

Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) Report

Last meeting: Thursday, Nov 15, 2012

Attendees: Steve Clark, Amity Wood, Lisa Uttal, Deborah MacArthur, Simona Bartl, Beth Callaghan, Suzanne Hebert

Due to the promotion of Dawn Hayes, Lisa Uttal now serves as the MBNMS Representative to the SEP.

Simona lead a lecture and discussion on Ocean Acidification - summarizing the “Ocean Acidification in a High CO2 World” conference.

- That was followed by a discussion of the education workshop on OA that directly followed the conference.
 - Most people do not know about OA.
 - Most people describe themselves as caring about environmental issues, they just don't know what they should be doing. As educators, we need to inform about OA but also tell folks what actions they can take.
 - The group decided to delve into finding and testing good activities, websites, messages, and actions that will help all of us communicate about OA more effectively with our audiences.
 - Each SEP member present committed to specific action item
- Simona and Lisa will draft e-mails:
 - To teachers: are you teaching about OA? If so, what curriculum are you using?
 - To SEP members: what resources/activities do you need to better communicate about OA?

Sanctuary Update

- 33,000 people to Visitor's Center since opening in July.
- The Education Plan Framework is done. Plan to implement the Education Plan in 2014.

Future SEP meetings

- January 24, 3-5 pm @ Moss Landing Marine Lab
- March 21, 3-5 pm @ Monterey Bay Aquarium
- May 16, 3-5 pm @ TBD