Eastern Division Marine System Peer Review Meeting

May 9-11, 2011

*Desired Outcomes*:

* Each project will have 2 peer-reviewed strategies, with clear results chains/logic frameworks, interim objectives, long-term outcomes, and some identified measures, which are complete enough to initiate implementation.
* Senior managers, team and strategy leads will have a shared understanding of: (1) the purpose and plan for each reviewed strategy in these landscapes, (2) the identified key go/no-go decision points for each; and (3) the next steps for implementation.

*Working Agenda for Monday, May 9, 2011*

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| **Time** | **Topic** | |
| **Noon** | Lunch served | |
| 12:45p.m. | Welcome, review desired outcomes for meeting, introduce teams, peer reviewers  **Hudson Ballroom**   * *Review desired outcomes and agenda – Lise 20 minutes* * *Introductions-Icebreaker –Gwynn 20 minutes* * *Ground rules – BV 5 minutes* | |
| 1:30 | Gulf of Maine (GOM) Integrated Landscape overview presentation  (20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)  **Facilitator:** Gwynn  Key role for all facilitators: to be relentless time keeper, manage questions and distinguish between clarifying vs. context questions, table tangential issues and defer content to breakout sessions | |
| 2:00 | Southern New England (SNE) Integrated Landscape overview presentation  (20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)  **Facilitator:** Barbara | |
| 2:30 | Break | |
| 2:45 | Peer Review Session A1 (Hudson Ballroom-dining):  **SNE** *presents CC adaptation/***Carolinian** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy #1 (30 minutes)   Structured peer review (1.5 hours) **Facilitator**: Sara  **Scribe**: Laura | Peer Review Session A2 (Hudson Ballroom - Breakout):  **GOM** *presents fisheries strategies/* **MAS** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy #1 (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator**: Gwynn  **Scribe**: Nate |
|  | Facilitator role is to keep discussion on track, **manage time** and write down high level points on flip chart and post around room. Facilitator’s main job is to keep the discussion focused on a set of posted peer review questions. Here are the questions (make sure that you or another coach has written these out on flip chart paper and posted in your peer review room in a visible place):   1. Is the theory of change clear? Logical? Solid? (Facilitators: Do intermediate outcomes make sense? What are the critical assumptions? Where are high confidence linkages versus the big leaps of faith?) 2. Are intended threat abatement or conservation outcomes for this strategy clear? Sufficient? (Probing questions for facilitator: what’s missing, what needs to be clarified?) 3. Where are the go-no go junctures in the results chain? (Facilitators: How will you know when you are there? How do you evaluate a go/ no go point? (e.g. key opportunities materialize or not, risks) What measures do you use?) 4. If the strategy involves a pilot or demonstration stage, has the team identified how they will ensure that the pilot will scale up to or leverage more system-wide impacts? 5. How will we measure whether this strategy will achieve intended outcomes?   It may be helpful to ask the team how they would like to allot their 1.5 hour of peer review BEFORE the session starts. Ask them which questions they need the most help with and then make an agreement to spend X minutes on each one.  Scribe is responsible for writing detailed notes of discussion on laptop and forwarding to team lead immediately. **FACILTATORS take note**: The scribes may not have been alerted that we are asking them to play this role. Please make sure to check that you have a willing scribe at beginning of session and if not, find one.  Knowledge capture: these questions will be on wall   1. Challenges and Barriers. What challenges and barriers does this team face in planning for, implementing or measuring the strategic action(s) being peer reviewed in this session that may be common to other estuarine teams? How have they attempted to overcome such challenges or barriers? 2. Innovations/Best Practices. What innovations and best practices have the team developed during their planning, implementation or monitoring that other teams would benefit from learning more about? What innovations and best practices are specific to effective whole system conservation of estuaries? 3. Support needs. What are teams saying or implying they need (tools, resources, guidance, information gaps, training, etc.) to help advance their strategies at the whole system scale?   **FACILITATORS: Please take at least 5 minutes near the end of the session to ask the group To record their key findings in relation to these questions on one of the note cards provided in their packet**  **And make sure to break in time to get folks back to plenary** | |
| 4:45 | Break and transition back to plenary | |
| 5:00 | Karen Poiani: Global Challenges Global solutions: Input on the evolving organizational conservation framework **Hudson Ballroom**  Please read the Executive Summary (attached) – Karen will not be making a presentation, but will be looking for answers to the following three questions:   1. What aspects of the conservation framework do you find exciting? 2. What is your burning question? 3. Where do you see your work/program fitting into the framework? 4. What challenges do you anticipate with this framework?   Group will breakout to 4 tables for discussion with notes recorded for Karen. **Facilitators:** Mike T, Michael L, Nancy Kelley; Mark Robertson.  **Scribes**, one at each table: Sally, Jenn, Jena, Lise | |
| 6:00  6:-05 | Quick assessment of the day: any needed adjustments to agenda? Barbara  Check-in to rooms Drinks | |
| 7:00 | Group Dinner Hudson Ballroom | |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Informal discussion with Karen Poiani on the global framework, (drinks available) | |

