

Partnership For a Resilient Apalachicola Bay

6-Month Workplan (April - September 2024) - Working Document

Monthly Objectives	Outcome
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APRIL	Note: First Partnership Meeting - March 26, 2024	Complete
	Second Partnership Meeting - May 1, 2024 (April Meeting)	

Organizational Setp-up:	
1) Confirm Name of Organization: Partnership for a Resilient Apalachicola Bay	The Partnership
2) Elect Officers: P-O Amison, VP-D Barber Jr, S-R Banks, T-K Jones	Complete
3) Review and Adopt Operational/Procedural Policies and Guidelines	Complete
4) Review and Adopt Agreement to Serve in Principle	Complete
5) Begin Process to Secure Not-For-Profit State Registration	Underway
6) Begin Process to Secure Federal 501(c)3 Status	Underway
7) Create Organizational Website and Email Account	Underway

Provide ABSI Summary - Dr. Sandra Brooke, FSUCML, Lead PI on ABSI	Complete
Provide Bay Restoration Project Plan Review - Devin Resko, FWC	Complete

Other Business Items:	
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MAY	Third Partnership Meeting - May 29, 2024	
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Finalize Not-For-Profit State Registration	
Continue Process to Secure Federal 501(c)3 Status	

Review and Evaluate ABSI Goal A: <i>Healthy and Productive Bay Ecosystem</i>	
<p>Vision Theme A: The Apalachicola Bay System, including its oyster reef resources, is sustainably managed. Water resources and affected habitats are afforded adequate protection to ensure that essential ecosystem functions are maintained, and a full suite of economic opportunities are realized.</p> <p>Goal A: The Apalachicola Bay System is a healthy and productive ecosystem that includes oyster reefs in locations and with oyster abundance as similar to historical conditions as possible and that supports a vibrant and sustainable oyster fishery and other economically viable activities.</p> <p>Outcome: By 2030, the Apalachicola Bay System is a healthy, productive, and sustainably managed ecosystem that supports a viable oyster fishery while providing a broad suite of ecosystem services that, in turn, afford additional opportunities for sustainable economic development.</p>	

Continue Monitoring of Bay Restoration Project	
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Other Business Items:	
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JUNE	Fourth Partnership Meeting - June 26, 2024	
	Finalize Process to Secure Federal 501(c)3 Status	
	Create Social Media Platforms	
	Review and Evaluate ABSI Goal B: Sustainable Management of Oyster Resources	
	<p>Vision Theme B: A restored Apalachicola Bay System has resulted in a sustainably managed and adequately enforced wild harvest oyster fishery while also providing opportunities for other economically viable and complementary industries, including tourism and aquaculture. This is accomplished by working collaboratively with stakeholders to create, monitor and fund a plan that ensures that the protection of the habitat and the fishery it supports is informed by science, stakeholder input, and industry experience, and is implemented in a manner that provides both fair and equitable access to and protection of the resource.</p> <p>Goal B: The Apalachicola Bay System is a productive, sustainably, and adaptively managed system that supports sustainable oyster resources and ecosystem services such as water quality and wildlife and fisheries habitat.</p> <p>Outcome: By 2030, an engaged and collaborative group of stakeholders will have contributed to and helped spearhead a fully funded science-driven plan to sustainably manage oyster resources in the Apalachicola Bay System.</p>	
	Review and Evaluate ABSI Goal C: Fully Funded Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Restoration and Management Plan Supported by Apalachicola Bay System Stakeholders Strategies to Ensure the Implementation, Monitoring, and Adaptability of The Plan	
	<p>Vision Theme C: The Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Restoration and Management Plan is science-based, developed with engagement and support from the Apalachicola Bay System stakeholders, and is fully funded.</p> <p>Goal C: The Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Restoration and Management Plan is supported by the Apalachicola Bay System stakeholders and is fully funded.</p> <p>Outcome: By 2030, the Apalachicola Bay System is a productive and sustainably managed ecosystem. A fully funded and well-executed science-based Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan that incorporates the monitoring necessary for evaluation and adaptation that is developed and broadly supported by Apalachicola Bay System stakeholders with guidance from a permanent stakeholder advisory group.</p>	
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	Other Business Items:	
JULY	Public Stakeholder Group Meeting - July 31, 2024	

AUGUST	Fifth Partnership Meeting - August 28, 2024	
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Review and Evaluation ABSI Goal D: <i>An Engaged Stakeholder Community and Informed Public Strategies to Support Education, Outreach, and Community Support for The Plan</i>	
<p>Vision Theme D: Stakeholders of the Apalachicola Bay System are committed to working together to disseminate relevant information and advocate for a sustainably managed oyster habitat and a healthy Bay ecosystem. In so doing, the group will facilitate innovative research, development and implementation of best management practices and serve as a hub for information exchange that supports innovation, education and communication opportunities.</p> <p>Goal D: A productive and well-managed Apalachicola Bay System is supported by an actively engaged and informed stakeholder community and public.</p> <p>Outcome: By 2030, stakeholders, private and nonprofit civic leaders, and the public are informed of the importance of sustaining the health of the Apalachicola Bay System and are engaged and working actively together along with elected and appointed leaders and managers to invest in and implement the Plan.</p>	

Review and Evaluation ABSI Goal E: <i>A Thriving Economy Connected to a Restored Apalachicola Bay System Strategies to Monitor, Assess, and Report on the Economic Viability of The Plan</i>	
<p>Vision Theme E: A restored Apalachicola Bay System sustains a vibrant commercial oyster fishery, a thriving aquaculture industry and recreational and tourism-related activities and development opportunities that underpin a strong local economy and resilient coastal community.</p> <p>Goal E: The broader Apalachicola Bay Region is thriving economically as a result of a fully restored Apalachicola Bay System.</p> <p>Outcome: By 2030, the broader Apalachicola Bay Region is thriving economically because of a restored Apalachicola Bay System that reflects a unique coastal cultural heritage, based on a vibrant oyster fishery, while simultaneously providing new opportunities for sustainable and responsible development, business, recreation and tourism.</p>	

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Other Business Items:	
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SEPTEMBER	Project Closing Meeting - September 25, 2024	
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Review and Evaluate ABSI Table 8: <i>Additional Prioritized Strategies Outside ABSI Scope for Referral to Other Entities</i>	
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Wrap up 6-Month Project Session - Close Out	
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