

Water Quality Subcommittee (St. Marys River Management Committee)

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 2, 2010

6 p.m.

The Water Quality Subcommittee (of the St. Marys River Management Committee) held its first meeting on August 2, 2010, at the Cedar River Seafood restaurant in Callahan, Florida. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed at the end of the minutes.

Call to Order

The subcommittee meeting began at 6:10 p.m. and was led by member Merrill Varn, Charlton County.

Contact Agencies

The members reviewed the St. Marys River Water Quality Technical Meeting Recommendations document, which provides protocols for the subcommittee's actions.

It was determined that subcommittee member Jeremy Flood, Nassau County, would contact the respective Florida and Georgia agencies to gather their water quality data. He will ask for data from the first six month of 2010 (through June), as well as maps of current sampling sites. When Flood receives the data and maps, he will forward them on to subcommittee member Ken Hase, Camden County, who will perform an analysis/review of the data. Hase will identify any issues that need to be shared with the respective agencies. Hase will also share information gathered from his review with the members of the St. Marys River Management Committee.

It was determined that Jeremy Flood should also contact Lee Banks and Jeremy Smith to ask for their historical data. Flood will remind the agency contacts to share their historical data with each other.

Identify additional tributaries

The subcommittee members discussed the need to add additional tributaries to the current sampling lists. They named two additional tributaries for each state. Georgia: Spanish Creek (because it is on the impaired waters list) and Horsepen Creek/Catfish Creek (because it is a potentially impaired waterway). Florida: South Prong (because it is on the impaired waters list) and Cabbage Creek (because it is has a large drainage area with pending DRI developments). The Little St. Marys River would be a second recommendation, if needed.

Future Meetings

The water quality subcommittee will set a tentative meeting date for October 4 to discuss/review Ken Hase's data analysis, as well as the need for any future actions/requests of the agencies. The subcommittee will also begin to plan for a March meeting, to include the state agencies, with a focus of adding fecal coliform monitoring to the sample collection and analysis.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 6:55 p.m.

**Water Quality Subcommittee
Attendance Log – August 2, 2010**

Members

Chip Campbell
Ken Hase
Merrill Varn

Visitors

Steve Nance
Dean Woehrle

Administrative Assistant

Melinda Granlund