

**APALACHICOLA BAY SYSTEM INITIATIVE**  
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**FACILITATOR’S SUMMARY REPORT**  
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**EASTPOINT, FLORIDA**



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## **OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023**

### **I. WORKSHOP SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW**

At the April 12, 2023 Community Workshop Forum the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative (ABSI) Community Advisory Board (CAB) conducted the first of three Community Workshop Forums planned for Phase V (2023) of the ABSI project. The Community Workshop Forum was convened for the purpose of seeking public feedback on Restoration Approaches, Management Strategies, and ABSI Science including a computer and monitor showing a map of FSUCML's ABSI restoration experiments. The Workshop was conducted at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) in Eastpoint, Florida.

During the Workshop, Community participants were provided an overview of the ABSI Project Workplan and Schedule and were provided opportunities to move among the tables and ask questions and provide feedback on ABSI restoration approaches, management strategies, and ABSI science.

## II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Blair, ABSI CAB Facilitator, opened the Workshop at 6:00 PM and welcomed all participants. A brief overview of the CAB process and Workplan for the remainder of the project were provided, followed by an explanation of the various ABSI related information stations and an invitation to ask questions and provide feedback on ABSI management, restoration, and science.

## III. WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Twenty (20) Apalachicola Bay Community members participated in the Wednesday, April 12, 2023 Workshop conducted in-person at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint, Florida. In addition, there were (13) thirteen ABSI and FWC representatives present to receive feedback and answer questions.

*(Attachment 1 – Workshop Participation)*

### PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Jeff Blair, Sandra Brooke, Ross Ellington, Jared Fuqua, and Joel Trexler.

*(Attachment 1 — Workshop Participation)*

### MEETING FACILITATION

Meetings and workshops are facilitated and reported on by Jeff Blair of Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Information at: <http://facilitatedsolutions.org>.



### PROJECT WEBPAGE

Information on the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative project and the Community Advisory Board, including agenda packets, meeting reports, draft Plan frameworks, and related documents may be found at the ABSI CAB Webpage. Located at the following URL:

<https://marinelab.fsu.edu/the-apalachicola-bay-system-initiative/>

## IV. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Jeff Blair reviewed the Workshop objectives as follows:

- To receive an update on the Project Workplan and Schedule.
- To provide feedback on restoration approaches, management strategies, and ABSI science.
- To review next steps.

*(Attachment 2—Workshop Agenda)*

## Community Workshop Participants April 12, 2023 – ANERR



### V. REVIEW OF UPDATED PROJECT WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE

Jeff Blair provided the Workshop’s participants with a review of the updated Project Workplan and Schedule and answered participants’ questions.

The April 12, 2023 meeting represented the CAB’s second meeting of the final Phase of the Project, Phase V.

The CAB is currently evaluating the best combination of strategies (scenarios) predicted to achieve restoration and management objectives for the Bay using decision support tools including predictive models coupled with available and emerging data, research, and stakeholder knowledge. The strategies are being evaluated with the overarching goal of restoring oyster reefs to a level that can sustainably provide needed ecosystem services for the Bay, and concurrently provide for a sustainable and economically viable level of commercial oyster harvesting.

During the course of the project the CAB’s agency representatives will vet the strategies under consideration with restoration and management agencies to gauge support and feasibility for implementation. The CAB will evaluate the priority and efficacy of strategies and associated actions and identify conceptual and general in scope restoration and management approaches for inclusion in the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan*.



Phase V focuses on the evaluation and final selection of restoration and management approaches conceptual and broad in scope from the Plan Framework, public engagement, and planning for funding restoration projects and the CAB Successor Group. The CAB process will conclude with the 29 November 2023 meeting, when the CAB will adopt their final package of recommendations proposed for inclusion in the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan*.

