

BOG Update 09-09-09

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The BOG met last week and discussed a number of issues.

California Water Quality Monitoring Council

- The BOG is now a workgroup for the Council. The BOG will have responsibility for future development of the portal and coordination of the underlying monitoring and assessment efforts as a formal work group of the Monitoring Council.
- Jay and State Board staff will write up a proposal on the structure and protocols of the new BOG.
- New BOG web page will include agendas, Powerpoints, reports, Google Earth layers, and more:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/monitoring_council/bioaccumulation_oversight_group/
- Safe to eat portal will be released soon

Lakes Survey

- Year 1
 - Lots of media activity this summer
 - Data soon to be publicly available via the safe to eat portal
 - Prompted request to create a new category for “screening level” data: BOG recommends this category for lakes PBDE and Aroclor data.
- Year 2
 - Chemical analysis is now complete
 - Preliminary data are now at SFEI
 - Data analysis will include a review of lake and watershed properties that could explain patterns in fish contamination – coordination with Mark Stephenson and Chris Foe’s lakes bioaccumulation factor study.
 - Need to adjust the timeline. Proposed new timeline: January – Draft report, Review Panel Meeting – Feb/Mar, April – Final Report, May – press release.

Coast Survey

- Year 1
 - Sampling of Southern California Bight nearly complete – working with Ken Schiff and Michael Lyons to fill gaps
 - Sampling of Region 2 is next focus
 - BOG reallocated funds from a previous study that didn’t pan out to allow completion of Region 2 sampling this year – better story to report in year 1 and more realistic funding of year 2 sampling
 - Val thinks she has funds for PBDE analysis
- Year 2
 - Focus on Regions 1 and 3

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Items on Back Burner

- Report on bioaccumulation in mussels (the Endowment data)
 - Endowment data converted to SWAMP format
 - Report 80% drafted
- Manuscripts based on the Bioaccumulation Review
 - Series of four papers: net impact, mercury, PCBs, legacy pesticides
 - Still in progress
- Donner Lake data:
- Chris Foe data: conversion to SWAMP format would be good
- CFCP data: conversion to SWAMP format would be good – partially being done by SFEI

Next Meetings

- Nov 9 or 10