

Research Activity Panel: Meeting Summary

Host: Monterey Bay Aquarium

Location: Ocean View Conference Room

Friday, February 13, 2004, 9 AM – 12 PM

In Attendance:

Members:

Institution Representatives

Chris Harrold, Monterey Bay Aquarium - Chair

Jeff Paduan, Naval Postgraduate School- Vice Chair

Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS- RAP Coordinator

Churchill Grimes, NOAA/NMFS

Steve Moore, CSUMB

Kerstin Wasson, ESNERR and ESF

Geoff Wheat, NOAA/NURP

At-Large

Caroline Pomeroy, UCSC

Aaron King, Institute for MPA Science

Guests:

Josh Pederson, SIMoN

Stephanie Watson, CenCOOS Coordinator

Rondi Robison, CIMT Marine Research Outreach Coordinator

Irina Kogan, MBARI, MBNMS

Sarah Smith, SIMoN

CONSENT ITEMS

09:15 to 9:20 Introductions/Modifications to the agenda (Chris Harrold)

- Andrew DeVogelaere added Review of the biogeographic assessment
- Chris Harrold added Highlights of the SAC meeting

09:20 to 09:35 Introduction: Stephanie Watson, CenCOOS Coordinator

- General Introduction to CenCOOS and solicited RAP/research community input

09:35 to 09:45 Introduction: Rondi Robison, CIMT Marine Research Outreach Coordinator

- General Introduction to CIMT and solicited RAP/research community input
- See <http://cimt.ucsc.edu/> for more information

PRESENTATIONS

09:45 to 10:25 Institutional Update: MBA (Chris Harrold)

- Discussed the remodel and renaming of the “nearshore galleries” to “oceans edge”
- Reviewed the past, present and future of the Sea Otter Research and Conservation Program at the Aquarium (SORAC)

BREAK 10:25-10:45

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10:450 to 11:30 Priority Joint Management Plan Review Issues for the RAP (Andrew DeVogelaere)

- A list of research-related items from the JMPR was presented to the RAP in response to concerns raised at the last meeting
- There was a discussion on how to involve the RAP in the review of the forming research plan for the Sanctuary
- Andrew DeVogelaere will send an e-mail to the RAP asking for feedback about the plan with the final goal of obtaining a RAP statement on the research plan in time to have an impact on the final draft (timeline to be determined).

INFORMATION ITEMS

11:30 to 11:35 CDFG RAP Membership (Andrew DeVogelaere)

- CDFG will have no replacement (until their financial situation improves) for Deborah Johnston on the RAP. CDFG is, however, actively involved through Paul Riley’s role on the SAC and SIMoN Science committee.

11: 35 to 11:45 Biogeographic Assessment Discussion (Andrew DeVogelaere)

- Responding to RAP concerns at an earlier meeting, Andrew DeVogelaere provided the RAP with an opportunity to review and comment on two biogeographic documents recently completed by NCCOS. It was decided that previously concerned RAP members (e.g., Mary Yoklavich, Mark Carr, Greg Cailliet and Jeff Paduan) would be contacted to explore conducting a review (content and process) and compose a letter to NCCOS on behalf of the RAP.

11:45 to 12:00 Update on Sanctuary Currents Symposium and Research Team 2003 Report to SAC (posters and CD’s to hand out; Jennifer Parkin)

- Posters for the 2004 Sanctuary Currents were distributed to members in attendance to advertise the event

12:00 to 12:05 Potential Future Agenda Items

- A presentation on CenCOOS by Stephanie Watson
- A presentation on CIMT by Rondi Robison
- Discussion of JMPR-related items
- Presentation by Bill Douros on the state of and future of the Sanctuary
- Presentation on the California Coastal National Monument