Meeting:

**-Group meetings: Wednesdays 10-11am; BH 4024 (Manzanita)**

-Chris Costello will be back this Friday or Monday

-Skype conference with client potentially next week

-Client relations workshop tomorrow, Thursday March 31st from 11:30-12:30pm (all members will attend)

-Group alias: TURFeffect; Caio will send group alias to Casey

-To schedule for meeting rooms is: umail [username @ucsb.edu](mailto:username@ucsb.edu); umail password; subscribe to Bonzai, Vistor center, and Manzanita (ex. [mwright@ucsb.edu](mailto:mwright@ucsb.edu)); put last name in meeting title; and can add rooms and guests

-Group roles: outreach: Jael; data: Juan Carlos; financial: Melaina; project manager: Caio; all will be editors; Caio will email Casey will group roles

-Data: Juan Carlos sent email to COBI, should get data pretty fast, will ask them to share data during skype call

-Have logs in DropBox for Skype meetings

-Melaina: add logs for meetings to DropBox

Technical advisors:

-Arizona PhD student working with same communities with same client on social things (see our Dropbox)

-Melaina contacts with economists at NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries who are conducting socioeconomic analyses for the sanctuaries

Background on COBI:

-create NGO and applied for grants for PhD research, largest marine NGO in Mexico; marine reserves (our focus), sustainable fisheries, public policy, and leadership empowerment

-most small-scale fisheries are managed by TURFS, COBI initially approached communities; go to community and ask questions about how much money make and if want the reserve, gov corrupt, poaching occurs = vulnerabilities; fishermen create own reserves (COBI provides guidance, not very science –based; bottom-up approach with consensus of which proposed reserve is implemented), sometimes make most overfished areas reserves and hope they recover

-2014 legislation, legally can declare a reserve and can have legal enforcement; only 3 of them are legally recognized reserves

-question for project is what is an effective TURF-reserve? 3 communities close together and are overlap of 3 TURFS in a corner and are fighting over them in Rosario; is COBI’s focus more on the economic value to fishermen or ecological value? Equally care about social and ecological success of reserves. Achieve conservation if only ensure that people are well-off with what they have

-have offices in the three regions

Concerns:

Data; have ecological, economic, and social data; worried about social data -> not sure what kind of data that they have, could be just demographics (how much money they have, how many people); after reserve is implemented, only do ecological monitoring not social monitoring; any social data collected after reserves are implemented is not systematic

Ask COBI about:

-sharing data; what data will share and how fast

-if there focus is on social or ecological success

-social surveys because are going to every community to do ecological monitoring anyway; ask how feasible that is (can do after diving in the morning)

For next time:

-all read over IUCN guidelines for what makes an effective MPA (is a paper on it and a guidebook); can be found in our group’s Dropbox

-all read “Global survey of TURF-reserves”; one of our communities may be in there (Natividad Island); can be found in our group’s Dropbox

-all read paper by Chris Costello about TURF-reserves before meeting with him

- after meeting with Chris will start literature review (will assign papers to each one of us to write notes)