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SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Friday, October 17, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Science Panel Members On Call:

Robert “Bob” Johnston
Jan Newton
Tim Quinn
Frank Shipley
John Stark
Usha Varanasi
Katharine “Trina” Wellman

Staff on Call:

Scott Redman
Mary Ruckelshaus
Tammy Owings
Cullen Stephenson
Kristen Cooley

Others on Call:

Tom Hom
Others were on the call but didn't report in

Call opened at 11:03 a.m. by Science Panel Vice-Chair Jan Newton.

During this call the Science Panel discussed:

- Biennial Science Work Plan

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Jan noted the need to get the Biennial Science Work Plan ready for public review. Scott Redman had provided the Panel with an October 15 draft version that they would be working from during this call. Scott reminded people to use Usha Varanasi's version of the Education Outreach section.

Jan proposed a revised outline to use for the outline.

1. Introduction (1)
2. Organization and Process (2.1)
3. Science Program Elements
 - 3.1 IEA framework (2.2)
 - 3.2 Integrated and Sustained Monitoring (2.5)
 - 3.3 Invest in Modeling (2.3)
 - 3.4 Invest in (2.4)

- 3.5 Education & Training (2.7)
- 4. Synthesis (2.6)
- 5. Proposed Investigations

The Panel members discussed changes to the suggested outline and ways to make improvements to the document to thoroughly and clearly define what the Science Panel plans to complete within the next two years.

After the Panel discussed changes Jan sent a new version of the outline. The Panel was in general agreement on the revised outline.

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- 2. Organization and Process (2.1)
- 3. Science Program Elements
 - 3.1 IEA framework (2.2)
 - 3.2 Integrated and Sustained Monitoring and Research (2.5)
 - 3.3 Invest in Capacity for Modeling Current and Future Ecosystem Impacts (2.3)
 - 3.4 Invest in Capacity for Emerging Issues Research (2.4)
 - 3.5 Education & Training (2.7)
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After discussion on the outline, the Panel started discussion on individual sections of the Plan.

Usha Varanasi reviewed the Education and Training section and noted that the portion she wanted to focus on was the role of the Science Panel.

There was concern with the amount of work that would be added to the Panel members plates. Usha explained the idea would be to have the Partnership hire someone to do most of this work and it should actually take work off the Panel's plate.

After discussion on the Education section, it was decided that Trina Wellman would revise to make sure the Social Science side is included and get comments to Scott for inclusion in next draft.

Jan had an overarching comment on the document believing the focus seems to be on restoration but need to also include a balance to both restoration and protection (maintain, sustain, etc.). The Panel members agreed with this need. Scott will make edits to include both in the document.

Discussed changes to the rest of the document. Some information is duplicated and some has too much information so need to tighten up the writing a little more.

Jan and Scott will work together on the next version of the document.

The Panel discussed the need to include a matrix of duties, what is needed, and who is responsible to add to the document in addition to clearly identifying needs in the individual sections. Scott will create a summary of the tasks throughout the document and who is responsible. Bob reported that he has started working on this and will work with Scott to get this information together.

They then discussed the budget process and what is needed to get a proposal together for funding and need for an evaluation process. Since the Strategic Science Plan isn't completed yet it makes including this in the Plan very difficult. The Panel decided that part of the work needed in this first biennium is to develop the process to use in the future. Scott will draft some language and put at the end of the sustained monitoring and research section and also in the organizational section. Cullen Stephenson will help Scott draft that language.

Next Steps:

- Scott will send the document using the new outline to Trina and Bob for their edits today
- Trina and Bob will get edits back to Scott
- Scott will work with Jan and Cullen with additional changes and send the revised document out to the rest of the Panel on Monday
- Panel will review from Tuesday through Thursday
- The Panel will discuss the revised version during the October 24 Conference Call

Conference Call adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for October 24, 2008, 11:00 a.m.