

NinC Meeting 7/8/08

Participants: Jeff Payne, Ginny Fay, Darin Figurskey, Jack Thigpen, Mike Voiland, Jennifer Dorton, Andy Shepard, Susan White; phone—Rebecca Ellin, Mike Emlaw, Rich Bandy, John Feldt

Agenda:

- Coordinator position
- Report
- Regional IEA
- Next annual meeting

[Actions highlighted]

Coordinator:

- Mike: first meeting with Jennifer; SG and SECART support for part-time position; Jennifer familiar with NOAA and IOOS, part of CORMP; she is UNCW employee, 44% FTE for this role; conference call gave her background; July 1 official start date, ending June 30 2009; she will be located in Wilmington
- Done as proposal via SG
- Many thanks to Mike—glad to have Jennifer
- Jack—duties: annual meeting coordination; inreach/outreach—email, e-newsletter, Web site; initiative development—new and on-going; steering committee
- More focus on new projects and initiatives; work with Suzanne locally to represent CIFLOW
- Role with SECART—Jennifer can be invited to their annual meeting; she should learn their priorities; another set of eyes
- Role with SG SE Regional Assessment
- SECOORA
- SE Alliance
- Jennifer: needs to review background info; Rich send Jen email list and new Webmaster—Jeremy Schultz; Darin will send SECART info (done at meeting); Mike will send SG Research Assessment; SE Alliance Framework-priorities plan under review; Ginny hopes to share in next few weeks
- Jeff will be happy to include Jennifer in calls that involve NinC and inform about upcoming activities
- Kevin share CIFLOW Project Plan with Jennifer
- Suzanne will be in NC week of July 29th
- Jeff—regional teams still refining their work plans; tuned to regional requirements; provide and merge info with NOAA L.O.s; SECART wants to start/stimulate new projects and outcomes at different scales—broad to immediate project level; ARTs do have voice to push
- May be some resistance from existing structure (L.O.s), but there is support from HQ level
- Schematics show flow of info from SECART—varies by info whether it goes to Goal Teams, L.O.s, or HQ
- NinC closer to regional projects and partners
- Regional initiatives—HMP, EPA, SE Drought EWS
- Jeff will send Jen ppts on SECART and regional efforts
- Aleta—newsletter could help keep region informed about activities; perhaps do as simple bulleted email linked to Web site; Jen do first one to announce availability of report when done
- Reporting—bimonthly report, compile for annual report

Annual Meeting Report:

- **Andy**- SEND RICH ALL PDF FOR ANNUAL REPORTS
- Aleta—SE slated for support for data discovery and management via SE alliance plan
- What is the Ecosystem Climate connection initiative we cite in the report?
- Broad regional IEA to smaller research projects (2 tracks)—EPA meeting is working on watershed side, perhaps we mesh with it on ocean side?
- If we continue template process, need to work through Coordinator
- Define smaller scale projects—CAMEO, IEA program, Hydro-Met Testbed, CI-OER
- Include comments from participants in appendix
- **Working group Facilitators**— review notes from groups and make sure outcomes paragraphs reflect significant issues and recommendations and get to Aleta by this Friday
- Broaden mailing list—Jeff can use NOAA regional listserve; include NOAA in MAB and NOAA in New England

Next Annual Meeting:

- respond to last year's comments
- Ecosystem Climate Connection II
- Further advance notice for participants
- Joint meeting with:
 - o CARCOOS
 - o SECOORA
 - o SE Alliance—state partners, series of workshops, enable them to tap into experts and assets
 - o SG Regional Assessment—Web survey coming out
- Annual meeting could be directed working group focused on ECC—may limit participants and good will; developing next steps of CAMEO program; IEA in SE preparing for 2011
- Jeff—dual objectives of collaboration, and furthering specific initiative
- SA Alliance may cooperate in meeting, but may not be ready; Ginny offered to give overview of status and priorities
- CAMEO is short term project—foundational element in developing IEA for SE
- Albermarle-Pamlico Sound IEA
- **All -- Send Jennifer IEA information you may have; she will summarize possibilities;** review assessments and come up with matrix of possibilities—find highest priority
- Need hook for weather service interest
- Extramural partners—include state climate and environmental offices
- Some areas concrete (SA Alliance plenary, SG Assessment plenary) and some ideas need development
- Meeting longer; arrive 2 pm for plenaries, reception; morning thematic plenaries; working groups; last half day—wrap-up; 2 full days; not necessarily in Feb.
- Objectives—partners/inreach, Alliance education, continuity in terms of research initiatives—CIFLOW, theme of ecosystem/climate connection; get **help from Jennifer to refine prospectus**

NEXT MEETING:

- Thu, August. 14, SG in Raleigh
- **Jennifer's synopsis of ECC topics** and priorities
- Annual meeting details