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**New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program  
Management Committee Conference Call Summary of July 28, 2005**

Participants included: Bob Nyman, Cathy Yuhas, Laura Bartovics, Joel Banslaben, Jim Olander, Boris Rukovits, Norm Rubenstein, John Tavolaro, Joe Olha, Alex Brash, Doug Adamo, Stephane Gibbons, Keith Mahoney, Mark Klein, Jeff Myers, Dennis Suszkowski, Debbie Mans, and Doug Pabst.

The purpose of the conference call was to review the status of the response to the Policy Committee's request for a more detailed schedule and workplan for priority actions.

The list of leads and co-authors was reviewed and modified as per the attachment.

Bob Nyman then reviewed the draft Nutrients chapter for level of detail. It was also agreed that the write-ups should include more of a "problem statement".

John Tavolaro was concerned that the Clean Sediments and Navigation section did not have a work group associated with it and that it would be difficult to draft a useful chapter without such a group. Doug Pabst discussed the idea of initiating a HEP sediments work group. There was general support for the idea, but there was concern that it needed to be carefully defined if it were to be successful. Doug Pabst, John Tavolaro, Dennis Suszkowski, and Norm Rubenstein agreed to work on a draft write-up for Management Committee review.

The next MC meeting is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. Chapter leads agreed to submit draft chapters by August 11<sup>th</sup> so that they could be distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting.

The conference call was concluded at 11:15 a.m.

**CCMP Implementation Status Report:  
Proposed Response to Policy Committee Request for Implementation Work Plans  
(Draft July 28, 2005)**

At their May 25, 2005 meeting, the HEP Policy Committee requested that work plans be developed to address the implementation actions on key issues. The Management Committee was charged with reporting out on its progress in doing this at the next Policy Committee meeting, currently scheduled for September 28, 2005. This paper is a draft outline of the document that will be prepared by the Management Committee as its response to that request.

**What are we trying to achieve?**

In 2003, the Policy Committee approved a set of Targets and Goals (T&G) that spelled out what HEP was trying to achieve. The T&G were largely built off the CCMP, but with the addition of an emphasis on public access and stewardship. A total of 22 indicators were developed to track progress in achieving the Targets under the five goals: fishing and Swimming; Habitat and Ecological Health; Public Access; Clean Sediment and Navigation; and Stewardship. Details on each of these are included in the attached documents.

**What is our plan and what have we achieved to date?**

The CCMP was completed in 1996 and signed in 1997. It is the overall plan for the protection and restoration of the harbor. Progress on implementing individual actions from the CCMP can be found in the attached CCMP Tracking document, which relies on input from Management Conference participants. The vast majority of actions needed to achieve the T&G are found within the CCMP. The approach that HEP has been taking is to utilize its limited resources to focus on priority actions. Selected achievements will be highlighted in the sections below.

**Preparation of the status document.**

A series of short chapters will be developed by the Management Committee, Work Group Chairs, and HEP Office on the following topics: nutrients, pathogens, toxics, habitat, public access, clean sediment and navigation, and stewardship. HEP Office has worked with the MC to create a consistent form for each topic following the draft outline below. Key HEP participants, including Management Committee members, technical work group chairs, and others with specific expertise, have been assigned to teams to prepare each topic write-up.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the MC held a conference call and reached agreement on the level of detail for each chapter. Draft chapters will be submitted to the HEP Office by August 11<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the August 18<sup>th</sup> MC meeting. Any additional modifications will be made in preparation for presentation at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.

**As a result of the June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> MC conference calls, three people have been assigned to lead and co-author the chapters, but the rest of the management committee will contribute materials upon request.**

| <b>Topic</b>      | <b>Lead</b>       | <b>Co-author</b>  | <b>Co-author</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Nutrients         | Bob Nyman         | Matt Schoen       | Jeff Myers       |
| Pathogens         | Jim Olander       | Kerry Kirk-Pflugh | Jeff Myers       |
| Toxics            | Dennis Suszkowski | Rosella O'Connor  | Corps TBD        |
| Habitat           | Alex Brash        | Doug Adamo        | Cathy Yuhas      |
| Public Access     | Kerry Kirk-Pflugh | Debbie Mans       | Carter Craft     |
| Clean Sed and Nav | John Tavolaro     | Doug Pabst        | Norm Rubenstein  |
| Stewardship       | Laura Bartovics   | Kerry Kirk-Pflugh | Joel Banslaben   |
| Floatables        | Boris Rukovets    | Stephane Gibbons  | Larry Gaugler    |

The following outline will be used for each chapter:

1. *Background and Problem Statement.*
2. *What are we trying to achieve? Targets and Goals: a reiteration of the topic specific Targets and Goals;*
3. *Achievements: selected achievements of the many partners culled from the CCMP Tracking document;*
4. *Status: an overview of what the appropriate HEP work group has been working on and what priority actions they are trying to accomplish over the next two years;*
5. *Broad Work Plans: a summary of resources needed, and a schedule for implementing; Nyman has been charged by the TMDL oversight group to work with the nutrients, pathogens and toxics work group chairs to do this.*
6. *Policy Issues: any key policy issues that need to be addressed;*
7. *Additional Information: any information on other special initiatives in support of this activity.*