

Meeting Notes – National Water Quality Monitoring Council (Council) – December 6th, 2010
(Agenda and list of participants on pages 2 and 3)

Actions and Decisions:

1. **Date of the next face-to-face meeting, in Pensacola, Florida** to be decided – Doodle Poll will be sent to solicit availability week of January 24 and the week of February 1.

Please fill out the poll ASAP so that Wendy and her staff can finalize the contract for the Hilton.

2. **Proposed items on next meeting's agenda** include:
 - Nutrient criteria panel, including representatives from federal and state agencies (organizers include Holdsworth, Caffrey, Wolfe, Hamilton, Schloss, Tate)
 - Gulf of Mexico panel, including discussions on GOMA, the new Gulf initiative, BP research monies; restoration task force, Hypoxia Task Force (organizers include Holdsworth, Wolfe, Tennant, Hamilton, Tate)
 - Panel on Council "Program and Monitoring Integration" statements/paper (organizers include Paulsen, Hamilton, Holdsworth, Rowe, Pettit, Tate)

Please comment on these proposed items and/or offer new ideas.

3. **Meeting presentations** to be placed on web (Cathy, Dan, Jeff S., and Jared work with Kim Martz)
4. **Comments/new ideas on webinars** are welcome – refer to those suggested by the C&O workgroup in presentation on web; (Contacts: Cathy Tate and Barb Horn)

Tony Shaw to contact Cathy Tate about interested folks in Pennsylvania for upcoming webinar by Julie Vastine

5. **Council calendar available on NWQMC web** – please provide dates of workgroup meetings and calls to Cathy Tate and/or Dan Sullivan

FYI - Next Council event is on Wednesday, December 8th at 11:30 – WIS call on volunteer monitoring and assessments

6. **Web usage** and web areas most and least used to be reported on by Kim Martz

Feedback on the Council revised webpage is welcome – please provide comments to Kim Martz and Dan Sullivan

7. **Council blogs** will be initiated as a mechanism for dialogue following webinars, with a time window. Potential for blogs and other social media tools will continue to be explored by the C&O workgroup.
8. Participants are needed to help with **State/Regional council "How to Kit"** – please contact Cathy Tate or Barb Horn if interested.
9. **Conference planning has begun** – Dates to be decided, in coordination with the River Network. A likely week may be April 29-May 3 in Portland, Oregon. Level of coordination with River Network is to be decided – possibly an overlap day with shared objectives and program.

Planning team is forming, building off the C&O workgroup. Local Council lead is Greg Pettit. Local USGS lead is Greg Fuhrer (at this point, until otherwise assigned by Oregon Water Science Center Director, Dar Crammond). Local River Network lead is Kathy Luscher. **Please let Jeff Schloss know of your interest in participation.**

USGS anticipates participation on level of Atlantic City (about 100). Gary Rowe and Dave Mueller have agreed to help with USGS participation. There will not be a joint meeting with USGS Office of Water Quality.

EPA anticipates having some level of funding to support travel. Too early to tell whether there will be a joint NARS meeting.

10. **New “Barry Long” Award** considered by the C&O as a biennial conference award to a State/Regional council in memory of Barry Long. Other ideas for remembering Barry’s dedication and commitment to the Council are welcome. A Power Point presentation will be included in the next face-to-face meeting in Pensacola. Cathy will ask family if they received the Council Remembrances, collated by Linda Green.
11. **Continued participation on the Methods Board** sensors group, NEMI, and other subcommittees is welcome – contact Dan Sullivan (refer to presentation on web for more information or call Dan)
12. **Prototype for statistical methods in NEMI** being explored by WQSA workgroup – for more information contact Doug McLaughlin or Dan Sullivan
13. **Reference Site White paper to be distributed to Council for review in late December** – contact Ellen Tarquino, Richard Mitchell (EPA) or Bill Wilber (USGS) for questions. The team is considering a National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) “organizational” model for developing a collaborative network that integrates needs and capabilities of States, Tribes, Federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations.
14. **Two workgroups associated with the EPA Monitoring and Assessment (MAP) Program** moving forward, particularly the design workgroup that is exploring improved ways to integrate state scales with national and ways to look at multiple resource types each year – for more information contact Susan Holdsworth.
15. **NAWQA Cycle 3 plan** (Executive Summary and Introduction) to be distributed in early 2011 to Council members for input – for more information, contact Gary Rowe.
16. **Council “Program and Monitoring Integration” papers/statements/position** under development – ideas will be distributed to Council for input before the next face-to-face meeting and possibly panel discussion. For more information, contact Steve Paulsen, Gary Rowe, Pixie Hamilton, or Greg Pettit.
17. **Draft CENR document on climate relevant observational data priorities** will be distributed to the Council for review – for more information contact Audrey Levine (EPA) or Jared Bales (USGS)

Agenda

11:00 to 11:20 - Council updates and next meeting plans (**Holdsworth, Hamilton, Norton and staff, Caffrey, Wolfe**)

11:20 - 12:00 - Collaboration and Outreach (Strategic Plan, webinars, newsletter, website, state, regional, and tribal councils) (**Cathy Tate and Barb Horn**)

12:00 - 12:20 - 2012 Conference Updates and discussion (**Jess Schloss, Greg Pettit, Cathy Tate, Alice Mayo**)

12:20 - 12:30 - Ideas for memorial - Barry Long (**Cathy Tate**) (Note: slideshow to be included in face-to-face meeting)

12:30 - 12:50 - Methods Board and Sensors Developments (**Dan Sullivan**)

12:50 – 1:00 - Water Information Strategies Updates (**Peter Tennant, Mary Skopec, Doug McLaughlin**)

-- Prototype for assessment tools (**Doug McLaughlin, McGeorge**)

-- Volunteer monitoring/assessments (**Tennant, Skopec**)

1:00 - 1:30 - Reference sites collaboration (**Mitchell, Holdsworth, Tarquino and Bill Wilber**)

1:30 - 2:00

-- Updates on EPA’s Monitoring Initiative and Monitoring Partnership Situation Assessment (MAP) (**Holdsworth**)

-- NAWQA Cycle 3 updates (**Rowe**)

-- National water-quality program integration document (**Paulsen, Pettit, Hamilton, Rowe**)

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Presentation - Climate relevant observational data priorities, **Jared Bales**, USGS and **Audry Levine** (representing the CENR Subcommittee on Water Availability and Quality)

2:45 - 3:00 - Closing thoughts (**all**)

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