Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group (ESMWG):Approval of New Members and Member Term Extensions

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Purpose

The ESMWG requests NOAA SAB approval of extension of terms for three members and approval of three new members.

Issue

- Three members are rotating off the working group: Michael Beck, Tim Essington and Efi Foufoula-Georgiou.
- Two members are at the end of their first term: David Fluharty and Jackie Grebmeier. While Michael Beck has completed his second term, he agreed to be extended for six months to complete work on coastal habitat restoration recommendations.

ESMWG Membership

As the ESMWG looks forward to future efforts, our agenda includes ecosystem services and valuation, fisheries/open ocean ecosystems (current member Jake Rice with fisheries expertise will leave at the end of 2014), coastal ecosystem processes, and climate adaptation and mitigation as related to ecosystems in NOAA's research portfolio, in particular the Arctic.

ESMWG Membership

Based on the upcoming work, the ESMWG assessed the nominations for subject expertise, geographic distribution, and diversity. We nominate the following individuals:

- Fisheries ecosystems: Steve Murawski, University of South Florida
- Coastal ecosystem processes: Linda Deegan, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole
- Climate adaptation/mitigation: Michael Castellini, Dean, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

CVs for proposed members are posted on the SAB website.

Renewal of Member Terms

The ESMWG requests renewal of member terms for a final three-year period for:

- David Fluharty, University of Washington
- Jackie Grebmeier, University of Maryland

The ESMWG requests a 6-month term extension for:

- Michael Beck, The Nature Conservancy

Desired Outcome

The ESWMG requests the SAB to:

- Approve three new members
- Approve member term renewal requests

Questions

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