Jeff reported as follows:

- At the April 12, 2023 meeting the CAB began the acceptability ranking of strategies from the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan* Framework using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process reviewed in detail during the February 1, 2023 CAB meeting.
- The CAB is ranking strategies using results from decision support tools including predictive models when available, coupled with available and emerging data and research from ABSI experiments, and stakeholder knowledge.
- The Community Outreach Committee will continue to communicate and meet with community stakeholders providing them with information and updates regarding the purpose and progress of the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative including Op-Eds, rack cards, social media posts/texts, ABSI newsletters, and the ABSI website. The CAB's draft recommendations and results of ABSI experiments will continue to be vetted with the larger ABS community through multiple formats, including online via the ABSI website, and in-person public workshops. In addition, the Community Outreach Committee is in the process of evaluating and enhancing their ABSI outreach and messaging strategies.
- The CAB is conducting planning for transitioning to a Successor Group whose role will be to organize a group of key stakeholders committed to working collaboratively for the long-term once the CAB process is complete. The CAB Successor Group will continue providing input to natural resource management agencies with the goal of ensuring the Apalachicola Bay System is effectively monitored, and adaptively managed with the support of the Community. The CAB is scheduled to finalize their recommendations for the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan* at the November 29, 2023 meeting, and the CAB Successor Group is anticipated to formally convene in early 2024.
- In addition, the FSU ABSI Project Team continues to work with the Restoration Funding Working Group to seek resources and political, governmental, and organizational support for the CAB's priority recommendations.

Jeff reported that Phase V (2023) consists of six meetings and concludes with the final CAB meeting on November 29, 2023 when the CAB will adopt their final package of recommendations for inclusion in the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan*. The CAB Successor Group is expected to initiate in early 2024 to ensure that the Plan is implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed over time with the support of the Community.

Jeff noted that the Project Team will keep the Community updated and share additional information as it becomes available.

*\*The Draft Plan Framework is available at the following URL: <https://marinelab.fsu.edu/absi/cab/>*

*(Attachment 3 — Workplan, Schedule, and Project Flowchart)*

## **VI. ABSI RESTORATION APPROACHES AND SCIENCE FEEDBACK**

A station with several tables was staffed by Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory (FSUCML) personnel led by Dr. Sandra Brooks, principle investigator for the ABSI project. Community members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on Apalachicola Bay System Initiative (ASBI) science and restoration experiments. In addition, spat from the FSU Hatchery was provided under a microscope for participants to view.

### **Summary of Community Feedback:**

Questions (Q), Comments (C) & Responses (R) at Sandra Brooke's ABSI Science Station

- Q: What is difference between oysters being on the bottom and in the water column?
- A: Explained differences in predator access, fouling etc.
- C: A couple of oyster farmers from Apalachicola introduced themselves, and indicated they would like to visit the FSUCML.
- A: Described both permanent and mobile hatcheries; cold snaps have complicated spawning events; lime rock has produced the most positive settling and growth results; small rocks settle and compact; large rocks do not compact and create open space for spat attachment
- Q: How does the ABSI strategy for materials compare to other restoration projects?
- A: The review of literature shows that you need to build up the reefs; the ABSI strategy creates stable structures.
- Q: What determines where larvae will settle?
- A: It is a combination of when the larvae are ready, availability of suitable substrate, and chemical signals; what is important is how well they do after they settle; still much to be learned; continued discussion about having multiple generations of oysters on same site.
- Q: How long does it take for a reef to build up?
- A: Decades, which is why restoration involves creation of stable foundations for oyster larvae settlement and animal growth.
- Note: A very good, animated, and favorable conversation on restoration ensued by Sandra and community members.
- Q: How do you keep small gravel in place considering the current?
- A: Deposit smaller materials in places where current is not as intense. Shells are easily dispersed by current. In areas with stronger currents, larger (5-6") lime rock is used because it is stable and less prone to impacts from currents.
- Q: Can you build up the shallow-water beds on the inside of SGI?
- A: This area is primarily intertidal.
- Q: What about using tires to form a stable base?
- A: They work in that oysters will settle on them but are not good in the long term from an environmental perspective.
- C: Limerock dissolves in fresh water.
- A: It dissolves in salt water if pH is low, acting as a buffer to maintain healthy conditions.
- Q: Are there benefits to the Bay from aquacultured oysters?
- A: They filter water but do not provide habitat; shells from aquaculture could be used in restoration once stable reef platforms has been established.
- Q: What about the ABSI experiments?
- A: Providing information to complement the FWC effort; limerock seems to be the best choice for building up a stable reef platform; also mentioned the experimental use of concrete.

- Q: Is there an oyster re-shelling program?
- A: Described the history of re-shelling programs in the Bay.

