

## **DISCUSSION DOCUMENT**

The purpose of the discussion document is to provide an overview of the proposed development of a Transition Team for the program to begin development of the organizational infrastructure for the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.

### **SAFMC Citizen Science Transition Team**

To move forward with development of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program, staff proposes forming a transition team that will include members from the SAFMC Citizen Science organizing committee along with additional team members to better involve potential program partners. A transition team approach with diverse membership will provide additional perspectives to program development activities that can help inform and provide guidance to the Council's Citizen Science Committee. Proposed transition team members include representatives from the following:

Council member (1)  
SEFSC (2)  
SERO (1)  
NGO (1)  
NMFS Headquarters (1)  
ACCSP (1)  
Sea Grant (1 perstate)  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology (Rick Bonney & Jennifer Shirk)

### **Role of the Transition Team**

The role of the transition team will be to begin development and implementation of the organizational infrastructure outlined in the Citizen Science Program Blueprint.

### **Time Commitment of the Transition Team**

The expected time commitment for the transition team is monthly webinars and quarterly face-to-face meetings at the Council meetings. Face-to-face meetings will be held during Council meeting weeks but held outside of the regular council meeting schedule of activities.

### **Expectations & Deliverables of the Transition Team**

Topics from the Citizen Science Program Blueprint will be prioritized by the team and serve as discussion items for each of the quarterly meetings. Development of the topic and associated policies will be discussed during the subsequent monthly webinars and reported on at each quarterly face-to-face meeting and to the Council's Citizen Science committee, as needed.

To help guide the selection of topics from the Blueprint, see Attachment 1 - Draft Plan of Work for Year 1 of the Council's Citizen Science Program.