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CHARTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

WHY IS THIS MISSION NEEDED OR WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

In order for California Ships to Reefs to become public policy at all levels, it will require both understanding and support from all government entities, at all levels. In addition, we need to be certain that other stakeholders (i.e., environmentalists, fishermen) are provided information on the project and its benefits, particularly potential opponents. The ~~Project Representatives~~Governmental Relations Committee's mission is to facilitate that understanding and garner support.

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Identify agencies/government contacts and stakeholders from whom California Ships to Reefs needs to garner support
2. Develop the materials (i.e., Position Paper, digital presentation, etc.) and protocols (i.e., Follow-up letter within 24 hours of each meeting) to approach and garner support from these contacts for ~~S2R~~ STR project.
 - a. Federal; State; Local
 - b. Environmental Groups (i.e., Sierra Club, Baykeepers, Surfriders, etc.)
 - c. Fishermen Groups (recreational and commercial)
3. Identify issues where support is/may be required:
 - a. Governments (funding, liability, pass through, permitting, etc)
 - b. Environmental (toxics, metals, habitats, etc.
 - c. Fishermen (take vs. no-take, MLPAs, charting, navigational aids, etc.)
4. Train project ~~representatives~~ committee members to use materials and protocols when approaching each different group
5. Develop a checklist for training
6. Develop protocol for report back, tracking and responses to questions/concerns
7. Pass report back information to other committees as required (i.e. Executive Committee, all State Committee Chairs)
8. Maintain communications with various contacts on a continuing basis.

DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

1. Materials and protocols have been established
2. Issues where support is/may be required are defined
3. ~~Project Representatives~~ Committee members are fully trained to use materials and protocols how the system works
4. Report back procedures have been developed, tracking is ongoing and responses to questions/concerns are handled in a timely fashion
5. Report back information is shared with other committees as required
6. Communication with various contacts is ongoing

OVERALL PROJECT: For the duration

SKILLS/PEOPLE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION OF COMMITTEE

People experienced talking with public officials; people with contacts in government (all levels); people with contacts in environmental or fishermen groups, or experienced in speaking to or working with these groups; people with good follow thru skills; people who are good listeners