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Welcome - Sea Grant Focus Teams

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Sea Grant



Focus Teams – Key Concepts

- National planning and implementation effort for a national program that addresses national issues
- Big ideas, innovation and leadership



Leadership



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Overarching Goal – Present Sea Grant as a National Program

- Your leadership will:
 - Provide the rationale for expenditure of federal \$ on Sea Grant
 - Demonstrate Sea Grant's important contributions at the national level
 - Lay the foundation for an evaluation system at national and state levels



National Program



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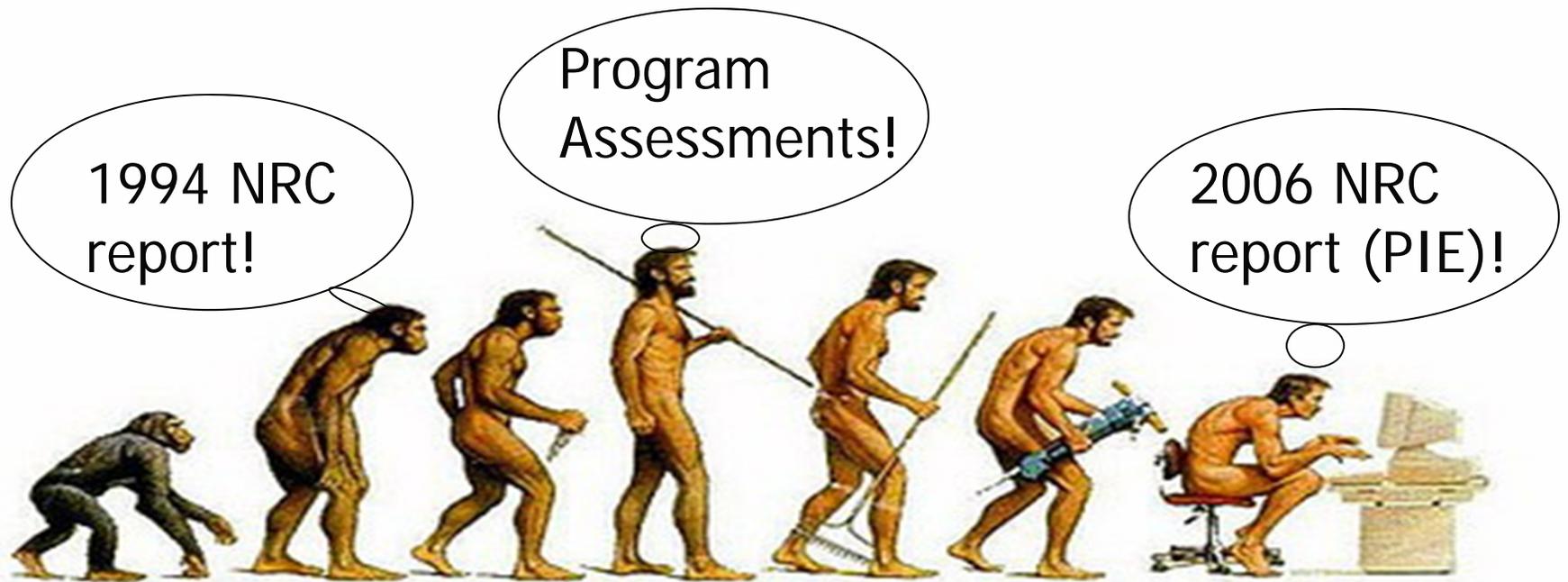
National Program

The total is
greater than
the sum of
its parts





14 Year Evolution





Evolution of National Sea Grant Planning and Evaluation

- 14 year history
- 1994 NRC review
 - Program assessment system
 - Program strategic plans required
- 2006 NRC review
 - Focused national plan and aligned state plans
 - Enhanced role of NSGO Program Officer



The Natural Order of Things

FOCUS TEAMS!

Theme Teams

Ad hoc White
Papers





From theme teams to focus teams

- 11 theme teams, develop ideas/plans for programmatic growth
- Co-chairs, participation voluntary
- 4 focus teams, NSGO Chair, members appointed, long term commitment
- Support Network to help ensure accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the national plan



Focus Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Facilitate planning, implementation, synthesizing and reporting of SG activities and accomplishments
 - Reviewing annual reports and synthesizing results to tell the national story
 - Assess progress in achieving goals and objectives and recommend mid-course corrections
 - Example: 1) Social Science Research not being accomplished, 2) Emerging success story on Sea Grant accomplishments in wind power siting



Focus Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Identify new opportunities and directions for Sea Grant national and regional initiatives
 - Examples: 1) Proposing a new national investment in the application of climate sciences, 2) Developing a position paper on Sea Grant opportunities in offshore energy development



Focus Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Catalyze cooperative efforts among SG and our partners
 - Examples: 1) Developing and implementing a partnership strategy with FEMA on community resiliency, 2) Identifying an opportunity for a leveraged RFP with the USACE that addresses wetlands restoration issues.



Focus Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide a mechanism to further solidify Sea Grant's local, regional and national identity
 - Examples: 1) Organizing and/or sponsoring or co-sponsoring national level conferences, symposia and other educational initiatives; 2) Developing a national media event to showcase Sea Grant contributions and success on a topic of interest.



Focus Team Principles

- Focus teams function on behalf of the entire Sea Grant network, not their individual programs or organizations.
- As needed, subcommittees or working groups can be formed and include external participants.
- There will be minimum expectations for all focus teams, but each team will develop its own agenda and prioritize its actions.
- Actions by the focus teams must be consistent with the goals and strategies outlined in the Sea Grant National Strategic Plan.



The Challenge

- First responsibility is the implementation plan, but it is important to develop an action plan for other activities
- Be creative, you have a license to provide leadership and to be innovative and productive
- Consider a budget for your action plans