**Steering Committee Conference Call: January 24, 2012**

**Participants**

Heather Breeze (DFO), Adria Elskus (U Maine/USGS), Matt Liebman (EPA), and Christine Tilburg (GOMC).

**1. Eutrophication Fact Sheet**

Christine Tilburg reminded individuals on the call that the Steering Committee is now reviewing the eutrophication fact sheet. All comments are due back to Christine on January 27.

* Council Outreach to review fact sheet. Comments due February 8.
* Data providers to review fact sheet. Comments due February 20.
* Final "vanilla" review by Eutrophication Subcommittee.
* After design version produced the Steering Committee, eutrophication subcommittee and GOMC Management and Finance will all get one final review.

Matt Liebman asked Christine about including references/citations in eutrophication fact sheet. In the past, the Council Outreach committee has always removed them. Christine stated that if there is a webpage link that would be beneficial, that could be included. The Aquaculture Fact Sheet does have a link within the text. Matt liked this idea and suggested the USGS SPARROW webpage would be appropriate. Christine agreed to add that link to the draft. ***(Action to be taken: add SRARROW link to fact sheet).***

**2. Contaminants Fact Sheet**

The contaminants subcommittee is wrapping up discussion of their second indicator, Gulfwatch/Mussel Watch data. The third and final indicator (sediment quality triad) will be addressed this spring and early summer. Adria Elskus asked when the next contaminants call will be scheduled. Christine stated that she expects the next call in February.

**3. ESIP Panel at Maine Fishermen's Forum**

ESIP's fisheries subcommittee asked Christine to submit a proposal to the Maine Fishermen's Forum. ESIP has been given a 1 1/4 hour seminar slot on March 2 (Friday). The subcommittee would like ESIP to use this time for a panel discussion on best ways to present fisheries indicator data. Christine asked if individuals on the call had suggestions. The following people were mentioned:

* Bob Steneck (U Maine)
* Ted Ames (Former fishermen, McArthur genius grant recipient. Guest Scholar at Bowdoin now. Ask Bob if Ted would be a good participant.)
* Someone from DMR? (Carl Wilson?)
* Rick Wahle

**4. Annual Meeting - March**

ESIP's Annual Meeting will likely be held March 16 in Boston, Massachusetts. GOMC's Working Group meeting will be March 14-15. Christine is looking into reserving the Mariner's House for the meeting location. Heather requested a draft agenda so that travel can be approved. Christine agreed to send a draft out in the next week. ***(Action to be taken: Draft agenda out for travel purposes).***

**5. Change Date?**

It seems like Steering Committee members have been having trouble making the Tuesday AM call. Would Wednesdays at 10:00 AM ET work better?

**Next Call - February 21 at 10:30 AM ET**