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# **NOAA Southeast & Caribbean Regional Team (SECART)**

## **Status Work Plan Update Intersections with NinC**

### **NOAA in the Carolinas 2008 Workshop**

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# Why Regional Collaboration



**Effort is long-term organizational initiative...**

- **Internal:** blend national and regional capabilities; improve services through program integration on regional scale
- **External:** add value to regional partnerships and partners' capabilities



# Regional Collaboration Goals



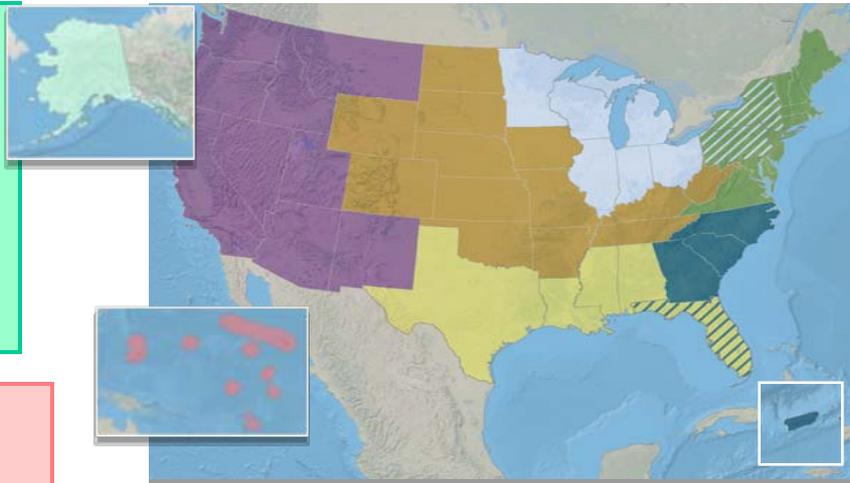
## Improvements in...

- *Customer service*
- *Productivity of partnerships*
- *Stakeholder relations and support*
- *Internal communications and efficiency across programs*
- *Visibility and value of NOAA*

# Regional Collaboration Networks Established

## Alaska

Strengthened and promoted open relations with key stakeholders and across LOs  
NOAA DMSP real-time support  
Shared WFMO real estate officer



## Pacific Islands

Information access and product development  
Maturing the Regional Team's infra-structure, functional model, and coordination strategies  
Intra and Interagency coordination and support

## Western

Worked with states and other federal agencies for the "West Coast Governors Agreement on Ocean Health" draft Action Plan development  
Developed a pilot IEA module for the California Current focused on climate and ecosystems  
Leveraged Hydrometeorological Test Bed

## Great Lakes

Held regular meetings of the GLRCT and expanded membership to NOAA-funded partners  
Connected the Team with the Great Lakes Federal Interagency Working Group to work/ provide input on progress related to the President's Great Lakes Executive Order  
"A Great Day in the Great Lakes" NOAA 200th Anniversary Celebration at the Shedd Aquarium 9/8/07

## Central

Development of the Space Weather Prediction Center (formerly SEC) outreach materials  
Hosting a Stakeholder's workshop in Boulder in May  
Completion of initial inventory of key partners, stakeholders and constituents

## North Atlantic

Significant progress on project milestones  
Undertook a more one-NOAA approach to partner engagement and public forums (e.g., task forces, public events, presentations.)  
Increased the breadth of NOAA capabilities contributing to FY'07 and '08 NART projects.

## Southeast & Caribbean

Maturing team infrastructure and coordination capacity  
Intra- and interagency coordination and support  
Information access and product development

## Gulf of Mexico

Established closer ties between Gulf of Mexico Alliance and the Gulf of Mexico Regional Team area  
Mobile, AL Chamber of Commerce Hazard Resilient Community Project  
Joint Central/Gulf of Mexico Team Integrated Water Resources Project



# Vision



Regional collaboration enables multi-Line planning and program execution on regional needs, mobilizing knowledge and capabilities across NOAA and its partners to

- *Address mission priorities at appropriate geographic scales*
- *Address distinct regional challenges that require NOAA's expertise*
- *Enhance NOAA's value to and impact on the region*



