CeNCOOS Governing Council Meeting – Spring 2024

Virtual Jun 26 at 10-11:30am

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Attendees: Henry, Alex, Eric Bjorkstedt, Fred Bahr, Rosa Laucci, Mary Miller, Lynn deWitt, Jaime Jhankcke, Alex Parker, Libe Washburn, Megan Medina, Raphe Kudela, Fancisco CHavez, Liz Whiteman,

Apologies: Justine Kimball, Andrew Devouglare,

Agenda		
10:00 am	Call to Order, Welcome and Agenda Overview, - Eric Bjorkstedt, Henry Ruhl`	
10:10 am	 Cencoos Program Office Update - Henry Ruhl (20 min, 5 min questions) Refresh of strategy planning Recertification paperwork Bloom happening along the coast being observed by THL team, and Raphe Kudela's lab recently ran some samples; indicative of a previous bloom that crashed. Rosa Laucci's team also processing their own phytoplankton samples Y4 starting in July, IRA starts in August, prep for 5 year proposal starting When and how to do a joint meeting. 	

	 Budget updates: Core funding is flat, not received letter yet from NOAA, 60 days to detail in proposal when letter arrives, house letter announcement today BIL Yrs 3-5 submit in September
10:35 am	Program review approach - Needs, gaps and ocean obs. system optimization and EOIs Refresh of our Strategy (it goes through 2025) Light touch to strategic plan work with EC Hone in on regions that need to be refreshed for document. In 6th months meet with GC to flesh out this build out areas for strategy. DEIA work spinning up related to IRA.
10:45 am	 Winter in-person GC meeting & 20th celebration (draft agenda) Draft meeting agenda: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v9c3L9MY9LcN2u969nrN_opUfQG89YyNznuClc80Db0/edit CeNCOOS community reflect on 20 year for people who could not get attend San Diego. How to incorporated state of the To CeNCOOS meetings updates etc. Site visit? Invite Elected official to the meeting? State of the upwelling, state of the ecosystem fundamental aspect of what we observe. Strategic discussion of SF bay dilute or enhance our effort. Other regional discussion in North Coast, and also South Coast (not necessarily in the meeting). Recommendation to make day 1 focused on CeNCOOS/ setting up GC discussion. What are we doing well, what are we doing poorly. Charge speakers to provide that vs just a show and tell. State of the fisheries at CalCOFI meetings is not very informative; doesn't talk much about economics. Need to think about what we want to really be speaking about. E.g. what is going on and what information is needed. What is the state of the observing system. Shore stations what is working what is not. Synthetic and forward looking thing. Who are people using and needing the products. Thoughtfully provided. State of aquaculture what do we need etc. A real value to the meeting. Who we invite to support the above. Set up a group on Bay area topics. Ecosystems and Blue economy. EC after review and IRA and BlL two areas that need more attention. Need a strategy for this. Maybe not these but

	 Climate Resilience or state of coastal inundation frame up what we need to do in the strategic plan. What to do long term on these topics. Need a summary and not have all shore people talk as they might go too long. State of engagement. Who are we working with, who are we leveraging. Would love to follow up on discussion of how we might align and find synergies with our joint OPC and OST initiative to develop an ocean and cost report card. Initial pilot at end of 2024 and first version of report card at end of 2025. I like the state of engagement part as that can be a point where Tribes can be included
11:00 am	Committee meetings planned prior to Dec meeting DEIA Coastal Obs. Net Delivering coastal climate signal Cencoos Membership, GC Membership []
11:10 am	 Challenges with big deduction from president's budget but injection of IRA funding. Going to additional funding comes with backlash of regular funding getting cut. Should we think about IRA work as "core" 5-year work? Until more information is provided that this cut is really happening, we can't do much. If this cut does move forward, will need to revamp how to use remaining funds. At GC meeting in December, we should discuss how intramural projects are supporting our work and how to leverage that and what topics we should be focusing on. Communicating benefits of our work also relies on communicating with the state, which we have not done much of in the past since we've relied on federal support. E.g. focusing on HABs, OAH, and other state priorities. it's not clear if we can redirect IRA money if we did have a massive core budget cut. Broader solicitation of input from the GC going into the winter to guide our deliberations. Having more committee meetings before December would be a good approach.

11:20 am	Budget approvals - Y4 Core funds and add-ons (1 Jul 2024 - 30 Jun 2025) - Infrastructure planning Y3-5 (1 Dec 2024 - 30 Nov 2027)
11:25am	Next steps, adjourn

Relevant reading:

U.S. Biodiversity Strategy -

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/NSTC_National-Ocean-Biodiversity-Strategy.pdf

mCDR FTAC Research Plan -

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/02/23/2024-03758/marine-carbon-dioxide-removal-research-plan

U.S. Marine Economy National Report -

https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/econ-report.pdf

U.S. Marine Economy Regional Report & State Profiles -

https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/econ-report-regional-state.pdf

Revised Sea Level Rise Guidance -

https://opc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Item-4-Exhibit-A-Final-Draft-Sea-Level-Rise-Guidance-Update-2024-508.pdf