

Upper Frenchman Bay Stakeholder Meeting

March 30, 2010

GOALS FOR THE DAY

1. Exchange knowledge and discuss status of upper Frenchman Bay (defined as Trenton Bridge to Hancock Point, over to Bar Island) relative to several indicators, including eelgrass.
2. Collaboratively identify areas in Upper Frenchman Bay for Research, Restoration, and/or Conservation of Eelgrass or other Habitat and consider avenues for ensuring success.
3. Decide whether there is interest in developing a Conservation Action Plan for the bay.
4. Establish a mechanism for on-going information exchange among stakeholders.

8:30-9:00 COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

9:00-9:15 INTRODUCTION

9:15-10:15 PRESENTATIONS: *What We Know about Upper Frenchman Bay Today*

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| 1. Rob Goodwin, DMR/
Jane Disney, MDIBL | Water Quality in Upper Frenchman Bay |
| 2. Chris Petersen, COA | Softshell Clam Populations at Hadley Point |
| 3. Theo deKoning, AAF | Blue Mussel Status in Frenchman Bay |
| 4. Phil Corson, lobsterman | Lobsters and landings data: Frenchman Bay |
| 5. Seth Barker, DMR | Eelgrass Distribution in upper Frenchman Bay
1996/2008--How does Eelgrass relate to everything else? |
| 6. George Kidder, MDIBL | Community Based Eelgrass Restoration at Hadley
Point: A Conservation Success Story |

10:15-10:30 BREAK



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10:30-11:00 PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF RESOURCES IN UPPER FRENCHMAN BAY:

1. Geoff Smith, TNC: What is a Conservation Action Plan? (Brief overview)
2. TBA: Marine Conservation Agreements, What are they; How do they work?

Discussion and preparation for breakout session

11:00-11:45 **CHOOSING AREAS FOR RESEARCH, RESTORATION and/or CONSERVATION:** Break out into groups with base maps, discuss upper Frenchman Bay eelgrass resources, and choose areas for action.

11:45-12:30 Group share-out—List and then prioritize areas through consensus voting.

12:30-1:00 ****LUNCH**** (a priority area map will be prepared over lunch for afternoon discussion)

1:00-1:30 **CHOOSING ACTIONS:** Review a Consensus Map (with two or three areas for consideration) –List actions (Research, Restoration, or other Conservation Actions) for the designated areas on the map; prioritize actions for each area through consensus voting.

1:30-2:00 **MAKING AGREEMENTS:** Group discussion: What are the available tools for assuring that priority resource areas are conserved and conflicts resolved?

2:00-2:15 **BREAK**

2:15-2:45 **IDENTIFYING FOCUS AREAS—Group Discussion**

Is there interest in Conservation Action Planning or other efforts among stakeholders in Upper Frenchman Bay?

Identify Focus Areas/Sign-up for Working Groups for Future Work

1. Eelgrass Research, Restoration, and Conservation
2. Other Research, Restoration, or Conservation Interests
3. Conservation Action Planning
4. Other

2:45-3:00 **NEXT STEPS**

Where do we go from here? We are planning to convene a second meeting fall 2010
How will we continue to share information? Develop a Communication Plan



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