

**Water Information Strategies
Work Group
(aka the Work Group of
Champions)**

December 10-11, 2008

Issue: Assessment and Reporting Tools

- Champions: Leslie, Eric
- Probably tied to Sub Issue #4

Task Force Issues

- Support Integrated Monitoring
- Support Assessment and Reporting Tools

Task Force Approach

- Designate a “Champion” and supporting team for each sub-issue
- Support team may include persons who are not Council members
- Champion(s) originate drafts, initiate emails, convene calls.

Time Line

- **December 2008** - designate champions and support teams, identify possible outputs, draft approach.
- Between meetings- fill out team memberships, define outputs, refine approach.
- **Spring 2009** - initiate outputs
- Between meetings – develop/ refine outputs
- **Summer 2009** – finalize outputs.
- Between meetings – initiate development of conference sessions
- **November 2009** – develop conference sessions.

Sub Issue: Roles of different types of monitoring; integration of different types to paint a better picture

- Champions: Pixie, Susan, Mike
- Support Team: Aaron, Richard Mitchell, Ellen Tarquino, the EMAP gang
- Possible Outputs:
 - White Paper
 - Presentation to ASIWPCA
 - Web site
 - Conference session

Sub Issue: States' Role in definition and support of Indicators

- Champions: Mary, Warren
- Support Team: Peter, Doug, Don, Debra
- 1st step: poll states on ideas, experience with indicators.
- Feedback to Robin O'Malley in January
- Participate in February meeting
- Participate in NEST
- Respond to "Roadmap for the Future"

Sub Issue: Promote Use of Volunteer Efforts in Integrated Monitoring

- Champions: Peter, Warren
- Support Team: John, Candy, Gary, Mary, Chris, Alice Mayo
- Assess inclusion of Volunteers efforts in States' Monitoring Strategies
- White Paper on inclusion of VolMon
- Conference Sessions
- Interaction with State Councils

Sub Issue: Monitoring Techniques Expert System

- Champions: Jason, Jeff, Don
- Clearinghouse: Who does what and why
- Current information on monitoring design, expertise, techniques
- Descriptors of new techniques (ie, robo fish, N sensors)
- Invite EPA Regional rep (Reg 3?)

Sub Issue: Monitoring Strategies to Address Climate Change

- Champions: Greg, Jane, Tony
- Educate water managers on need for long term monitoring.
- Guidance to monitoring community on techniques, approaches
- Conference Session(s)