**Steering Committee Conference Call: December 20, 2011**

**Participants**

Adria Elskus (U Maine/USGS), Jawed Hameedi (NOAA), Matt Liebman (EPA), Christine Tilburg (GOMC) and Peter Wells (Dalhousie).

**1. Eyes on the Gulf - Environmental Trust Fund Proposal**

Christine Tilburg discussed a proposal put in to the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund on 12/16. She mentioned that proposal centered on making information held within the ESIP Monitoring Map available on personal communication devices (iPhones, Droids). She stated that the push for the project came from recognizing that the next generation of managers and users on the coast is used to information delivered through apps and web-based tools and not through technical reports. Lee Sochasky assisted Christine significantly on the proposal.

**2. Eutrophication Fact Sheet**

Christine updated the subcommittee on the progress the eutrophication subcommittee has made on the fact sheet. The document has been outlined and authors volunteered for different sections. Matt Liebman (on the current call) has written the introduction. She expects that the Steering Committee will be sent a version for review on, or before, January 20.

**3. Peter Wells Request: Gulfwatch Data**

Peter Wells stated that the Working Group is concerned about the connections between ESIP and the Gulfwatch team. Christine and Peter agreed that every effort is being made to keep the programs in synch but that it is important that Working Group members see the connections.

**4. Peter Wells Request: GOMC Action Plan**

Peter also suggested the ESIP Steering Committee members look through the recently released GOMC Action Plan (2012-2017) at http://www.gulfofmaine.org/new-site/media-information/ . He stated that ESIP, Gulfwatch, and the State of the Gulf Reporting team are all together under Goal 2.

**5. Annual Meeting**

The group discussed the upcoming ESIP Annual Meeting (Boston). Christine mentioned that Susan Russell-Robinson and Kathryn Parlee would like for the morning session to include chairs from other GOMC subcommittees. Gulfwatch team members would be included. Peter and Christine agreed to discuss potential dates after the first of the new year.

**6. Calls January - June 2012**

Christine stated that it is time to reserve the conference bridges for ESIP Steering Committee calls in the new year. She would like to propose the following dates and times:

 January 24 10:30 AM ET

 February 21 10:30 AM ET

 March - Annual Steering Committee Meeting in Boston

 April 24, 10:30 AM ET

 May 22 10:30 AM ET

 June 19 10:30 AM ET

**Next Call - January 24 at 10:30 AM ET**