

NOAA in the Carolinas Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010

Time: 10 AM until 2 PM

Location: NC Sea Grant - 1575 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC. Building 250A - meet in the Conference room

Con Call: 919-515-7155

Attendee: Jeff Payne, Aleta Hohn, Jack Thigpen, Mike Voiland, Ginny Fay, Susan White, Bob Bacon, Rebecca Ellin, Rich Bandy, Geno Olmi, Mike Kruk, Jennifer Dorton

1. Welcome back Jeff Payne
2. SECART update and ideas for NinC/SECART cooperation
 - a. SECART has aligned itself with NOAA long-term goals (weather ready nation, climate adaptation and mitigation, healthy oceans, and resilient coastal communities and economies). Need to stay in these boundaries to help focus us and stay aligned with NOAA overall.
 - b. At the SECART meeting (hosted in Raleigh, July 19-21), the relationship between NinC and SECART was discussed, particularly because SECART is establishing a NOAA in the Caribbean working group patterned on NinC
 - c. SECART is creating partnerships with outside groups such as the South Atlantic Alliance.
 - d. SECART would like to propose that NinC become a working group under SECART. NinC would continue to operate as it does now (i.e. website, listserv, meetings), but would be an official SECART working group.
 - e. Discussion:
 - i. There is no intention on the part of SECART for NinC to lose its identity.
 - ii. SECART is willing to provide some funds this fiscal year, as it did last fiscal year, for the NinC Program Coordinator. However, SECART determines its spending plan each fiscal year depending on the priorities for that year. Future funding for the NinC coordinator is not guaranteed whether it is a working group under SECART or not. The arrangement with SECART does not include a financial obligation from to support NinC.
 - iii. Jeff noted that NOAA is supporting regional teams. NOAA is in the process of revising PPBES process which should be in effect in about 3 months. This new PPBES process should be less ponderous than the previous system. SECART and NinC need to be more deliberate about this new process. NinC relationship to outside partners is beneficial to SECART. While NinC is largely a NOAA construct, it does not have to only work with NOAA. There should be funding announcements for federal ocean partnerships and Coastal and Marine Spatial

Planning in the near future. Viable principle for us to believe that what happens in NinC can provide ideas for SECART to carry forward.

- iv. The breadth of SECART makes it difficult to coordinate due to its broad geographic boundaries. SECART likes the idea of having geographically based subregions communicate and partner with other subregions; thus creating Regional Partnerships under SECART.
- v. NinC's approach to regional engagement would not change in this new SECART/NinC relationship. NinC would be part of a larger workgroup called regional collaborations. This would be a formal way for SECART to keep in touch with NinC. Even the non-NinC members of SECART wanted to make certain that NinC keeps its identity.
- vi. NinC is complimentary to SECART and will serve as an extramural connection to SECART. The proposed SECART/NinC partnership will allow SECART to tap into NinC's large talent base and research base.
- vii. NinC will encourage idea development and take these ideas for projects to SECART.
- viii. Jack asked that SECART periodically update NinC members on SECART activities via the NinC newsletter.
- ix. Geno noted that the SECART workgroup structure is still evolving. Right now there are lots of good ideas on how to set up and engage the workgroups. The workgroup structure will provide a connection to other sub-regional activities within the SECART.
- x. General agreement that NinC likes the approach of becoming a workgroup within SECART.

3. ACTION: Jack – send information on partnership w/ lionfish research for the NinC newsletter

4. South Atlantic Alliance

- a. 74 draft actions
- b. State directors asked the issue teams to prioritize the actions and reduce number of actions.
- c. Mid-Aug con call with state directors to discuss actions and approach for drafting an action plan.
- d. CSC is helping draft FFO requesting proposals from all of the existing regional ocean partnerships, of which SA Alliance can apply. Will be opportunity to get seed money. This is a \$20M request in the President's budget.
 - i. SA Alliance states are trying to determine how to best apply for these funds.

