

Provisional Agenda for GCOOS Education and Outreach Council Meeting
24-25 April 2006; Biloxi, MS
6 April 2006

24 April 2006

0830 Coffee and Juice

Plenary Session

- 0900 Welcome, Introductions, Logistics (**Ann Jochens**, GCOOS Regional Coordinator)
- 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
- 1015 Refreshment Break
- 1030 Overview of GCOOS (**Worth Nowlin**, 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

Education and Outreach Council Session (Reporter: **Worth Nowlin**)

Interim chairs, **Mike Spranger** and **Sharon Walker**, presiding

- 1300 Presentation of Terms of Reference and Charges to Council—This includes suggested tasks to be worked on by the committee (**Spranger, Walker**)

Following discussion of the terms of reference given in the GCOOS-RA MoA, the following principal council tasks will be suggested (Note that this initial list of tasks was identified at EOC Formation meeting):

- Assists in the development, implementation and evaluation of the GCOOS Regional Association's Education and Outreach Plan.
- Provides input into the national strategy and execution plan for the development and implementation of education and outreach allied with the IOOS.
- Ensures the GCOOS Regional Association's Education and Outreach Plan is consistent with the IOOS National Education and Public Awareness Plan.
- Engages relevant regional education and outreach constituencies in EOC activities.
- Involves GCOOS science, technical, operations and user communities in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of education and outreach products and services.
- Assists in assessing the education and outreach needs of GCOOS users and stakeholders in the region.
- Based on needs assessment, identifies, recommends and prioritizes education and outreach projects and products to the GCOOS Regional Association.
- Encourages the use of new GCOOS products and services in the region.

- Encourages the integration of GCOOS education and outreach activities with other regional EOCs and committees.
- Develops assessment and evaluation tools for GCOOS Education and Outreach projects.
- Seeks extra-mural funding in support of the GCOOS Education and Outreach Plan.
- Strives to improve ocean, coastal and aquatic literacy through GCOOS products, services, projects and activities.

Other topics of discussion:

- How EOC interfaces with GCOOS Stakeholder Council, Products and Services Committee, and DMAC Committee?
- How does EOC's charge and mission fit into other agencies' mission and goals?
- How EOC activities fit into regional and national programs? (i.e. Gulf of Mexico Alliance, President's Ocean Action Plan, NOAA Education Plan, other?)
- Are there opportunities to build on existing networks and programs?

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 and Oil and Gas Industrys workshops
- Proposed three-year plan of activities for the Education and Outreach Council

1415 Election of Chair

1430 Discussion of and decisions regarding Committee's foci and approach

1530 Refreshment break

1545 Continue meeting

1730 Adjourn for day

1800 Icebreaker at Sharon Walker's home

25 April 2006

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.