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## SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Friday, September 12, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Joel Baker  
Robert “Bob” Johnston  
Frank Shipley  
Usha Varanasi  
Guy Gelfenbaum  
Timothy Quinn  
John Stark  
Katharine “Trina” Wellman

### **Staff on Call:**

Martha Neuman  
Tammy Owings  
Cullen Stephenson

### **Others on Call:**

Heather Trim

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Call opened at 11:00 a.m. by Science Panel Chair Joel Baker.

During this call the Science Panel discussed two items:

- September 16 & 17 Science Panel meeting
- Update on Topic Forum Review Papers

### **September 16 & 17 Meeting Preparation:**

Joel reviewed the agenda for the September 16 & 17 meeting.

During the September 16 & 17 meeting, the Panel will use the same format that has been used during the last couple meetings with work session times set aside the morning of the first day and afternoon on the second day.

During the work session on the first day the Panel will focus on getting the Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP) to a version ready to hand off to Partnership staff to begin integrating into the Action Agenda.

Joel reminded Panel members to review the draft 2009-10 meeting schedule to be prepared to discuss and approve during the afternoon meeting session.

Martha Neuman reported that she won't need as much time as original set aside for the Action Agenda discussion since the schedule has shifted and items previously scheduled to be discussed at this meeting will now need to be addressed at the October 7 meeting.

Joel stressed the need to make sure the Science Panel has an opportunity to review the draft Action Agenda prior to it being released for public review.

The Panel discussed how many pieces of the Action Agenda have been provided to the Panel members and additional pieces will be provided as they are ready so the review of the complete document shouldn't take too much time. There may need to be a complement cover letter released with the review draft noting the process that has been used to engage the Science Panel in the process to date and what the next steps are for the Action Agenda to be science-based.

The time allotted for the Action Agenda will be adjusted to be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the Panel will spend additional time on the Strategic Science Plan and BSWP discussions during the afternoon session.

On the morning of the second day the Panel will continue work on the BSWP and Strategic Science Plan as well as Indicators and Benchmarks.

A report on the status of the Species and Biodiversity indicators will be added to the Indicators and Benchmarks discussion scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

The schedule may need to be adjusted to add additional time for the PSNERP presentation and discussion.

Joel will ask Scott Redman to check with Chris Townsend about his thinking on how the Science Panel should be involved in the Georgia Basin Research Conference.

The afternoon of the second day will be another work session to focus on the Strategic Science Plan.

**Topic Forum Review Papers:**

The Reviewers comment summaries have been provided to Science Panel members for Human Health, Water Quantity, Species, and Habitat. The Water Quality review summary should be available shortly.

The Panel discussed how to present the comments and summaries. It may be too late to make revisions to the Topic Forum papers this round. The Panel felt the authors should have an opportunity to see the Reviewers' comments and respond as they see fit.

The Reviewers spent a lot of time and effort in reviewing the Topic Forum papers and have provided good thoughtful comments. The Panel wants to make sure this work is used as appropriate.

The Panel proposed sending the reviews to the authors for their information and providing to Partnership staff to use where possible. The reviews would then be included as an attachment to the Topic Forum papers as a companion piece and independent review. The Panel would need to make sure the authors have a chance to look at the reviews before posting and the Reviewers are aware of the process and okay with the comments being posted.

The Panel will not be resolving the comments as a group but will use the Reviewers comments and topic leads summary.

The Panel will continue this discussion next week before doing any follow-up.

Conference Call adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for September 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m.