**Steering Committee Conference Call: December 14, 2010**

**Participants**

Adria Elskus (USGS/U Maine), Diane Gould (EPA), Jim Latimer (EPA), Carolyne Marshall (EC), Kathryn Parlee (EC), Susan Russell-Robinson (USGS), and Marilyn ten Brink (EPA).

**1. Data in Indicator Reporting Tool**

Christine reported on the data that is now included in the Indicator Reporting Tool. Jim Cradock has played a large role in making the data available. As of now the following are included:

* All eelgrass layers (US - none in Canada)
* All salt marsh layers excluding NB
* All precipitation (US and Canada)
* All air temperature (US and Canada)
* All sea level (US and Canada)
* Registered point sources (US and Canada)
* Aquaculture acres (US and Canada)
* Aquaculture economic value (USD and CAD for all states and provinces)
* Mussel Watch
* Old Gulfwatch (trying to work new Gulfwatch in)

**2. Targeted Release for Aquaculture and Climate Change**

The group then discussed how the aquaculture and climate change fact sheets can be broadcast effectively. Christine plans on sending the fact sheet to Working Group members along with highlights of the text that might be of most interest to each individual. The following suggestions were made regarding the release:

* Kathryn suggested connecting with Debbie Buott-Matheson (Outreach) for suggestions and assistance with a press release.
* The following organizations were suggested for inclusion with a press-release for the aquaculture fact sheet: Fish and Wildlife Service newsletter (Adria), SETAC-NAC newsletter (Adria), Aquaculture North America (SR2), ACZISC newsletter (CMT), World Aquaculture Society - North Atlantic, World Aquaculture Magazine, Fish and Wildlife Atlantic Council of Fisheries, Diadromous species network (Adria), NEERS
* The following organizations were suggested for inclusion with a press-release for the climate fact sheet: various climate listservs, NEERS, ACZISC, climate change listserve (connect with Carolyne and Ellen McCrey)
* Some discussion was had regarding preparing an information package with ESIP folder, general fact sheet, and 2 specific fact sheets for the New England Governors and Eastern Premiers (get Debbie's assistance with this).
* Kathryn wondered if the timing would be right to connect with regional magazines.
* Marilyn wondered about trying to bring in K-12 students.

**3. Other Subcommittee Progress**

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| **Subcommittee** | **Indicators Selected** | **Data Collected**  | **Analysis Completed**  | **Left to Do** | **Tentative Release of Fact Sheet** |
| Aquatic Habitats | Yes, three | Data collected for all indicators | Analysis completed for: eelgrass and salt marsh | Analysis of tidal barriers completed and fact sheet drafted | Summer 2011 |
| Coastal Development | Yes, four | Data NOT all collected | Analysis completed for point sources | Analysis of remaining three indicators and fact sheet drafted | Spring 2012 |
| Contaminants | Yes, three | Data NOT all collected | Analysis complete for shellfish sanitation and begun for Gulfwatch/Mussel Watch.  | Sediment triad analysis and fact sheet drafted | Winter 2011-2012 |
| Eutrophication | Yes, four | Data mostly collected | Analysis completed for loading and dissolved oxygen | Analysis needed for chlorophyll a and secchi/turbidity and fact sheet drafted | Summer 2011 |
| Fisheries | No | - | - | - | - |

**4. NEIWPCC Abstract**

Christine mentioned that ESIP will be putting together an abstract for inclusion in the NEIWPCC Nonpoint Pollution Meeting (NY: May 2011). Jim Latimer has agreed to help co-author the presentation. Christine thought that the timing would be right to discuss the eutrophication indicators in detail.

**Next Call: January 25, 10:00 AM ET - to include demo of Indicator Reporting Tool**