, Dave Sears, Patricia Wilcox, Jim Wood, Dean Wendt, Ray Fields, and Don Maruska (facilitator).
- 2. Letters and Other Communications:**
 - a. Dean Wendt announced the MIG has received a Planning Grant award letter from the Packard Foundation regarding an Ecosystem-Based Management Research Project. MIG members listed hopes for this project to include: define linkages that feed the Morro Bay estuary; provide education, public outreach, and input by as many participants as possible; consider use of a web-based format for input; assess socio-economic impacts; coordinate with Pacific Fisheries Management Council; include assessment of marine mammal populations on harbors, disease, and fish stocks; focus on sustainability for long term; and address management turf issues.
 - Action: include a range of Working Committee members on the Advisory Committee for the Ecosystem-Based Management Project – Rick Algert, Dan Berman, Bob Hather, Pam Heatherington, Leslie Krinsk, and Dean Wendt.
 - b. Marla Morrissey is preparing a flyer and letter format with logos of the organizations represented on the Working Committee. She also announced a pelagic bird research trip scheduled for April 9th.
- 3. Review of Topics Selected for Discussion:**
 - a. Membership on Working Committee
 - Action: add Jeremiah O'Brien (Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization) and Henry Pontarelli (Morro Coast Audubon Society) to the Working Committee; approve John Rowley (Virg's Fishing and Whale Watching) as replacement for Steve Moore (Marine-dependent business).
 - Action: formation of a subcommittee consisting of Matt Fleming (convenor), Dan Berman, Nancy Dalman, and Dave Rymal to provide suggestions regarding Working Committee membership—procedure for replacement of retiring members, process and form of application to follow, ways to encourage a balanced group, determination of when a new category should be added, suggestions for press releases, and methods to encourage constructive dialogue.
 - b. Update on MLPA Process – Blue Ribbon Task Force meets April 11-12, 2005.
- 4. Topics for Discussion at Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 28, 2005, Morro Bay Community Center: These sessions will be videotaped.
 - a. 2-5 p.m., viewing opportunity of "Coastal Clash" and excerpts from the Bevans Series on Sustainable Fisheries.
 - b. 5-7:30 p.m., presentation on Collaborative Research and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS)
- 5. Update on Collaborative Contributions:** See #2
- 6. Funding Needs:** See #2
- 7. Next Meeting Date and Location:** See #4
- 8. Other Items for Discussion:** Brief report on Audubon loon study.