*Working Agenda for Tuesday, May10, 2011*

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast  (Agenda for the day on the wall.  Facilitators: make sure posters, maps and questions are on the wall for your breakout session) | |
| 8:00 a.m. | **Plenary Presentation: Setting the Stage for MSP strategy review**  Overview of the North America CMSP strategy and key drivers that are affecting implementation (energy siting, fishery councils, congress, National Ocean Council)  Jena and Jay (30 minutes and then discussion)  **Facilitator:** Lise | |
| 8:45 | Mid-Atlantic Seascape (MAS) overview presentation  (20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)  **Facilitator:** Sara | |
| 9:15 | Carolinian Seascape overview presentation  (20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)  **Facilitator:** Tim | |
| 9:45 | Break | |
| 10:00 | Peer Review Session B1: Hudson Ballroom - Dining  **MAS** *presents CMSP strategy/* **GOM** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy #1 (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator:** Barbara  **Scribe:** Ray | Peer Review Session B2: Hudson Ballroom - Breakout  **Carolinian** *presents CMSP strategy/* **SNE** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy #1 (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator**: Tim  **Scribe:** Kevin |
| 12:00 | Nature walk on your own with sack lunch (trail maps provided, 1 1/2 hour break) | |
| 1:30 | Peer Review Session C1 Hudson Ballroom- Dining  **Carolinian** *presents coastal ecosystem restoration strategy /* **MAS** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy #2 (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator:** Gwynn  **Scribe: Patty** | Peer Review Session C2: Hudson Ballroom- Breakout  **SNE** *presents CMSP strategy/ GOM peer reviews and vice versa*   * Each Team presents CMSP strategy (25 minutes) * Sally presents re NROC (10 minutes) * Structured peer review and attempt to harmonize IL MSP strategies with respect to NROC (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator:** Tim **Scribe:** Kate |
|  | **Facilitators Gwynn and Tim**, please make sure to explain where folks are going post break and for everyone to check their name tag for a number assigning them to group | |
| 4:00 | Break | |
| 4:15 | **Break Outs**: Divide into 3 groups (NOT by teams, see numbers on name tags) to discuss the following questions. Capture your group’s top 2-3 findings on a flip chart to be posted. (locations TBD)   1. How do we ensure the work of the four landscapes supports the national CMSP strategy? How can the landscapes support each other’s CMSP work and together achieve better leverage for CMSP regionally and nationally? 2. How do we ensure that in taking advantage of short term opportunities for achieving some conservation outcomes in the water we still further long term goals of comprehensive regional CMSP? What are the “No Regrets” strategic actions that are worth investing in at the IL scale regardless of potential loss of financial and/or political support for CMSP nationally? 3. How will TNC make the transition from providing “neutral” data and tools and advocating for robust CMSP processes to being stakeholders advocating for specific conservation outcomes? What are the risks and challenges associated with this transition?   **Facilitators**: Kate, Frank, Susan  **Scribes**: Tim, Sara, Tom Fry  Participants will be pre-assigned to groups | |
| 5:15 | Report outs on Question #1. Adjourn **Facilitator:** Barbara | |
| 6:00 | Social then dinner at 7:00 Hudson Ballroom | |

*Working Agenda for Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast | |
| 8:00 | Plenary: Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change. What can we do to help make all of our strategies more resilient in the face of climate change? – Susan Ruffo and Frank Lowenstein 20 minutes Hudson Ballroom  Break into two groups for discussion, but staying in the same room  *Are all restoration strategies essentially Ecosystem-based adaptation strategies?*  *How do we make the link between climate change and MSP and fisheries more explicit?*  **Facilitators: Lise for plenary, but need two for breakout ?**  **Scribe:** ? need two Capture top take homes  Send teams to peer review breakouts by 8:55 | |
| 9:00 | Peer Review Session D1:  **GOM** *present habitat restoration strategy/* **SNE** *peer review*   * Team presents strategy (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator**: Tim  **Scribe**: Adam | Peer Review Session D2:  **MAS**  *presents fisheries strategy/* **Carolinian** *peer reviews*   * Team presents strategy (30 minutes) * Structured peer review (1.5 hours)   **Facilitator**: Sara  **Scribe**: Brian |
| 11:00 | Break – Move to landscape team breakouts | |
| 10:15 | Each landscape team meets together to:  1. Summarize big “findings” from peer review sessions. *How does the feedback affect your overall strategic approach to conservation in your Integrated Landscape? What are your next steps as a team?*  *2.* What are the major barriers to moving forward? *Identify as specifically as possible two things you will do as a project team to improve the likelihood of effective implementation. What key things can state directors do to facilitate your work?*  **Facilitators**: Team Coaches. Refer to Post workshop follow-up questions. Make sure someone keeps notes for use in answering questions for follow-up web ex, and sends copy to Lise and BV as well as team lead | |
| 11:45 | Closing wrap-up , thanks, expectations of teams, other participants and what they can expect as follow-up – including reminder of follow-up team web ex  Collect note cards  Lise | |
| 12:00 | Lunch and departure | |