Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team: Goals & Objectives

GOAL: OVERARCHING SUBGROUP: COORDINATION SUBGROUP: FUNDING SUBGROUP: EDUCATION?

ISSUES:

There's a need:

- 1. For a clearinghouse for information, management, and other activities regarding Biscayne Bay and its watershed.
- 2. For a unified voice consistent with the BBRRCT vision for Biscayne Bay.
- 3. For priority setting for Biscayne Bay consistent with the BBRRCT vision.
- 4. For a mobilizer/advocate for Biscayne Bay consistent with the BBRRCT vision.
- 5. For assessing and reporting the effects (positive and negative) of activities, both specific and cumulative, on Biscayne Bay.
- 6. To identify gaps, eliminate duplication, and resolve conflicts.
- 7. For a readily accessible forum to express stakeholder views regarding Biscayne Bay.

OBJECTIVES:

CLEARINGHOUSE

Upon completion of the Action Plan and ongoing, the BBRRCT will:

- 1. Become a clearinghouse where agencies/organizations involved in or affecting the Biscayne Bay come to hear about what each other are doing in order to identify gaps, duplications and conflicts.
- 2. Serve as a clearinghouse of information and activities in or affecting Biscayne Bay.
- 3. Use clearinghouse information to educate public and policy makers about Biscayne Bay and related activities.
- 4. Provide a forum for stakeholder views and opinions to be expressed regarding Biscayne Bay.

VOICE

- 5. Maintain awareness of the Bay among agencies, policymakers and the public by advocating the Team's Vision. (clarify "advocate" through action steps)
- 6. Upon completion of the Action Plan and ongoing, elevate the importance of Biscayne Bay's restoration needs in regional planning.
- 7. Adopt a formal process to define what our unified voice should be.
- 8. Assess and report the cumulative impacts of activities on Biscayne Bay.
- 9. Assess and report the effects of specific activities on Biscayne Bay.
- 10. Evaluate and report the effectiveness of management and restoration actions on Biscayne Bay.

PRIORITY SETTER

- 11. BBRRCT will make recommendations to the Working Group consistent with the Team's Vision and Action Plan.
- 12. Complete and periodically update the Team's Action Plan.
- 13. Based on clearinghouse activities of the BBRRCT, make recommendations to address gaps, duplication and conflicts.

PROPOSED ACTION STEPS:

- 1. Where scientific data is stored--clearinghouse
- 2. Complete and publicize a threat matrix for Biscayne Bay. voice
- 3. Defend Biscayne Bay against threats to its water supply or water quality. Voice
- 4. Prioritize gaps based on risk to the bay of not addressing them. Priority setter 13.