**Minutes of ESIP Call February 23, 2010**

**Participants**

John Brawley (Saquish, Inc), Adria Elskus (USGS and UMaine), Diane Gould (EPA), Jim Latimer (EPA), Gary Lines (EC), and Kathryn Parlee (EC).

***0.5 hour has been added as in-kind for all participants.***

**1. Regional Activities**

Christine Tilburg updated the Steering Committee on several regional workshops or ongoing efforts that ESIP has asked to participate in. One effort is being organized by COMPASS/MOP (Massachusetts Ocean Partnership). Originally Gary Lines and Kathryn Parlee were participating or volunteered for the effort. However, neither is currently involved. Christine has regular phone conversations with the manager of the project (Verna DeLauer). Diane Gould e-mailed Christine after the call that she is an active participant in the COMPASS effort and can represent ESIP within the group.

Another effort is the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability (http://www.coalition-sgsl.ca/index.php) which has asked for ESIP's input with respect to their sustainability indicators under development. They have identified 17 indicators (four of which are common with ESIP indicators). Christine recently participated in one of the working group calls for this coalition. Kathryn mentioned that the initial indicator effort was started several years ago. There was a request to send out the draft indicator report (John Brawley sent the link during the call). The indicators in focus for the coalition are socioeconomic in nature. Jim Latimer wondered if the Millennial Assessment indicators were used. Christine didn't know but agreed to look into this. ***(Action to be taken: Christine will see if the Millennial Assessment was utilized for the Coalition indicators- Christine e-mailed Chantal Gagnon on March 3, 2010).***Christine also mentioned that the list she had seen did not include Climate Change. Gary and Kathryn thought that people within the coalition would undoubtedly be working on climate change.

**2. ESIP June Meeting**

Christine has reserved a room with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (http://www.gmri.org/) on June 9 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM ET. Times can be refined as we approach the date. Now might be a good time to start adding items to the proposed agenda. There has been a request to begin the meeting at 1 PM so that Diane Gould can attend another meeting in Portland in the morning (CBEP). Christine stated that she thought 1/2 day would be sufficient. Jim reminded the group that the 1st Steering Committee meeting lasted 1 day (with fire drill). However, last year the meeting lasted 1/2 a day. The group agreed to have the meeting from 1-5 PM. Christine agreed to try to find out if the Working Group or Council meeting dates have been finalized. ***(Action to be taken: Christine will try to locate the GOMC schedule and verify that there are no conflicts - Christine e-mailed Michele Tremblay on March 3, 2010).***Jim mentioned that he has obtained permission to travel to the meeting.

Christine then stated that she would like to start recording possible agenda items. The following items were suggested:

1. 12 month timeline for July 2010-2011 (suggested by C. Tilburg)
2. Update on all subcommittee activities (suggested by J. Latimer)
3. Demonstration of Indicator Reporting Tool (suggested by G. Lines)
4. ESIP 2.0 discussion revisited (suggested by A. Elskus).

**3. Coastal Zone Canada Panel**

Christine updated the Steering Committee on several abstracts that have been submitted to CZC10 by ESIP. Susan Russell-Robinson put together an abstract which focuses on indicator efforts in three Canada- United States trans-boundary regions: Puget Sound-Georgia Basin, Great Lakes and Gulf of Maine. The session would include four presentations and a discussion period. The Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability has also expressed interest in participating in this.

In addition, ESIP has put together an abstract for the poster session with the intention of using our "interactive" poster debuted at RARGOM.

**3. NEERS/ACCESS Abstract Focus**

Christine also asked the Steering Committee for advice on an abstract for the upcoming May NEERS/ACCESS meeting (http://www.neers.org/main/meetings/meetingindex.htm). Christine is contemplating have the information for indicators for four subcommittee: eutrophication, climate change, aquatic habitats, and aquaculture available. It might be fun and lively to have the audience "vote" on which two indicator suites they'd like to see. The Steering Committee thought this could work well. Christine will try this out on a class of undergraduates at a lecture she's giving at UNE next week (March 4).

**Next Call: March 23 at 10:00 AM ET**