



ESMWG: Working Group Membership and Update

A Presentation to the
NOAA Science Advisory Board

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Outline



- Purpose
- Desired Outcome



Purpose

--Request the SAB to:

- Approve a new member to the ESMWG

--Provide an update to the SAB on
ESMWG activities



Proposed New Member



- ESMWG members nominated candidates for vacant position. Areas of expertise considered included ecosystem services valuation, traditional ecological knowledge, and fisheries research and ecology. Based on upcoming work, Co-Chairs focused on ecosystem services valuation expertise.
- On April 24, 2013, the SAB received the CV for Robert Johnston, the recommended candidate for consideration.



Proposed New Member



- Robert Johnston, our primary candidate, is the Director of the George Perkins Marsh Institute at Clark University in Worcester, MA
- Professor Johnston's research interests include the valuation of non-market resources and ecosystem services; benefit transfer and meta-analysis for non-market benefit transfer, and the coordination of economic and ecological models to evaluate aquatic ecosystem restoration.
- Professor Johnston's full CV is posted on the SAB website.



ESMWG current activities



- Members are working on possible recommendations to the SAB in three areas: Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EBFM), Coastal Habitat Restoration and Ecosystem Services Valuation (ESV).
- Work is most mature in EBFM and Coastal Habitat Restoration and we hope to bring these recommendations to the SAB in the next two meetings.



ESMWG current activities



- Work is just beginning on Ecosystem Services Valuation with speakers at the October meeting.
- A possible future topic under discussion is Traditional/Local Ecological Knowledge. The ESMWG will decide whether to begin this work in earnest, depending on NOAA interest and ability of current and future members to do the work.



Clarification of Policy on In-Person Meeting



- At the February 2013 meeting, ESMWG was told meetings would be reduced to two in-person meetings per person.
- At the June 2013 meeting, ESMWG was told meetings would continue to be teleconferences for the foreseeable future.
- ESMWG members are volunteers and find in-person meetings are more productive in the long run. At least one meeting per year should be in-person.
- Issue—Is there a consistent policy for SAB Working Groups about how many in person meetings per year will be supported? The ESMWG is willing to work within that policy as long as it applies to all Working Groups equally.



Desired Outcome



- The ESMWG requests SAB approval of Robert Johnston as a new member.



Questions



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