



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING AGENDA

March 11, 2021

9:00 AM

Online Meeting via

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89405272425?pwd=TIZCSC9QQzJEd1dtbWNxbHFDWjc5UT09>

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Full Agency

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair

Mayor Woody Brown, Co-Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4. **APPROVAL OF December 10, 2020 FULL AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY**
5. **ABM Operating Procedures & Activities – Alana Todd, TBRPC**

This presentation will review the operating procedures for ABM, including its mission, duties, and membership. Members will be asked to prioritize activities designated to ABM in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tampa Bay.

6. **Regional Red Tide Response – Jennifer Shafer, PhD, Science and Environment Council**

The severity and extended duration of the sixteen-month 2017–2019 red tide event in Southwest Florida was unprecedented in recent years and required coordinated emergency response. This study summarizes the Regional Red Tide Response of the five counties of the Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay region, highlights some of the notable actions and innovations inspired by necessity, identifies gaps and challenges, lists recommendations for future red tide response, and provides a template for a Red Tide Response Operations Plan. It is intended to help identify opportunities to coordinate response efforts, recognize successes, and share lessons learned. Together with the recommendations of the companion Regional Red Tide Impact Assessment that summarizes red tide impacts across eighteen measures of community health, these insights can lead to stronger protections for our estuaries.

7. **Conservation Status of Diamondback Terrapins in Tampa Bay – George L. Heinrich, Heinrich Ecological Services & Florida Turtle Conservation Trust**

This presentation will provide an overview on the conservation of an imperiled estuarine turtle, the diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*). Although this species occurs in 16 states along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the coastline of Florida represents

approximately 20% of their entire range. Five of the seven recognized subspecies occur in the state's extensive salt marsh, mangrove, and estuarine habitats, including three endemics (one of which occurs in Tampa Bay where a survey is being planned to determine their distribution and identify nesting areas). Bycatch mortality in blue crab pots, impacts of climate change and expected sea level rise, and several other threats are of concern.

8. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Bay Soundings Article Ideas
- b. Next Meeting Dates (Full Agency)
 - June 10, 2021
 - September 9, 2021
 - December 9, 2021

9. ADJOURN