



NOAA's Ecosystem Goal Team: Themes for FY09-FY13

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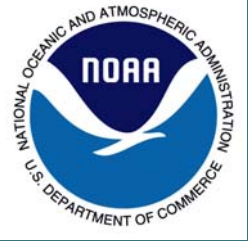
Purpose



- Engage the SAB in a discussion about the best strategic direction for the Ecosystem Goal Team (EGT) for FY09-13, considering the recommendations of the External Ecosystem Task Team (eETT)



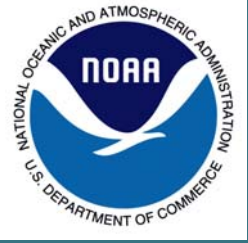
Issues



- NOAA is starting the FY09-FY13 planning process.
 - Activities requiring strategic thinking include:
 - Development of Annual Guidance Memorandum
 - Development of EGT Planning Guidance
 - Program Operating Plans and Goal Strategic Portfolio Analysis
- The EGT needs to incorporate eETT recommendations into our strategic approach for FY09-13



Ecosystem Approaches to Management (EAM)



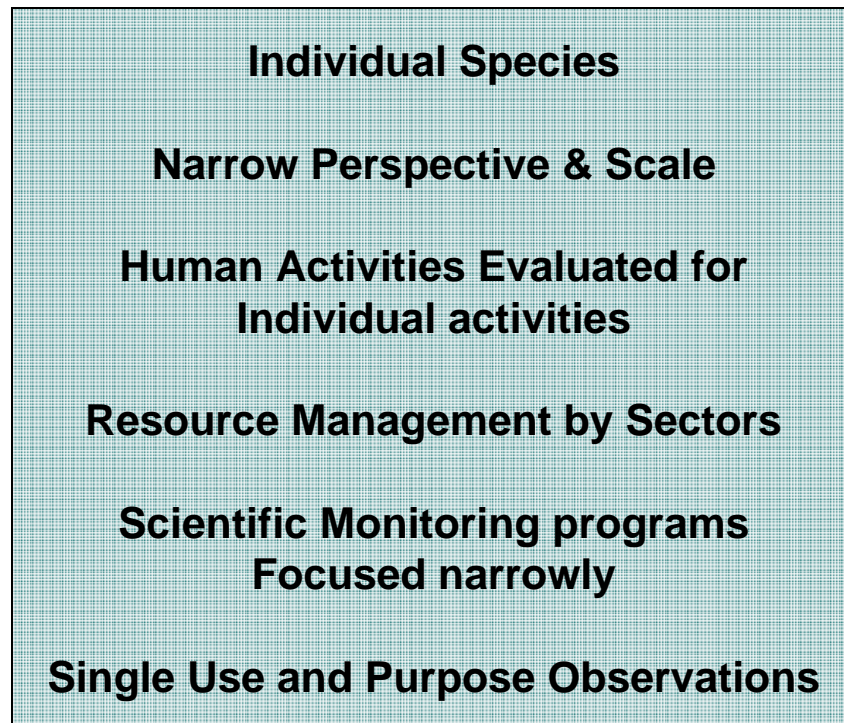
- Seven Characteristics of EAM
 - Collaborating with stakeholders
 - Incrementally moving towards EAM
 - Using adaptive management
 - Incorporating ecosystem knowledge and uncertainty
 - Considering multiple external factors
 - Balancing diverse societal objectives
 - Geographically specifying management areas



Ecosystem Mandates: A Paradigm Shift or Evolution?



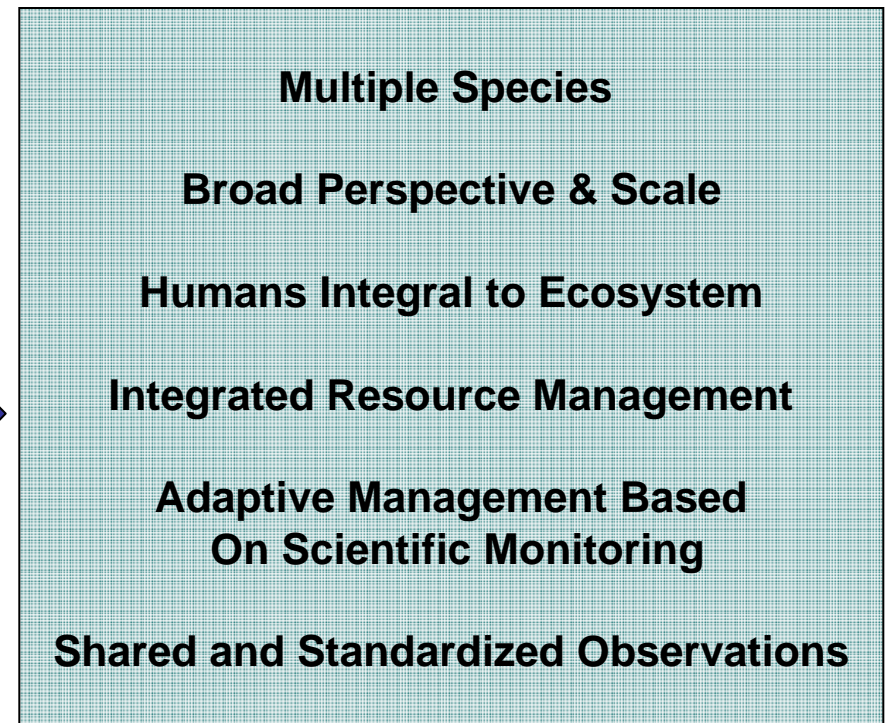
Current Mandates



Focus on Managing Ecosystem parts



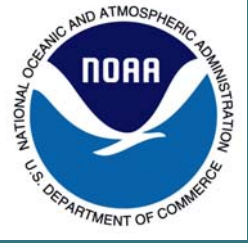
Future Mandates



Focus on Ecosystem Relationships, Processes, and Tradeoffs



Current Activities and Coordination



- Defining the Seven Characteristics
- Developing Ecosystem Indicators
- Advancing Regional Collaborations
- Initiating Cross-Goal and Cross-program Collaborations
- Partnering with IOOS
- Developing Reauthorization Strategies for various legislation
- Leading Programs Involved in Gulf Rebuilding



Desired Outcome



- NOAA is asking the SAB to provide guidance on:
 - The strategic direction the EGT should take for current activities and planning for FY09-FY13
 - Ideas for incorporating the eETT's recommendations into the EGT's priorities, activities, and strategies
 - Priority activities, including:
 - Activities requiring new resource investments
 - Activities that can be accomplished with new approaches, but primarily with existing resources