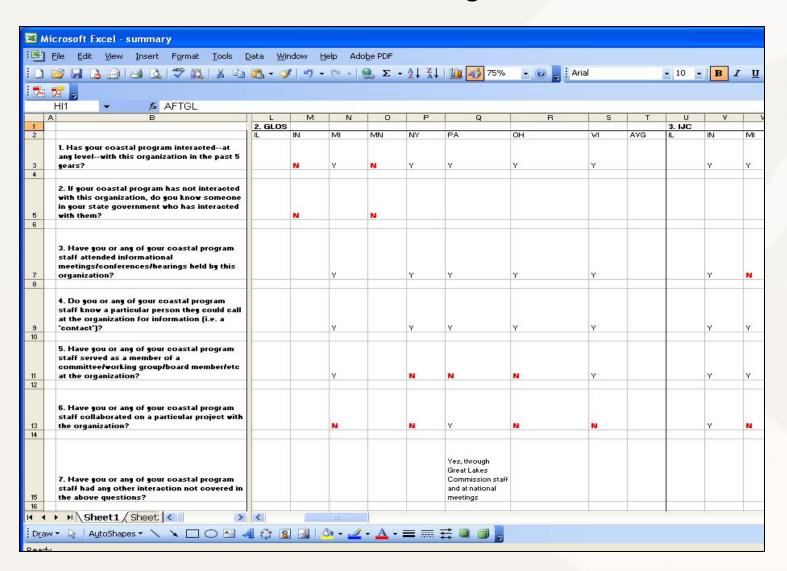
## Working (or not) with Great Lakes Organizations

- Purpose of Session
  - Gather data on state involvement with regional groups
  - Share successes; discuss drawbacks
  - Strategies for greater collaboration
    - Improve NOAA service as a liaison to groups?
  - fill gaps
  - Learn from colleagues
  - Please share your experiences!

## Survey

- All 7 programs filled out survey thank you!
- Covered 22 organizations and govt agencies
- Questions covered:
  - Knowledge? Involvement? Collaboration?
    Impressions of group (1-5 scale)
- Types of groups: data; research; government; NOAA programs; federal agencies; international
- One finding: very different level of involvement among programs

### Survey



## **Data Organization**

- Great Lakes Observing System
  - 5 states involved in past 5 yrs
  - 1 specific collaboration: PA (no detail)
  - Strong agreement that states want to learn more (1.6)
- Comments:
  - The states need to meet with the new director to determine what role GLOS can play in coastal management at the state and local level.
  - Fills a necessary role for the Great Lakes
  - How do other states interact with their regional associations?

# **Research Organizations**

- Science Gaps? Little interaction with:
  - Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research (CILER) 1 (MI)
  - International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) 2 (MN, PA)
- GLERL: 4 programs had interaction
  - Only PA cited specific project collaboration
  - 4 states aware of GLERL's Sea Grant extension office "connect NOAA Research to the outreach capabilities of NOAA Sea Grant."
  - Strong agreement that pgms wish they had time for more interaction (1.75)
- Need for greater CZM say in regional science priorities?
  - Recent climate change workshop

## **Government Groups**

- Northeast-Midwest Institute (Congressional)
  - 4 programs had interaction
  - 3 programs know a point of contact
  - One collaborative project PA: "participated in briefings and legislative initiatives led by them"
  - Other examples?
- Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (mayors)
  - Only IN and PA had interactions
- Council of Great Lakes Governors
  - 5 programs had interactions
  - Only PA and WI cited specific collaborations
  - Strong agreement that this org is productive and greater CZM rep. would be worthwhile (1.8)

# **Government Groups (cont.)**

- Great Lakes Commission
  - Connection to all programs
  - 5 pgms served on workgroups
  - 6 pgms cited specific collaborations
  - Strong agreement that greater CZM representation would be worthwhile (1.67)

## **NOAA Programs**

- Coastal Services Center
  - much interaction and project collaboration
  - "role model for other govt entities"
  - Only 2 pgms served on workgroups, committees, etc. (MI, PA)
  - Productive interactions (1.43); strong agreement for more knowledge of CSC (1.86) and more time to work with them (1.57)
- National Weather Service
  - MI, MN, PA cite interactions
  - Successful partnerships?

### **NOAA Programs** (cont.)

- Little interaction with National Marine Fisheries Service
  - Habitat Restoration Activities

National Ocean Service? Very productive...

## **Federal Agencies**

- Widespread interaction with Corps, EPA, FWS, USGS
  - Level of access and attention to CZM needs?
- Less interaction with FEMA (only MI, NY, PA, WI)
  - Need for greater access?

#### International

- 4 programs work with IJC (IN, MI, NY, PA)
- 3 work with other Canadian agencies (NY, PA, WI)

#### **NGOs**

WI mentioned Alliance for the Great Lakes