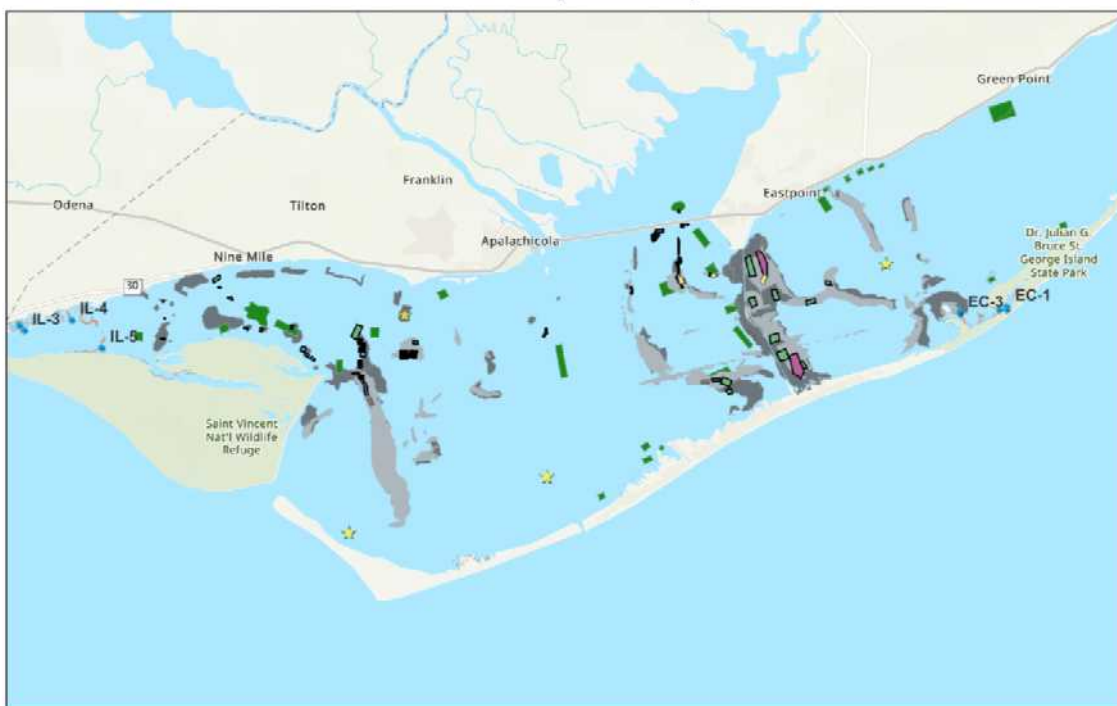
## VII. ABSI OYSTER REEF RESTORATION LOCATION AND MATERIAL TYPES MAP

FSUCML staff provided a computer and large monitor showing the locations and type of materials used for ABSI oyster reef restoration experiments being conducted by the FSUCML. Lillie Bradshaw from the FSUCML staffed the computer and community members were offered an opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the restoration experiments. Their feedback was captured and the locations they indicated for possible restoration were marked on the map.

### Summary of Community Feedback:

- This whole area was once a very productive reef, after Sikes Cut was introduced the reef was wiped out (Pointed out on the map).
- There is a good oyster bar located near Little St. George.
- Hagan's Flat is a good potential restoration site.
- Porters Bar was cut in half when the Intercostal Waterway was dredged, those oysters were more tolerant of saltwater.
- William Warren Rodgers wrote a book that has the best history of the panhandle called *Outpost On the Gulf*.
- The map (provided by FSUCML) is missing many reef locations, and a list of potential locations was provided to Betsy. They are listed in the comments above.
- Would like to see sites with large limerock that are for spatfall and are always closed to harvesting, but have other sites with smaller culch that can be harvested during open season.

### *ABSI Oyster Reef Restoration Experiments Locations and Materials Map - Community Workshop*





## VIII. ABSI MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FEEDBACK

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staffed a station on Apalachicola Bay management strategies led by Devin Resko (CAB Member) and Jon Creamer. Community members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on FWC's management of the oyster fishery. Community members asked a range of questions and engaged in discussion with FWC staff.

### Summary of Community Feedback:

Community member asked questions regarding:

- The closure of the oyster fishery to harvest in the Apalachicola Bay.
- When FWC thought the fishery might reopen.
- What the condition of the Bay is regarding oyster production and readiness for harvest.
- Feedback on the NFWF funded restoration pilot project including locations, type and size of materials, and height of the restoration reefs.
- General feedback on FWC management approaches and alternatives.

