

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S

AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT



Since 1985, the **Agency on Bay Management (ABM)** has served as the natural resources committee of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to address challenges and opportunities affecting Tampa Bay. The ABM provides a broad-based forum for open discussion of the myriad issues involving the estuary and its watershed.

The **ABM** is made up of representatives from the recreational, commercial, industrial, regulatory, academic, and scientific sectors as well as local, regional, state, and federal governments and legislators. Together, these interests work to:

- Promote the restoration and protection of **Tampa Bay** through pragmatic, science-based resource management techniques
- Encourage the public to become informed, engaged stewards of the bay
- Foster wise use of bay-related resources by the entire region



The full Agency meets quarterly, on the second Thursday of **March, June, September, and December**, and its committees meet on alternating months between full Agency meetings. For more information about meeting location, visit the **[ABM website](#)**.

The current committees of the Agency on Bay Management include:

Natural Resources / Environmental Impact Review Committee:

This Committee reviews significant developments and other projects involving Tampa Bay for environmental impacts and prepares formal comments to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council or to appropriate permitting agencies regarding mitigation and restorative measures. This committee monitors and evaluates long-term or broader issues affecting the proper management of Tampa Bay through proactive planning.

Legislative Review Committee:

The Legislative Review Committee monitors pertinent state and federal legislation as it relates to Tampa Bay management issues and drafts new bay management legislation for approval by the Agency and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and sponsorship by key legislative leaders.

For more information about the ABM, visit www.tbrpc.org/abm or contact Alana Todd at alana@tbrpc.org.