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Work plan update (Todd)

- The revised plan went out to the various listservs for comment. Initial responses have been trickling in - Congressman Sam Farr (CA) and also some discussion from OCMDN. If folks would like to use any workplan slides or outreach materials contact Todd

FY12 Grant (Matt)

- We have been approved for NOP Focus Area I funding. We must submit a workplan for the next 2 years by December 31st in order to get the funds. This is challenging because some of the items in year 2 are hard to predict at this early stage. Matt and Andy have been communicating with NOAA on how best to do this. Also been talking with NFWF (sp?) on the timing.
- NOAA needs the clearest possible picture of activities that will be occurring in the next 2 years. By the end of the year we need to be able to describe what we think the data system will look like, and how we will be recruiting contractors. We need to work as many kinks out as possible ahead of time so that NOAA can process the paperwork easily and get the money flowing to WCGA as soon as practical.
- One big item we need to work on is the description of the coordinators position. We also need a budget and travel plan for the Portland meeting in February. We also need to make hosting arrangements for the Registry/Catalog portions of the project.
- Which items in the original draft proposal need the most new detail for NOAA's purposes? Once we work this out, and work on the items needed, we can make progress towards a submission. One area that they want detail on is any subcontracts, their detailed budgets, and timing (and process for selecting sub-contractors).
- Tim - suggestion on working up grant proposals for future NOAA funding opportunities.
- We need a couple of folks to help with the task of turning the original proposal into a proper work plan. Scott and Steve and Todd and Tanya are willing to pitch in on this item. It would be good to get a phone call in in the next week to begin this task. A doodle poll will be circulated to schedule.

Discussion of State and Regional Network Coordination (Tim)

- Tim reported on a late october call between Ecotrust and california. That state is now at a point where they have a Geoportal to work with, and was interested in how the Ecotrust Phase I west coast data

Inventory would be interfacing with the related data inventory in California. It seems like if we ensure that all three states have adequate representation on all three working groups, then communication along these lines will be smoother in the future. Also, it was recognized on that call that ACTs are only a subset of the wider west coast network that would like to take advantage of the infrastructure being set up.

Data working group (Chris R)

- Initially the Data group had a fairly narrow focus (ACT centric) and they are now realizing that the scope may be wider. They have had 3 working group calls to look at the initial Ecotrust data inventory. Participation has been between 6-12 folks per call. Expertise has been skewed such that biology is under represented.
- Focus has been on categorization and thematic groupings, and work has been occurring in a couple of different Google docs. Next step will be to migrate actual known data sets into the emerging structure, with provisions made for multiple mappings possible.
- After that stage, prioritization of thematic areas may come into play. Our understanding of priority is evolving from the original assumption of ACT priorities. Chris has detailed slides on the WG thoughts to date on this topic.
- There is also a 4 page report on the thinking/progress of the data WG to date. Chris will circulate, and would love feedback on it.

Phase 1 work (Tanya)

- Task I is intimately involved with what Chris R presented above. Jon Bonkoski is the lead.
- Tim Welch from Ecotrust is leading Task II, and should have a product to share with the IT working group.
- Emilio is leaving December 9th for a couple weeks. So we would like to shoot for Monday the 3rd for an IT WG meeting to unveil Tim's results.
- The next RDF ACT call is tentatively Dec 4th, so a short report will be made there.

Round table

- Tim - FY12 strategizing would be good to start. Both marine Debris and Data ACTS would likely be good candidates. call will be published soon by NOAA.
- ** Todd - At the moment missing a WCGA coordinator, it is difficult to coordinate discussions around this. So if you have ideas please share them with the ACT cochairs.
- Andy - BOEM renewable energy conference is happening Nov 28-29 in Corvallis, OR. It is a science conference

- Emilio - heading to the OCean summit, looking forward to seeing if anything in that venue will relate in a positive way to this effort. Also, an MOU has been signed between WCGA and the west coast OOS organizations. They have started exploring finding funding for a Sea grant fellow to dedicate to the RDF effort
- Liz - is replacing Brodie Cox on the RDF ACT. the Washington geoportal is the central node for state agencies to share their metadata. There has not been an effort to do standardization of any kind. Washington has a Coastal Atlas, and that metadata is going into the WA Geoportal. There is also a Marine Spatial planning portal is a specific tool that will be being created. That effort is being led by WADNR, with WADOE and WDFW are partners. Tool is required to be complete by June 30th. In general that is planned to be a data viewer. There is no regular standing meeting for this effort, but meetings are coordinated as project needs unfold. Liz is participating on the RDF Data working group and will try to tie that effort into the tool related discussions in her state.
- Tanya - OCMDN meeting last week - check web for details
- Todd - will be sending out an email with various updates soon....