- e. National Working Waterfronts meeting in October in Portland, Maine. Sponsored by National Sea Grant. This meeting corresponds with SA Alliance working waterfronts interest areas.
 - i. Ginny will forward the meeting information to the SAA Working Waterfronts mentor.
- 5. Recap of the 2010 NinC meeting outcomes – link to meeting report:
<http://www.carolinas.noaa.gov/Meetings/NinC2010MeetingReport.pdf>
 - a. NinC would facilitate a workshop for the various climate programs/funded projects in the Carolinas.
 - i. Bob stated that we need to foster/facilitate a more consistent communication among these groups since they already have project goals and scopes of work they are addressing.
 - b. Aleta suggested that we engage the meeting participants and see if they are still interested in a 1-2 day follow-up meeting.
 - c. Include Ellen Mecray, NWS Eastern Region Climate Services Director and also notify Eileen Shea of the meeting, if hosted.
 - d. We are not explicitly looking for project to come out of this meeting, but if one comes up, we can encourage it.
 - e. Any projects that connect the research to the service provider will be very well received by NOAA. We need to convey that climate services are real and necessary.
 - f. We should invite non-NOAA agencies to the meeting, provided they are directly tied to the meeting focus.
 - g. There needs to be a tight meeting focus.
 - h. Aleta suggested asking the meeting participants to help us set up a useful next meeting. The goal is to help them connect to state and federal agencies. Gauge the interest in the follow-up meeting and determine the topic that is of most interest. Then we will be able to determine which federal and state agencies to invite.
 - i. Use summary from breakouts to help narrow the meeting focus.
 - j. **ACTION: Jennifer work on wording for e-mail and send to SC for comments and refinement.**
 - k. Mike noted that there is lot of room for collaboration and cooperation with CICS.
- 6. Discuss possibility of hosting follow-up meeting with targeted agencies
 - a. Who, where, when?
 - i. TBD
 - b. Need to invite the climate focal points from the Carolinas so they can see what is occurring in regards to research.
- 7. Discussion of future funding for Program Coordinator

- a. Commitment from SECART (\$5K), Sea Grant (\$2-3K and some additional admin support). Aleta will provide funds if available.
 - b. Process used in the past will not work this year. In the past we were able to move money from CSC up to National SG and then have money moved to NCSG. The problem is that SG works with grants, not contracts. Last year, for less money, CSC had on-site contractor to take care of the pass through of funds; however, they don't want to do it again this year.
 - c. Conversation between Mike Voiland and Rick DeVoe (SCSG) might be a good idea. CSC has moved funds to SCSG in the past.
 - d. Once we know how to move the funds will send a call to the SC to determine who can contribute funds.
 - e. **ACTION: Jeff will ask at CSC if they have a way to move funds to SCSG.**
 - f. **ACTION: Mike will contact Rick DeVoe about possibility for moving funds from feds to SC to support the coordinator.**
 - g. The new relationship with SECART shouldn't change duties of the NinC Program Coordinator.
8. Upcoming festivals for NinC participation
- a. NC Seafood Festival in October
 - i. NWS usually sets up the booth and NinC piggy backs on the booth
 - ii. Applications possibly due in Aug
 - iii. Rich has the NinC display and will set it up at the Festival
 - iv. Booth will be staffed by NWS and NMFS
 - b. Several fishing and boating shows in Raleigh
 - i. Will work with Darin and Jeff Orrack (NWS Raleigh) who normally get booth space to find out when the fishing and boating shows will be hosted.
 - c. 1st week in Oct (3-6?) – 35th Climate diagnostics and prediction workshop. Hosted by NCSU, NOAAs Climate Prediction Center and NCDC, NOS, CSC and several other agencies. The workshop will address climate data records, improving climate services, and improving coastal monitoring and predictions. Details are at the following site:
<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outreach/CDPW35.shtml>