

Exec Committee Conf Call
April 9, 2007 9:30AM

Those Present: David Mountain, Deb Soule, Philip Bogden, Tom Shyka, Tom Gale, Evan Richert; Dan Sampson; Linda Mercer, Sylvia Most

Actions:

- Tom S./Deb to discuss IOOS registry and monitoring locations pilot project.
- Tom S./Deb to discuss Exchange Network conference occurring at the end of April.
- Evan/David to put together a pros/cons document to distribute to partnership prior to conference call on May 17th, 10AM re: NERACOOS/GoMODP options
- **Next executive committee conference call meeting – May 14th – 9:30AM**

Agenda:

1. Update on committee activities
Deb, Bob, Evan
2. Update on demonstration projects
Tom S. and Deb (?)
3. Update on NERACOOS and the proposal being prepared.
4. Any issues or problems we need to address

Meeting notes:

Update on committees:

- Technical committee – Technical expertise survey is going to be an online tool, we are completing testing. Bob Groman has taken the lead on this activity. Accessibility survey is underway and about half way done. Anne Ball had asked us to look at a Data Transport Laboratory (DTL) that is supported by NOAA CSC and could be potentially used by GoMODP partners in FY08, will discuss at the next committee meeting. IOOS registry is also an issue, Tom/Deb to discuss.
- Outreach – no new activity to date.
- (Bob not present, here is the current status of Metadata Editorial Committee – Sylvia sorting out relationship between partners and individual datasets. Lou/Bob will follow up after this is complete).

Update on demonstration projects:

- Shrimp Project: Extensive discussion (not noted here). Waiting for data access issues to be resolved between partners and NOAA/NMFS. Some tables are OpenDAP accessible – Jim Manning is the contact. There is a NASA RFP out for decision support systems. Need to be supporting a decision support structure/tool that is in place. GoMOOS is looking into this, may need GoMODP involvement.
- Exchange Network – no news, not expecting to hear until summer. Exchange Network conference at the end of April – Tom Shyka to discuss with Deb.
- Monitoring locations pilot project – IOOS registry is similar. Need to investigate to see if this is a way to implement that project – tech committee action.

NERACOOS Update and discussion:

- Budget - grant to GoMOOS for data integration and product development underway. Some of these funds will be used to support the GoMODP.
- Where does the partnership best fit within NERACOOS/GoMOOS? A great deal of uncertainty exists – trouble reaching consensus. GoMOOS is working on arriving at recommendation for NERACOOS advisory committee on structure. This involves GoMOOS divesting itself of buoy assets to a consortium for operations. GoMOOS would then become NERACOOS by restructuring and amending by-laws, to be an institution-neutral entity to broker funds coming into the region from federal agencies.
- Role of ODP? We had a discussion early in March that went well. At this point, options include:
 1. Becoming a recognized standing committee of NERACOOS
 2. ODP could have a recognized number of seats on the governing board.
 3. Need to ensure that there is a strong presence of data integration efforts.
- This will be discussed at the GoMOOS retreat on April 20th. NERACOOS meeting on April 26th. Need to have pros/cons of options ready for partnership for next meeting – Evan/David action. **Thurs, May 17th 10AM EST conference call.**

Web Services workshop - Best date range appears to be late September, early October, as by that time we will know whether the Exchange Network grant will be in hand. Discussion on coordination of this meeting with OBI Conference (Oct. 3&4th) at BIO, on Oct. 5&6th. There is great concern about whether many organizations have the budget for travel to Canada at this time, which would greatly limit attendance. We will work to ensure that schedules do not conflict in case someone wants to attend both meetings.

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