New York Shellfish Restoration Council
Meeting Summary | 6.7.2022

Action Items

- Constituents can add any questions to questions log and/or comments to the meeting's breakout notes before **Fri July 8, 2022 5PM ET**.
    - Steering Committee members will address any outstanding questions or comments
- Facilitators send meeting attendees an annotated ppt that includes the meeting's ppt slides, summaries of comments, and a link to the recording
- Facilitators restructure the Working Groups in organizational chart, particularly to:
    - Reflect summary feedback from breakout discussions
    - Clarify and distinguish between the Pre and Post Restoration workgroups
    - Clarify cross-cutting themes (e.g. outreach and education)
- Facilitators schedule a follow-up meeting and monthly meetings for the Steering Committee
- Facilitators + Steering Committee recruit work group co-chairs and members to launch work groups
- Facilitators + Steering Committee continue gathering input from stakeholders

Key Takeaways

- The Shellfish Restoration Council (SRC) was established in 2017 by former Governor Andrew Cuomo as part of the large-scale Shellfish Restoration Initiative to support and guide shellfish restoration efforts throughout New York's coastal waters. Primary goals are to:
    - Provide recommendations on coordination, management and monitoring of restoration efforts under the current Shellfish initiative
    - Assist with development of a Shellfish Restoration Plan to help facilitate future restoration efforts
    - Coordinate training and education programs throughout New York's Marine and Coastal District
- Shellfish restoration projects are in progress by SRC co-chairs Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program (CCE), Stony Brook University (SBU) and Billion Oyster Project (BOP)
    - CCE has led on the production of seed clams in previous years and Spat-on-Shell oysters for all sanctuaries; Included in slide 9 are updates on Hatchery Operations, Long Island Shellfish Restoration Program (LISRP) Production and LISRP Milestones & Targets for 2022

    - SBU has led on the creation of hard clam spawner sanctuaries and benthic monitoring for the LISRP. Additional milestones are on slide 10
    - BOP has introduced 75 Million oysters to New York Harbor, 18 Restoration sites and created 16 acres of oyster reef habitat. Additional milestones are on slide 11
- There was a period for public questions and comments related to co-chair reports and SRC updates (slides 14 and 15)
- The New York Shellfish Restoration Plan is a comprehensive, science-based and constituent-driven plan to advance the recovery of New York's important marine shellfish resources by:
    - Learning from what's been done
    - Improving and unifying existing efforts
    - Launching new efforts
    - Clarifying and bolstering natural resource management
    - Addressing user conflicts
    - Increasing public knowledge and constituent engagement
- Topic-specific Workgroups will be developed and implemented to draft the Restoration Plan. There are 4 proposed Workgroups: Regulatory, Pre-Construction, Post-Construction and Shellfish Aquaculture. Further detail on the organizational structure for Plan development can be found on slides 20 and 21.
- As a full group, meeting participants shared expectations for the planning process via a shared Jamboard (slide 23) including consistent engagement with partners, engaging the local community, collaboration across Workgroups, and specific needs for species restoration.
- In 5 small breakout groups, meeting participants responded to the following questions focused on the Organization Chart :
    - Have we struck the right balance of efficiency and inclusion? If not, how might we shift?
    - Are the key issues covered? If not, what's missing?
    - Are there some essential partners we should engage in the workgroups?
    - Other comments/feedback

  Summaries of attendee's feedback from all breakout groups can be found in this shared document and on slides 25-27.

- For more information about the SRC, visit the DEC's Shellfish Restoration Council webpage for updates and details about future meetings. progress updates, etc.