

NECAN Polciy Working group call

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NECAN updates: Industry webinars starting, OAIE, Science WG: Joe, Dwight and Emily will be figuring how to reinvigorate.

Conceptual modeling: CT meeting workshop report still being finalized, communication products will be directed towards industry and policy makers

Industry WG sent out questionnaire to members, will inform info products.

Policy WG will serve as sounding board for info products

Using CANs as coordination of discussions? Preliminary discussions only

Cit Sci workshops: targeted to WQ groups, intro to EPA guidelines for monitoring coastal acidification. Info on where/what people were monitoring, Interests in expanding to include OA parameters, forums for sharing data. Hands-on training with Jason Grear and Adam Pimenta. Considered expanding current pH measurements with bottle sampling for alkalinity to get better estimate of omega. Planning for TA Blitz to get simultaneous set of sampling for TA on ME coast to be run at UNH lab. Potential proposal to include TA in EPA NEPs.

Reaching out to other states through SG for cit sci efforts? Not yet, other than through OAIE Cit Sci group.

Matt put in a proposal to EPA re. cit sci inspired by workshops and MCOA data. Strength of having regional network of monitoring. Proposal to install TA instrument at regional EPA lab in Chelmsford and give cit sci DuraFet sensors. Should hear soon on outcome of proposal process. Complement Blitz idea with broader regional coverage in the fall. TA part of NCCA National Coastal Condition Index scheduled for 2020. Maybe include cross-calibration of instruments in region. Reach out for participants. Need to think about sampling strategy.

Same instrument can measure TA for both FW and SW? Need to separate SW and FW runs, but sampling is the same.

International Alliance voluntary organization to combat OA, develop OA actions plans. Started with US west coast and Canada, scale up regional efforts to international calls for action. Cities, states, countries can join. CA updating its OA action plan. MOCA approached to join, not possible to go through governor's office at this time. Actions can be defined by the group making the pledge. 5 goals identified: advance understanding, reduce CO2 inputs, build sustained support for these actions, expand public awareness, protect coastal communities from impacts of OA. Benefit would be to share plans from others. NECAN supported by NERACOOS, could be entity to join? Role for PWG to interface with alliance and consider options for pledge? Emily will put this on next NECAN SC agenda.

Updates from states:

CT: Juliana – no update

MA: nothing new. Lindsey Williams from MIT SG joining PWG

NH: Steve – sent email to NH SG re. cit sci and participation, report to general court annually, tie between nutrient mgmt. and coastal acidification.

ME: MOCA summer meeting with panel focused on impacts to larval and sub-adult lobster, keynote presentation by O'Chang studios. Newsletter coming up in fall, winter meeting focused on policy. 5-yr strategic plan based on OA commission report. Bill to create a permanent standing coastal hazards and risks commission didn't make it all the way through.

National: 2 bills introduced by House Estuaries Caucus: NEAR Act and amendment to FOARAM

Todd: Partnering between NECAN and RGGI. Will work on editorials though Acadia Center stressing CO2 emissions impacts on coastal resources in the Northeast. FOCB submitted comments in favor of RGGI, could provide info from testimony. NEIWPC letter makes the connection as well, Steve will send to PWG.