

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

Microsoft Excel - summary

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2			IL	IN	MI	MN	NY	PA	OH	WI	AVG	IL	IN	MI
3		1. Has your coastal program interacted--at any level--with this organization in the past 5 years?		N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
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5		2. If your coastal program has not interacted with this organization, do you know someone in your state government who has interacted with them?		N		N								
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7		3. Have you or any of your coastal program staff attended informational meetings/conferences/hearings held by this organization?			Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	N
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9		4. Do you or any of your coastal program staff know a particular person they could call at the organization for information (i.e. a 'contact')?			Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
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11		5. Have you or any of your coastal program staff served as a member of a committee/working group/board member/etc at the organization?			Y		N	N	N	Y			Y	Y
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13		6. Have you or any of your coastal program staff collaborated on a particular project with the organization?			N		N	Y	N	N			Y	N
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15		7. Have you or any of your coastal program staff had any other interaction not covered in the above questions?						Yes, through Great Lakes Commission staff and at national meetings						
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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