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## SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Friday, July 25, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Science Panel Members On Call:**

Joel Baker

Robert “Bob” Johnston

Jan Newton

Tim Quinn

Frank Shipley

Usha Varanasi

Katharine “Trina” Wellman

### **Others:**

Scott Redman

Julie Hall

Tammy Owings

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Call opened at 11:05 a.m. by Science Panel Chair Joel Baker.

Two topics were discussed during this call:

Human Well-Being Indicators

Biennial Science Work Plan

This call was to prepare for the August 6 and 7, 2008 Science Panel meeting which will be held at the Alderbrook Resort. (The agenda for this meeting will be posted shortly.)

### **Human Well-Being Indicators:**

Trina provided a quick overview on the status of the human well-being indicators. This paper is being refined and then the Science Panel will work with a subcommittee of Leadership Council members to further refine the list of indicators to recommend.

On next Friday’s conference call (August 1) the Science Panel will review the revision and continue preparation for the August meeting.

In addition to the Human Well-being work, the Human Health, Water Quantity, Habitat, and Water Quality narratives, indicators, and next steps will be discussed at the August Science Panel meeting.

**Biennial Science Work Plan:**

The Science Panel began to delve into the details of the Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP).

Scott introduced this topic and what this plan is for (two year slice of work to do, ideally this plan would be coordinated with the Action Agenda and Strategic Science Plan but, as with many other things, the timing for this cycle is out of sync and the Panel will be using existing plans for this first version.

Julie Hall provided an overview and background of the BSWP. The legislation directs the plan to include: research recommendations, science related activities, gap analysis, identification of activities, and recommendations

Julie requested the Panel members to provide any additions to the current inventory list to her by August 1..She asked them to look to see if there are any high priority research recommendations missing from the inventory? Are there missing studies that are underway or have been recently completed (since 2006)?

The Inventory will be an appendix to the BSWP, staff still hasn't figured out where the gap analysis work will be located in the Work Plan. It may be an appendix or may be rolled into the Plan itself.

Julie discussed a request to have the Science Panel Topic Leads, identify 3-4 priority areas for research. The preliminary gap analysis is a good starting point, but she expects that there may be more research needs than are identified in the inventory. The priority areas will be discussed at the Panel's August 6 and 7 meeting.

**Topic Assigned Leads:**

- Frank Shipley - Biodiversity
- Jan Newton and John Stark – Water Quantity
- Tim Quinn - Habitat
- Guy Gelfenbaum – Water Quantity
- Trina Wellman and Usha Varanasi – Human Health

**Next steps for the BSWP**

8/1: topic leads to email Julie with 3-4 priority research needs

8/1: additions to the inventories needed

8/6: Science Panel meeting: discuss BSWP outline/schedule and decide on system-wide research priorities

**Additional items:**

Scott Redman will provide the Science Panel with one document that contains the six goals for the Action Agenda, three questions, and four priorities.

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The letters have gone out to the Topic Forum paper reviewers except for the Water Quality paper, which should be posted by next week. The responses will be coming to the topic leads and the deadline for response was August 22.

Conference Call adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for August 1, 2008, 11:00 a.m.