**Steering Committee Conference Call: May 27, 2014**

**Participants**

Heather Breeze (DFO), Adria Elskus (USGS, UMaine), Jawed Hameedi (NOAA), Jim Latimer (EPA), Matt Liebman (EPA), Kathryn Parlee (EC), Marilyn ten Brink (EPA), and Christine Tilburg (GOMC)

**1. Video**

Christine Tilburg reported back from her recent trip to the Schoodic Institute to tape video for the ESIP video. Abe Miller-Rushing helped to organize the video shoot and Susan Russell-Robinson assisted in finding the funds. Christine was taped for several hours on May 21 with the intention to use this tape, along with screen shots of the ESIP tools to create a 2.5 minute video for the ESIP webpage. In addition some of this tape will be used for the “Voices of the Gulf of Maine” video at Coastal Zone Canada in June. Other work from the videographer is at: http://www.reganalsup.com/.

**2. Geocache**

To celebrate the Council’s 25th anniversary a “geotour” has been created for the Gulf of Maine. Five sites have been selected in each jurisdiction to highlight special places along the coast. Christine plans on visiting two sites in Maine (Wolfe’s Neck and Scarborough Marsh) and including ESIP in the geocache instructions. She visited Wolfe’s Neck on May 26 and obtained the necessary information.

**3. Directional Committee**

The first Directional Committee meeting will be held on May 28 at 10:00 AM ET. Christine intends to report back to the Steering Committee at the June meeting. Christine expressed concern that there are no Canadians on the Committee. She asked that people think about who might be invited.

**4. ESIP and Coastal Zone Canada**

ESIP will be well represented at the upcoming Coastal Zone Canada!

* Christine has been asked to chair the Mapping: Coastal Ecology session (8:00 AM -12:00 PM on June 17).
* Christine will be presenting a talk in the “Voices of our oceans and coastal treasures – Gulf of Maine” session with Heather Breeze (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM on June 17).
* Jim Latimer will be presenting a poster titled: “Accessing Indicator Information Through the Gulf of Maine Council's EcoSystem Indicator Partnership” (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on June 17)
* Christine will be presenting a talk in the “Climate Change Adaptation: GIS and Decision Support” session (3:30 PM – 5:00 PM ET on June 18).

 **5. Annual Steering Committee Meeting**

The group discussed some of the logistics for the upcoming Steering Committee meeting. Jawed Hameedi asked that the agenda be mailed out prior to the call so that people calling in can plan their time. Christine stated that the agenda and call-in information will be send out prior to the call. ***(Action to be taken: Christine needs to prepare and send the agenda. In addition, she needs to connect with Kathryn Parlee regarding the conference line).***