## IX. NEXT STEPS

Jeff Blair noted that two additional community workshops will be conducted during Phase V (2023), and they will provide additional in-person opportunities for the public to provide feedback on the Plan. The remaining Community Workshops for 2023 are July 26 and October 24 and will be conducted at ANERR starting at 6:00pm.

The Workshop agenda and summary report will be posted to the project webpage as follows:

<https://marinelab.fsu.edu/absi/cab/>.

The next CAB meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023 and will focus on:

- ABSI science and data collection updates.
- Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative updates.
- Acceptability ranking and revising of the *Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process.
- Public comment.

The meeting will be conducted on site at ANERR starting at 8:30am.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Facilitator thanked the community participants and ABSI Project Team members for their participation, and closed the Workshop at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**KEY TO COMMON PROJECT ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ABBREVIATION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
ABS	Apalachicola Bay System
ABSI	Apalachicola Bay System Initiative
ACFS	Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders
ANERR	Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve
CAB	Community Advisory Board (ABSI)
County	Franklin County
DACS or FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
DEP or FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DOH or FDOH	Florida Department of Health
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
FSU	Florida State University
FSUCML	Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory
FWC	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
FWRI	FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
NWFWMD	Northwest Florida Water Management District
Plan	Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan
RESTORE	Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012
RCSG	Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition
RPC	Regional Planning Council
SAB	Science Advisory Board (ABSI)
SAV	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TRIUMPH	Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
UF	University of Florida
UWF	University of West Florida

## ATTACHMENT 2 WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

### COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOP

1. David Adelstein
2. Ricky Banks
3. Xochitl Berrera
4. Cheryl Carr
5. Larry Hatfield
6. Tara Hatfield
7. Diane Jones
8. Will Jones
9. Elisa Kersting
10. Rob Kersting
11. Li Kung
12. Chase Millender
13. Chris Rose
14. Wanda Rose
15. William Rose
16. Larry Segree
17. Ronnie Segree
18. Mike Shepard
19. Frank Stepherson
20. Wayne Williams

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

1. Lillie Bradshaw	Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab (FSUCML)
2. Fabio Caltabellotta	FSUCML
3. Jon Creamer	FWC
4. Jared Fuqua	FSUCML
5. Anita Grove	ABSI CAB Member, City of Apalachicola Commissioner
6. Shannon Hartsfield	ABSI CAB Member, Oystermen/Seafood Management Assistance, Resource Recovery Team
7. Betsy Mansfield	FSUCML
8. Devin Resko	ABSI CAB Member, FWC
9. Grayson Shepard	ABSI CAB Member, Hang on Charters (Charter Fishing)

### PROJECT TEAM AND CAB FACILITATOR

#### FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

<b>Sandra Brooke</b>	Marine Biologist
<b>Ross Ellington</b>	Professor Emeritus of Biological Science
<b>Joel Trexler</b>	FSUCML Director

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<b>Jeff Blair</b>	Community Advisory Board Facilitator
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*The names of Project Team members participating in the workshop are indicated in bold font.*

**ATTACHMENT 3  
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES**

- ✓ To Review ABSI CAB Workplan and Schedule
- ✓ To Receive Community Feedback on Restoration Approaches, Management Strategies, and ABSI Science

**ABSI COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #1 — APRIL 12, 2023**

*All Agenda Times—including Public Comment and Adjournment—are Approximate and Subject to Change*

1.)	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME AND REVIEW OF WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES</b>
2.)		<b>REVIEW OF WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>
3.)		<b>REVIEW OF UPDATED PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN</b>
4.)		<b>PARTICIPANTS ROTATE BETWEEN TABLES TO ASK QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON AREAS OF INTEREST: RESTORATION APPROACHES, MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES, AND ABSI SCIENCE</b>
5.)	<b>7:55</b>	<b>NEXT STEPS</b>
	<b>~8:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>

