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SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Science Panel Members On Call:

Joel Baker
Bob Johnston
Jan Newton
Tim Quinn
Frank Shipley
John Stark

Others:

Sarah Brace
Tom Hom
Martha Kongsgaard
Tammy Owings
Steve Ralph
Cullen Stephenson
Tim Towey
Heather Trim
Terry Wright

Meeting Opened at 3:05 p.m. by Science Panel Chair Joel Baker. Joel reviewed the agenda for the conference call.

Housekeeping Issues:

The next regular meeting of the Science Panel will be on April 15 and 16, at the Allmendinger Center in Puyallup beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In preparation for the April meeting, Science Panel members received meeting summaries from the February 26 meeting and March 12 and 27 conference calls to review. Please send comments by noon Monday. The summaries will need to be approved during the April meeting.

The Conflict of Interest statement has been reviewed by Assistant Attorney General's office and is now ready for review and approval by the Science Panel during the April meeting.

The Panel discussed indicators, which Sarah will post on SharePoint. Workshops to select the indicators will be held April 21 and 28.

The indicators discussion centered on what the Science Panel is being asked to provide. Panel members are concerned about providing their best response considering the short turnaround time. These might be “first step” indicators, interim indicators that can be adjusted as the Action Agenda and monitoring programs are developed. A subcommittee was selected to focus on indicators.

Considering how difficult it will be to meet all the deadlines, the discussion led to a decision to “divide and conquer”. There will be three leads - one each for Monitoring information, Indicators information, and the Strategic Science Plan.

Sarah suggested that the Science Panel consider both short-term and long-term needs – first a quick review and then a more detailed analysis of the indicators.

All comments will be then be considered by the full Panel. There may be a need for a conference call to review the comments.

Discussion of the Draft Outline of the Strategic Science Plan:

The Panel reviewed and discussed the most recent draft outline of the Strategic Science Plan.

Joel reported that the Panel needs to coordinate a process to meet all the Science Panel deadlines.

The draft outline will be presented to the Leadership Council at its April meeting.

Joel reminded the Panel that they are the authors of this document and that it will be available for outside review.

The Panel went through the outline, section by section, discussing changes and making recommendations.

They agreed there is a need to build in the science-policy linkage process. This will go into Section 5 and a diagram will be added to explain the process.

John would like to be included in the discussion of the Science Education and Outreach Plan with Paul Bergman.

Subcommittee on Outreach

John Stark (Lead), Trina Wellman, Usha Varanasi, and Jan Newton

It was reported that they are basically on track with the Outline, but there are some changes to make. Next week they will talk about how to accomplish the work.

The Science Panel as a whole will write the Strategic Science Plan. Sections of the Plan may be written by an individual or smaller subcommittee, the entire Panel will review the complete document.

November 1 was set as the final project deadline, but because everyone wants to get it right, they might give a short-term paper and then present a final one later.

The Panel would like to clean up the formatting and clearly mark this version of the outline as a DRAFT. Sarah will clean up the information and then get it out for another review by the Panel before posting.

Lessons Learned:

The Panel wants to identify lessons learned from other groups and make sure they do not repeat the same mistakes. They discussed having briefings from some of these groups. They decided to also include the social perspective. Although they want to have these briefings, it will be difficult to fit them in with the current workload; this might be done as time allows and used in the implementation of the Plan rather than in the writing of the Plan. This might be a good kick-off to the first policy-science discussion.

A tie-in to existing work is needed so the Panel isn't recreating the wheel but filling gaps.

It was suggested that, for summer meetings, the Panel bring people from other places to outline their successes and failures. A few groups can be identified, and then we can proceed with scheduling, assuming there is a budget for this.

Coastal Research Conference:

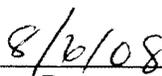
The November 2009 Coastal Research Conference will be in Portland and the Science Panel might want to present at a session during this meeting.

Conference Call adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Science Panel Approval



Joel Baker, Chair



Date