

Education Working Group Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 2002 March 13

Time + Place: 2 to 5 PM, Waterfront Classroom, Santa Barbara Harbor

NOTES

Co-Chairs: Larry Manson + Kathy deWet-Oleson

Attending:

Michael Hanrahan
Barry Hummel, Jr.
Bill Kulhanek*
Holly Lohuis*
Andy Prokopow
Mary Stack*
Frank Sullivan

CINMS Staff:

Nancy Berenson
Julie Bursek
Michael Murray
Michael Smith

*attending first meeting

After Welcome and Introductions, Mike Murray reaffirmed the group's reason for being and read the charge from SAC dated 2002 January 9:

“By unanimous voice vote, the Council decided to let the newly-formed SAC Education Working Group take the lead developing a suite of strategies, actions, and draft products for marine-reserves education to be brought back to the SAC for consideration.”

Mike went on to make a distinction that this was a specific charge for this group, but this group was being established as a permanent working group to advise on all education needs and opportunities.

The discussion focused on defining the group: creating a mission statement, defining breadth of representation and individuals to fill positions, and the responsibilities and obligations of being a member. A suitable name is also under consideration.

Mike Murray and Julie Bursek pointed out the need for this group to establish itself and address issues relating to the prior SAC education working group.

Larry Manson and Kathy deWit-Oelson will start the process of creating a mission statement for the group. They will be assisted in a first draft by Andy Prokopow, Julie Bursek, and Michael Smith.

Kathy presented a list of categories for representation as part of a survey of Participant Interest. Those in attendance had the opportunity to complete and submit the forms in order to establish their interest in representing an area of expertise for the working group. Michael Smith will email this form to those who attended the first meeting. In addition, those who attended either of the two meetings may suggest other individuals who may have an interest in participating as a member.

The Co-Chairs determined that they would like to have membership commitments by April 5.

To assist the group, Julie Bursek presented existing educational material that demonstrated strengths and weaknesses, particularly with keeping information current, consistent, and accurate when it is produced by different agencies and organizations.

Identifying targeted groups and the means to reach those groups was tabled until the next meeting when membership will be established.

Names for the group have been suggested:

SET – Sanctuary Education Team

SEA - Sanctuary Education Advisors

SEAT - Sanctuary Education Advisory Team

SANG - Sanctuary Academic Nurturing Group

SEEC - Sanctuary Environmental Education Council

SEEL - Sanctuary Environmental Education Liaison

To accommodate the schedules of working people, it was decided that evening (6 to 8) are the best time for future meetings.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 6 to 8 PM in a Ventura County location to be announced.

The following meeting will be in Santa Barbara County on Wednesday, May 8, 6 to 8 PM.