

PS Science Update—Proposed roles for Science Panel

2/3/10

1. Serve as 'editorial board' for core sections (1-4) of Update
 - A 3-hour workshop to elicit input on the content of Sections 1, 2A and 2B will be hosted on Monday, March 8 in the afternoon. All SP members are welcome of course!
 - *Sections 1, 2A and 2B* will go out for formal (anonymous) peer review in early March, with reviewer comments returning in mid-March.
 - SP should plan to read document in first 2 weeks of March so when reviewer comments come back in, SP is prepared to navigate any disagreements among reviewers, help in interpretation, ensure comments are addressed, etc.
 - Work with Mary R. ('editor in chief') who will make sure reviewer comments are addressed and documented.
 - Similar process for *Sections 3-4* in late April-May

2. Review *Synthesis* section, which will summarize key scientific findings, identify linkages or connections among sections, and highlight remaining scientific uncertainties and research needs. If Science Panel can review this, I don't think we need another formal peer-review of a summary of sections that themselves have each been reviewed.
 - Timeline for reviewing *Synthesis* would be late summer, 2010.
 - Mary R. will be lead author and co-authors include authors from each Section.

3. Help outline content for and possibly co-author the *Summary for Policy-makers*. This document would highlight the implications of findings for adaptive management of the Action Agenda, and has yet to have an author(s) identified.
 - SP works with key PSP staff (e.g., Martha N., David SJ, Scott, Nathalie H) to outline key policy questions that are pressing for next ~9-12 months. These policy issues (e.g., need to set targets and benchmarks for some indicators; need to prioritize among near-term actions) will then help focus a brief written summary of results from the Update sections that are posted on the wiki site.
 - Key need is to keep this document short enough so that it is readable and to periodically renew it so that relevant policy issues are addressed and new content from Update on wiki site is included.