

HCE Focus Team Conference Call

March 23, 2011

1:30—2:30pm EST

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Doodle Poll Responses:

Focus Team Members	Others
<u>Available</u>	<u>Available</u>
Dorn Carlson	--
Amy Scaroni	<u>Unavailable</u>
Nancy Rabalais	--
Judy Weis	
Russ Herwig	
Bess Gillelan	
Barry Costa-Pierce	
Chelsea Lowes	
Anders Andren	
<u>Unavailable</u>	
Michele Dionne	
Dianne Lindstedt	
Steve Gaines	

1. Introduction and announcements—Dorn Carlson

- Introduced: Amy Scaroni, coordinator of the HCE focus team; Chelsea Lowes, alternate chair for HCE team; Bess Gillelan, new team member from NMFS Office of Habitat Conservation.
- Have yet to receive final confirmation of all new members, so they will be introduced at on an upcoming call.
- Went around the room and phone line for brief introductions of all members.

2. Update on Santa Barbara Meeting/EBM Working Group—Barry Costa-Pierce

- Purpose of meeting was to convene a “think tank” to discuss ecosystem topic of shifting baselines/novel ecosystems.
- Meeting ended up steering more towards discussions of ecosystem management/econometric type approach to looking at optimal outcomes.
- UCSB was an excellent venue to hold this meeting; UCSB hosts participated very actively.
- Attendees represented SG, focus team members, California professionals, as well as theoretical and grassroots people, with a broad geographic distribution.

- Plan to produce one or two professional papers out of the meeting—possibly laying out how to use the theoretical framework introduced by Steve Gaines.
- 2nd meeting in July; plan to carry out a case study in Venture County

3. Discuss follow up/next steps—Dorn Carlson/Amy Scaroni

- EBM Working Group
 - What product could come out of these meeting that would be meaningful to the clientele that SG serves?
 - Decision makers
 - Coastal managers
 - How to scale the conclusions up to the national network?
 - Could be framed under Ecosystem Based Management, i.e. how SG addresses EBM.
 - Could a Community of Practice be a next step?
 - Perhaps a COP centered on the research and implications of these types of problems?
 - COP definition: Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.
- Focus team annual meeting/2010 Progress report
 - The progress report was recently emailed to the entire team, and can also be found on the website:
http://www.seagrant.noaa.gov/focus/documents/Focus%20Team%20Annual%20Progress%20Report_FINAL.pdf
 - This report is the final version; however contact Amy with concerns/suggestions, as another one will be written at the end of 2011.
 - An annual meeting for 2011 will be contingent on budget circumstances.
- We will have another conference call shortly, once our new members have been confirmed. Amy will send out a doodle poll to schedule a date/time.