

**ATTACHMENT 10**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EARIP  
FACILITATION WORK GROUP  
MAY 14, 2009**

The Facilitation Work Group met on March 25, and April 8, 22, and 30 to consider the following charge given to the Work Group by the Steering Committee at the March 12, 2009 EARIP meeting:

Evaluate options for facilitated decision-making in the development of the program documents, and make specific recommendation regarding whether to have a Structured Decision Making (SDM) workshop to discuss the EARIP's goals and objectives.

Prior to reaching the recommendations on that charge set out below, the Work Group had telephone discussion with various facilitators regarding possible facilitation approaches for a multi-party consensus based decision-making process such as the EARIP will undertake. The Work Group also spoke with Gregory Breese of the FWS who has been involved with a SDM process with respect to the decision-making process for a management strategy for the Delaware Bay horseshoe crab harvest.

Based on the above, the Facilitation Work Group makes the following recommendations with respect to its charge:

1. The Work Group recommends that the Steering Committee authorize the Program Manager to issue a Request for Proposal ("RFP") substantially in the form sent to the EARIP on May 5, 2009. On May 22, the RFP should be sent to the facilitators on the attached list and to any other facilitator recommended to the Program Manager by EARIP participants on or before May 21, 2009. Any additional recommendations should include an e-mail address for the recommended recipient.
2. The Work Group recommends the Work Group's charge be extended to include any adjustments in membership, if necessary, and the following tasks:
  - Reviewing and ranking the proposals received and conducting preliminary telephonic interviews with selected candidates as appropriate;
  - Narrowing the field of candidates for face-to-face interview by the Work Group (open to the full EARIP) on August 12, 2009 and for a presentation to the full EARIP on August 13, 2009; and
  - Making a recommendation to the EARIP after the presentations on August 13 for a possible decision on the facilitators(s) that day.
3. The Work group also recommends, at this time, that no SDM workshop on goals and objectives should be held. The Work Group will reconsider that recommendation after it

has an opportunity to see whether the approaches proposed by other facilitators contain similar elements to those in a formal SDM facilitation.

4. The Work Group recommends that, subject to availability of funds, the EARIP extend the USGS contract to allow Jean Cochrane to advise and assist whoever is selected as the facilitator on technical and scientific issues. The Facilitation Work Group also recommends that additional scientific expertise be provided to the facilitator, as needed, through the HCP contractor and Dr. Tom Hardy.

A schedule for the Work Group's proposed facilitation consultant selection process is attached for informational purposes only.

Please note a quorum was not present at the meeting on April 30 where the final recommendations were discussed because Con Mims and Annalisa Peace were not able to attend. However, subsequently the recommendations and schedule were circulated to them and they concurred with the consensus of the Work Group members in attendance.