

Proposed HAB Task Force Governance

- Initially chaired by FWC representative (Dr. Leanne Flewelling).
- Members serve without term limits.
- Membership will be reviewed periodically and modified as necessary. Appointments will be made by FWC in consultation with key partners.
- A quorum is established that requires the participation of at least 8 members.
- Proposals and motions by members will be initially considered with an aim toward achieving consensus support.
- If consensus cannot be achieved, a proposal or motion will be considered passed if 75% of members present vote in support.



HAB Task Force Background

Established in Florida Statutes (Chapter 370)

- HAB Task force established for the purpose of determining research, monitoring, control, and mitigation strategies for red tide and other harmful algal blooms in Florida waters.
 - Review the status and adequacy of information for monitoring physical, chemical, biological, economic, and public health factors affecting harmful algal blooms in Florida;
 - Develop research and monitoring priorities for harmful algal blooms in Florida, including detection, prediction, mitigation, and control;
 - Develop recommendations that can be implemented by state and local governments to develop a response plan and to predict, mitigate, and control the effects of harmful algal blooms; and
 - Make recommendations for research, detection, monitoring, prediction, mitigation, and control of harmful algal blooms in Florida.



Related Efforts and Actions

- Governor DeSantis Executive Order 19-12
 - Established a Blue-Green Algae Task Force, charged with focusing on expediting progress toward reducing the adverse impacts of blue-green algae blooms now and over the next five years.
 - References support of the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force to provide technical expertise and assistance studying causes and impacts of red tide.
- SB 1552 establishing the Red Tide Control and Technology Development Initiative (RTCTDI) signed into law.
 - Partnership between FWC and Mote Marine Laboratory
 - Purpose of the initiative is to lead the development of innovative technologies and approaches to address the control and mitigation of red tide and its impacts.



HAB Task Force: Near Term Timeline

Near Term Objective: Focus on red tide and develop a framework for action that achieves results quickly

2019

- Two meetings in September and Late November/Early December
 - September 2019 – identify focal areas and begin discussion of priority needs and information gaps for each
 - Nov/Dec 2019 – review information developed in September meeting along with appropriate background material and develop a strategy to produce a summary report for the legislature prior to the 2020 legislative session (convenes January 14, 2020)

2020

- Quarterly meetings at a minimum to further develop priorities and integrate with supporting initiatives.

