**Steering Committee Conference Call: April 26, 2011**

**Participants**

Adria Elskus (UMaine/USGS), Diane Gould (US EPA), David Keeley (GOMC), Jawed Hameedi (NOAA), Marilyn ten Brink (EPA), Kathryn Parlee (EC), and Susan Russell-Robinson (USGS).

**1. Recap: ESIP-NERACOOS Webtools Workshop.**

ESIP held a joint webtools workshop with NERACOOS on April 7, 2011 at the SeaCoast Science Center in Rye, NH. Twenty-six individuals participated. A list of participants is available on the ESIP Plone site (www2.gulfofmaine.org/esipplanning) in the folder entitled “NERACOOS-ESIP Webtools Workshop”

Susan provided a brief summary of the workshop. She indicated that the workshop went well and that participants were very appreciative of the information they had received about existing web tools, as well as the opportunity to try a hands-on session with the ESIP Indicator Reporting Tool. Unfortunately due to a server malfunction at the Science Center, the amount of time for the hands-on session was reduced and participants did not have as much time to explore the Tool as they would have liked.

Steering Committee members reviewed the responses from the evaluation forms and suggested that specific questions like “Where did you get stuck and why?” or “Where were the difficult parts of the Tool?” might provide more practical information on the use and functionality of the Tool.

A second hands-on workshop is being planned to coincide with the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership (BoFEP) Science Workshop in Saint John, NB in September 2011.

**2. Demonstration Presentation: Monitoring Map**

ESIP has contracted Peter Taylor to create two demonstration presentations for the ESIP Tools. The presentations are intended to serve as take home material from ESIP meetings, as well as provide the basis for web-based tutorials. The presentations are built using PowerPoint, but are designed to feel like an interactive demonstration. They use case pieces/ scenarios and appear interactive by having successive slides look like they are responding to a particular question or selection.

The presentation provided for today’s meeting focuses on the Monitoring Map, and Peter is currently trying to think about how to develop a similar presentation for the more complicated Indicator Reporting Tool.

Jawed questioned why this presentation focused on a place that is not labeled on the map, and wondered if it would be more appropriate to use a location that is already labeled. Susan explained that this location was used because Christine had recently attended the Fishermen and Scientist Research Society meeting in Truro. At the recent GoMC Working Group meeting, Susan had also provided a demonstration presentation using Bar Harbour as the site example. Susan indicated that the idea is to try and develop a site library, with slides from different geographic areas, so that a presentation could be customized to make it more relevant to a particular meeting location.

By identifying the example task as “Find climate change data near Truro, Nova Scotia”, several of the Steering Committee members commented that the presentation implies the Monitoring Map provides data. However, the end result simply identifies that data exists and does not actually provide the data. It was suggested that a better example task might be “Find where climate change monitoring occurs near Truro, Nova Scotia”.

These comments also led to a discussion on if/how to better link or merge the Monitoring Map and the Indicator Reporting Tool. It was suggested that this item might be a useful discussion to have at the upcoming ESIP Steering Committee face-to-face meeting in June.

**Actions:**

* **Revise the presentation task/question to better reflect the resulting answer**
* **Add a Monitoring Map and Indicator Reporting Tool discussion to the June meeting agenda**

**3. Other**

The face-to-face ESIP Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th in Bar Harbor. The exact location for the meeting room is still being determined. Susan will send the GoMC Working Group meeting notice which contains information on the hotel. Christine is currently drafting an agenda for the meeting and will be sending it out shortly. David asked that a discussion on ESIP 2.0 be included in the agenda. The ad hoc ESIP 2.0 team will be meeting via teleconference on May 3rd and should have some text available for discussion at the next ESIP conference call and for larger discussion at the June face-to-face meeting.

**Actions:**

* **Add debrief from the ESIP 2.0 Ad Hoc Team conference call to the May 24th agenda**
* **Add ESIP 2.0 discussion to the June 16th meeting**

**Next Conference Call: May 24th**