

## **FLRACEP all-hands meeting notes - Tradewinds Resort St. Pete Beach - October 27 and 28, 2016**

CE Attendees: Chip Cotton, Kate Mansfield, Brian Walker, Kevin Boswell, Ernst Peebles, Jane Caffrey, Dave Chagaris, Chad Lembke, Arnaud Gruss, Jerry Ault

PMT: Jim Holbrook, Tony Deluca, George Morgan, Dennis Nixon, Larry McKinney, Evelyn Fields, Keith Overton, Phil Kramer

Staff: Libby Fetherston-Resch, Cam Ngo, Lieu Huynh, Tammy Taylor

Other distinguished guests: Katrina Phillips, Sean Keenan, Steve Murowski, Will Patterson, Nicole Comisky, Sandra Ellis, Sue Lowerre-Barbieri, Bev Sauls, Nancy Thompson, Steve Giordano, Dave Reed, Jim Gelsleichter, Keith Kolasa, Jeremy Browning, Amber Whittle, Jim Locasio, Jen Granneman, Amy Wallace

CE presentations (see FLRACEP page for pdf versions: <http://www.fio.usf.edu/outreach-flracep/presentations/231-research/flracep/outreach-flracep/231-events-2016annmtg>)

Allen presentation (Chagaris/Patterson), Q&A

Peebles presentation, Q&A

Lembke presentation, Q&A

Babcock presentation (Gruss), Q&A

Special guest Keith Kolasa, Hernando County Marine Program – mapping project presentation

Boswell presentation, Q&A

Caffrey presentation (Caffrey/Patterson), Q&A

Grubbs presentation (Cotton/Gelsleichter), Q&A

Ault presentation, Q&A

Mansfield presentation, Q&A

Peebles RFP II presentation, Q&A

--Best Student Poster Awards at Reception: 1<sup>st</sup>: Granneman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vecchio; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wallace, 4<sup>th</sup>: Phillips--

Walker presentation, Q&A

Sandra Ellis GRIIDC presentation, Q&A

**\*\*60 days for CE Pls to submit DIFs to GRIIDC – Dec 31, 2016**

Giordano NOAA/USGS: monitoring and mapping assessment program for RESTORE Council focusing on building a framework for the water quality and habitat priorities (with plans to expand to living coastal and marine resources, etc. afterwards). Initial work will be on minimum monitoring standards and expanding on existing gap assessments. The RESTORE Council funded the initial governance structure which will include a community of practice developed in coordination with GOMA; next phase (as yet unfunded but planned) is filling gaps in coverage via RFPs (not internal to NOAA or USGS).

Arnaud: Interested in a consortium that will survive long-term to keep databases updated as they will change dramatically over time.

Jerry: How do you decide on minimum standards for what you are investigating and their precision/accuracy targets?

Steve: This will be done in the Community of Practice process – it will be messy but important. GOMA will be developing the COP and has a track record here.

Sue: An AFS session could lay the groundwork for this with the fish community.

FLRACEP communications: scientific (exporting knowledge/understanding) and strategic (raising CE PI and program profiles) – how do we do this in a way that is meaningful to all?

Libby: The program intends to put together a summarized ‘what we did and why it matters’ piece after all of the RFP I results are compiled for FL legislators, FIO members, etc. Yet there are opportunities to package our collective information and present it scientifically as well. We can accomplish this with a special journal issue (a la the Oceanography issue on Deepwater Horizon oil spill research) or a FLRACEP-specific AFS session (or other conference). If we are going to ask you to participate in something like this, however, it should be meaningful to you. Thoughts on what that looks like?

Jerry: Academic set of journal papers would be most relevant to academics, the program can then be packaged for managers, etc.

Brian: Happy to help with either.

Ernst: Journal quality matters – bulletin of marine science, oceanography are both ok.

Kate: Will need an applicable/applied theme that ties this together (rather than our own individual disciplines)

Jane: do our own disciplinary publications; maybe do a journal issue looking at connections of different projects with multiple authors taking advantage of natural synergies.

Steve: Chesapeake Bay management issues did something similar.

Arnaud: Communications with managers and fishermen are important – both exporting and importing information. Workshops are great for this, and need to think about the appropriate tools (conceptual models). Agrees that journals, overview articles may be best – can help if bioscience is a desired target for this work.

Brian: Delivery of this information – simple, early, etc – is key for managers.

Jerry: Value of this information is in its believability and reliability.

Sue: AFS session for fish management and scientific advances – include scientists, managers, etc.

Kate: Break into 3-4 common groups to add value, focus on synthesis, and not duplicate the PI publishable science.

Chad: Need to think audience: how/why is money spent by managers, decision-makers.

Sean: Sea Grant designed to take science and translate to management.

Life after Centers of Excellence grants close

Libby: We have an unresolved question about what to do with Centers of Excellence once the funding is gone and the period of performance is over – do they cease to be Centers? Centers Emeritus? Inactive Centers? This will largely depend on the level of interest from this group.

[Most PIs/co-PIs interested in continuing on in some way.]

Kevin: How?

Phil: There seems to be momentum for synthesis groups coming out of this and maybe we could do some kind of CE funding going towards those?

Arnaud: Or other sources of funds.

Larry: One thing our TXCOE is trying to do is put TX researchers at an advantage to get other funds in this way – leveraging, etc.

Kate: Seed grants for CE alums to put up for other funding opportunities?

Jerry: Goals are funds to get funds to pursue ideas. Pew fellows model of initial funds spent by PIs and then funding to attend an annual strategy session.

Sue: What is the universe of people this will include – PIs, co-PIs?

Libby: likely just the lead PIs.

Chad: FIO as a hub of state money to continue the work?

Phil: FLRACEP as a pilot, and state funds for picking up and continuing?

Ernst: Keep folks together as a synthesis group is a good idea – avoid the appearance of a competitive advantage over other FIO members.

Sue: Funding for a synthesis product seems like a good use.

Larry: Saw a lot of opportunities for synthesis and next steps – can we connect you to state/federal managers?

Phil: Expand on synthesis idea.

George: Who do you connect with at the state/legislative level to advance these ideas/projects?

Brian: SE FL Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) – DEP brought together many agencies and scientists to develop a strategy that incorporates counties, etc.

Jerry: NCRCP (National Coral Reef Conservation Program) pushes federal dollars to states (DEP), then DEP regionalized the distribution.

**\*\*Staff to compile and research feasibility of ideas for synthesis groups/life after CE and present to the group at the next quarterly call.**