# DRAFT Decision: Execution Authority



## Alternative 1 – Coordination

- *Internal communication across Line Offices is supported by Regional Teams*
- The team has no project execution role
- Team members individually conduct NOAA's mission according to their LO role
- Activities focus on communications

## Alternative 2 – Collaboration

- *New/emerging collaboration in existing Line Office activities is facilitated through Regional Teams*
- The team actively facilitates collaborative project execution within existing Line Office resources
- Team members work together and inspire other NOAA employees to jointly execute multi-line projects
- Activities include national and regional priorities



# DRAFT Decision: Resource Requirements



## Alternative 1 – Coordination

- *Internal communication across Line Offices is supported by Regional Teams*
- The team is resourced to support operations, such as
  - regular meetings
  - internal communications capabilities
- The team, as a body, is not resourced for project execution
- Team members' authority to direct resources based on Line Office cultural and fiscal practices

## Alternative 2 – Collaboration

- *New/emerging collaboration in existing Line Office activities is facilitated through Regional Teams*
- The team is resourced to support operations, such as
  - regular meetings
  - expanded internal and external communications capabilities
  - reporting requirements
- The team, as a body, is not resourced for project execution
- Team members, as LO representatives in a region, have input on LO resource allocation decisions at the regional level

# SECART Team Membership

Name	Line Office	Position
Theo Brainerd	NMFS	Chief, Science Planning and Coordination Office, SEFSC
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Scott Cross	NESDIS	Southeast Shelf Liaison, National Coastal Data Development Ctr
Robin Dennis	OAR	Senior Scientist, Air Resources Laboratory
Ginny Fay	NMFS	Fish and Wildlife Administrator
Darin Figurskey	NWS	Meteorologist in Charge, WFO Raleigh, NC
Judy Gray	OAR	Deputy Director, AOML
Aleta Hohn	NMFS	Director of NMFS Programs at NOAA's Beaufort Lab
Brian Keller	NOS	Science Coordinator, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Steven O'Shields	NOS	South Atlantic Team Coordinator, Coastal Services Center
Adam Smith	NESDIS	Physical Scientist, National Climatic Data Center, Director's Office
Rost Parsons	NESDIS	Eastern Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean Liaison, NCDDC
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Ronnie Taylor	NOS	Chief, Geodetic Advisor Branch
Kris Wall	NOS	Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
Steve Weiss	NWS	Storm Prediction Center
Pace Wilber	NMFS	Chief, Atlantic Branch, Habitat Conservation Division, SERO



# Ongoing SECART Projects



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## **Summarize Existing Needs Assessments for the Southeast and Caribbean Region**

- Constituent priorities, needs, and information gaps in the region
- Coordinating with Sea Grant development of Regional Research Information Plans

## **Supporting Regional Partnerships**

- Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)
- South Atlantic Alliance
- NOAA in the Carolinas

## **NOAA Data Explorer Pilot for Southeast and Caribbean Region**

- Making regional spatial data from all NOAA Line Offices more readily available

## **CI-FLOW**

- Integrating models to enhance management and mitigation of severe weather events and their impact on coastal watersheds
- Examining user needs and potential transferability to other coastal watersheds

## **Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery – Regional Best Practices**



# SECART – NinC Connections



- Ecosystem – Climate connections
- Integrated Ecosystem Assessment?
- CI-FLOW advances
- Drought
- Identify and promote regional priorities



# Improvement Needs in Regional Collaboration



- Dedicated resources
- Long-term commitment by NOAA to RC
- Clearer definition of authority and scope for regional teams
- More regional influence in planning and related processes
- Meaningful connections with NOAA staff and partners in region



# Lessons Learned



- Understand regional drivers and constituent interests...
- Comprehend and value regional diversity...
- Develop a shared vision of service...
- Develop a shared leadership system...
- Communicate and coordinate internally...
- Coordinate and collaborate externally...
- Place staff in regions, locate with partners, and complement existing regional structures...
- Develop flexible mechanisms for planning, budgeting, and execution...