

**Provisional Agenda for GCOOS DMAC Committee Meeting**  
**26-27 April 2006; Biloxi, MS**  
**3 April 2006**

**26 April 2006**

0830 Coffee and Juice

Plenary Session with other GCOOS Committees

- 0900 Welcome, Introductions, Logistics (**Ann Jochens**, GCOOS Regional Coordinator)  
Interim Chair conducts meeting
- 0915 Introduction and Purpose of the Meetings (**Ray Toll**, Chair of GCOOS-RA Board)
- 0930 Introduction to the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)—With a focus on the National Backbone (**Worth Nowlin**, GCOOS-RA Board)  
Questions and discussion
- 1000 Refreshment Break
- 1015 Overview of GCOOS (**Jan van Smirren**, GCOOS-RA Board)  
Questions and discussion
- 1100 Synopsis of GCOOS workshops, results, and actions (**Ann Jochens**)
- 1130 Roles of Private Sector in GCOOS (**Worth Nowlin**)
- 1200 Catered Lunch

Data Management and Communication Committee Sessions (Reporter: **Susan Martin**)

- Interim Chair, **Steve Beaudet**, presiding
- 1300 Presentation of Terms of Reference and Charges to Committee—This includes suggested tasks to be worked on by the committee (Matthew Howard)

Following discussion of the terms of reference given in the GCOOS-RA MoA, the following principal committee tasks will be suggested:

- Provide advice to the Board and other GCOOS bodies regarding research or pilot projects that are needed to sustain and enhance data management in the coastal ocean observing system.
- Suggest mechanisms for developing and maintaining effective linkages to NFRA, the IOOS DMAC, Ocean.US, and the various other related groups working on data management and communication issues in the development of the international, national, and regional coastal ocean observing systems.
- Recommend to the Board annual updates to the business plan regarding data management and communication activities.
- Suggest mechanisms for close communications between the Committee and the other two Committees and the two Councils.
- Develop a plan for close communications within the Committee itself.
- Recommend additions to or changes in membership.

- Recommend a prioritized set of action items for the DMAC Committee, GCOOS Office, and GCOOS Board that will further the development of integrated, interoperable data systems for the GCOOS region.
- 1345 Introduction and discussion of background materials
- Priorities for enhancements of the national backbone and for regional enhancements and additions as given in the first Business Plan—needs revision
  - Priorities for products from HABSOS, Oil and Gas Industry, and IOOS Human Health workshops
  - Pilot projects now under investigation by the Board
  - DMAC section from draft GCOOS Business Plan
- 1415 Election of Chair
- 1430 Discussion of and decisions regarding Committee’s foci and approach
- 1530 Refreshment break
- 1545 Continue meeting
- Suggested topics for consideration at this meeting include:
- Identify contacts for existing observing system elements and their responsibilities
  - Founded in an understanding that large new funding for DMAC is not on the way, identify regional resources available to advance DMAC concepts at the observing system level
  - Identify DMAC activities for sub-regional observing systems at this time (e.g., sensor-level inventory & catalog, web services, etc).
  - Consider and recommend how to entrain and educate IT talent from sub-regional observing systems into the development process (by workshops, NOAA/CSC repositories, etc.)
  - Encourage, via the Board and other GCOOS bodies, every GCOOS observing system element to contribute observations and products to test beds such as Open.IOOS.
- 1730 Adjourn for day
- 1800 Icebreaker at Sharon Walker’s home

## **27 April 2006**

- 0700 Breakfast of committee chairs and reporters to compare notes
- 0830 Coffee and juice
- 0900 Committee meeting continues
- 1030 Refreshment Break
- 1045 Conclusions from the meeting
  - Summary of recommendations to Board
  - Final agreement on method of operation
  - Suggestions of membership changes
  - Other
- 1230 Adjourn Meeting

## **Post-meeting**

Chair and Reporter will prepare meeting minutes with recommendations to Board and action items with milestones. Chair will provide for reviews by committee members and submit to GCOOS Office for distribution to Board and posting to web.