**ATTACHMENT 4**  
**ABSI CAB PROJECT SCHEDULE, WORKPLAN, AND FLOWCHART**

UPDATED AS OF THE 12 APRIL 2023 CAB MEETING
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE I (2019) — STANDING UP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ABSI CAB</b>  <i>May 2019 – December 2019 (Assessment Process, Questionnaire, and 2 CAB Meetings) — Status Complete</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE II (2020) — SCOPING OF ISSUES, IDENTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STRATEGIES</b>  <i>Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2020 (7 CAB Meeting &amp; 1 Oystermen’s Workshop) — Status Complete</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE III (2021) — BUILDING CONSENSUS ON CAB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ABS ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN</b>  <b>Adoption of Final Draft Management and Restoration Plan Framework for Phase IV and V Evaluation</b>  <i>Jan. 2021 – Nov. 2021 (7 CAB Meeting &amp; 2 Oystermen’s Workshops) — Status Complete</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE IV (2022) — EVALUATION OF DRAFT ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN FRAMEWORK’S RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES, RESTORATION AND FUNDING PLANNING</b>  <i>Dec. 2021 – Dec. 2022 (6 CAB Meetings, 1 Oystermen’s Workshops, and 1 Community Workshop) — Status Complete</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE V (2023) — EVALUATION AND FINALIZATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE <i>APALACHICOLA BAY SYSTEM ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN</i>, RESTORATION AND FUNDING PLANNING</b>  <i>Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023 (6 CAB Meetings, 3 Community Workshops) — Status Initiated</i></p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB).</b> The CAB initiated Phase V in January of 2023 and is currently evaluating the best combination of strategies (scenarios) predicted to achieve restoration and management objectives for the Bay using decision support tools including predictive models coupled with available and emerging data, research, and stakeholder knowledge. The strategies are being evaluated with the overarching goal of restoring oyster reefs to a level that can sustainably provide needed ecosystem services for the System, and concurrently provide for a sustainable and economically viable level of commercial oyster harvesting.</p> <p>During the course of the project the CAB will vet their recommendations with restoration and management agencies to gauge support and feasibility for implementation. The CAB will evaluate the priority and efficacy of strategies and associated actions and identify conceptual and general in scope restoration and management approaches for inclusion in the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan).</p> <p>Phase V focuses on the evaluation and finalization of recommendations for inclusion in the Plan, and restoration projects and funding planning. The CAB will vote to approve their package of consensus recommendations during their 29 November 2023 meeting. <i>Status: Initiated</i></p> <p><b>1. COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE - PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.</b> The CAB working through the Community Outreach Subcommittee initiated a community feedback initiative by providing information and seeking community input on the Plan Framework. The CAB will vet the results of their prioritized strategies with the larger ABS community through multiple forums including questionnaires administered through a variety of methods including Facebook, online via the ABSI website, and direct mailings. In</p>



addition, community workshops will be conducted at appropriate times to provide the Community with information on ABSI and solicit community input. *Status: Initiated*

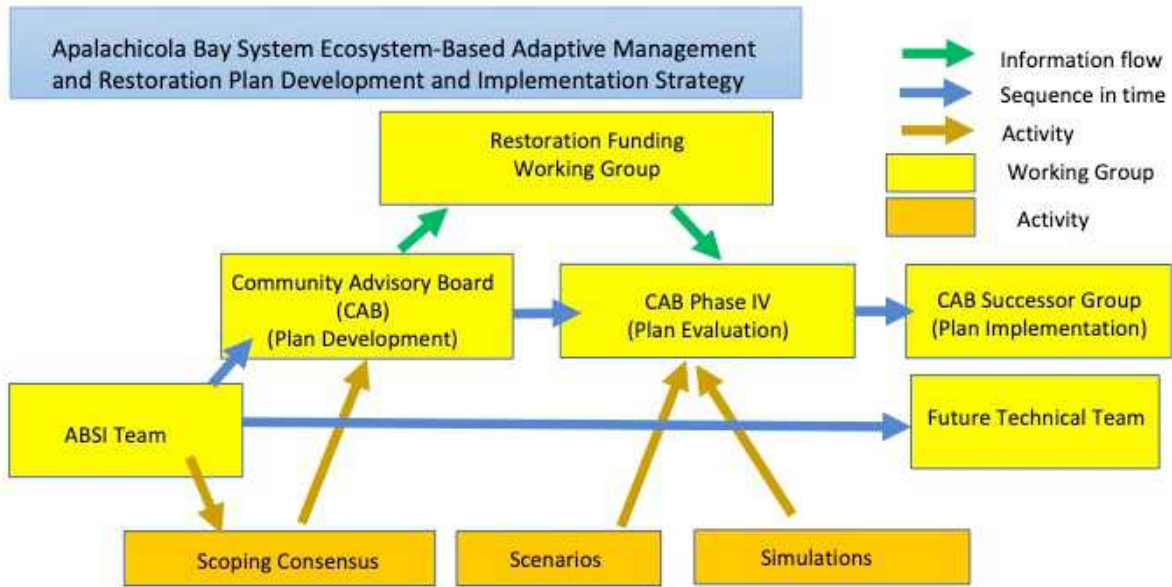
2. **RESTORATION FUNDING WORKING GROUP (RFGW).** Initiated in late 2021 the Restoration Funding Working Group’s role is to seek resources and political, governmental, and organizational support for the CAB’s priority recommendations. *Status: Initiated*
3. **CAB SUCCESSOR GROUP.** The CAB Successor Group will be ready to convene when the CAB completes their work on the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan. The Successor Group’s role will be to organize a group of key stakeholders committed to working collaboratively for the long-term, once the CAB process is complete and to ensure that the Plan is implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed over time and has the support of the Community. The CAB Successor Group process will formally initiate January 2024. *Status: Conducting Organizational and Planning Meetings. Formal Convening Pending CAB Approval of Recommendations for Plan on 29 November 2023.*

