

A question was posed by Sara Azat regarding Task 15.7 and staff agreed to work offline with Sara/NOAA to further refine that task.

Sara Azat questioned the milestone for eelgrass restoration. Staff responded that the milestone was developed in alignment with the Subtidal Habitat Goals Report and eelgrass restoration practitioners based on an earlier habitat suitability model, but could be adjusted.

Andy Cohen provided further comment regarding the invasive species task and ballast water. Tom offered to bring the matter back to the Steering Committee for further discussion.

Several IC members expressed their support for the Draft Blueprint and commended staff and the Steering Committee for all their work.

Darcie asked for any additional IC comments on the Blueprint to be provided by February 1, and outlined the next steps including a Steering Committee meeting on February 15, possible approval of the Blueprint at the March 16th IC meeting, and Executive Council and U.S. EPA approvals following IC approval in the April-July timeframe.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at Noon.