### ABSI CAB PHASE V MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN — 2023

<b>Meeting #1</b> ANERR 8:30am	<b>Feb. 1, 2023</b> • Fisheries Model Simulation Results & Scenarios Refinements • Review of Plan Framework Strategies	Initiation of Phase V of ABSI. ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Review of the <i>Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework</i> and Strategies Evaluation Worksheet process. Summary and discussion of Fisheries Model simulation results for revised priority Habitat Restoration (Goal A) and Fisheries Management (Goal B) scenarios. Agreement on next suite of scenarios for model simulations. Public comment.
<b>Meeting #2</b> ANERR 8:30am	<b>April 12, 2023</b> • Acceptability Ranking of Strategies	ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Acceptability ranking of the <i>Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework</i> strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Agreement on next suite of strategies for ranking. Public comment.
<b>Community Workshop Forum #1</b>	<b>April 12, 2023</b> ANERR 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Community Input on ABSI Restoration Approaches, Management Strategies, ABSI Science, and Preservation of Franklin County Socio-Cultural and Historical Heritage.
<b>Meeting #3</b> ANERR 8:30am	<b>May 31, 2023</b> • Acceptability Ranking of Strategies	ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Acceptability ranking of the <i>Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework</i> strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Agreement on next suite of strategies for ranking. Public comment.
<b>Meeting #4</b> ANERR	<b>July 26, 2023</b>	ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement

8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptability Ranking of Strategies</li> </ul>	initiative update. Acceptability ranking of the <i>Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework</i> strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Agreement on next suite of strategies for ranking. Public comment.
<b>Community Workshop Forum #2</b>	<p><b>July 26, 2023</b> ANERR 6:00pm – 8:00pm</p>	Community Input on ABSI Restoration Approaches, Management Strategies, ABSI Science, and Preservation of Franklin County Socio-Cultural and Historical Heritage.
<b>Meeting #5</b> ANERR 8:30am	<p><b>Sept. 27, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptability Ranking of Strategies</li> </ul>	ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Acceptability ranking of the <i>Apalachicola Bay Restoration and Management Plan Framework</i> strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Agreement on next suite of strategies for ranking. Public comment.
<b>Community Workshop Forum #3</b>	<p><b>October 24, 2023</b> ANERR 6:00pm – 8:00pm</p>	Community Input on the CAB’s recommendations for the <i>Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan</i> .
<b>Meeting #6</b> ANERR 8:30am	<p><b>Nov. 29, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adopt Final CAB Recommendations for ABS Plan</b></li> </ul>	ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Finalize and adopt recommendations for strategies and actions for inclusion in the <i>Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan</i> (Plan) and submit to FSUCML. Public comment.

# ABSI CAB PROCESS FLOWCHART AND PROJECT AREA MAP



**Notes**  
 1. Yellow boxes are groups of people. Blue arrows connecting yellow boxes indicate some or all of the people in one group may comprise the next group in time sequence



*ABSI Project Area Map*

**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM FEEDBACK WORKSHEET**

<b>A) ABSI Restoration Projects and Experiments Feedback</b>
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i> •

<b>B) Fisheries Management Options Feedback</b>
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i> •

<b>C) ABSI Science and Data Feedback</b>
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i> •

<b>D) Preservation of Franklin County Socio-Cultural and Historical Heritage Feedback</b>
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i> •

<b>E) Other Feedback</b>
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i> •