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PaCOOS Board of Governors Meeting

September 10-11, 2009

Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle Washington

BACKGROUND

The Board held its eighth meeting co-chaired by Jonathan Phinney and John Stein. The focus of the meeting was to: (1) receive updates from the membership including the Regional Associations, US Federal and State Government Agencies, international partners including el Centro de Investigacion Cientifica y de Educacion Superior de Ensenada, Baja California (CICESE) and the Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). All presentations are available on the PaCOOS website (<http://pacoos.org/>). (2) Revisit the role of PaCOOS and to revise the PaCOOS Science Plan published in 2004. The BofG was divided into two working groups and the following questions were used to guide the discussion.

1. What is PaCOOS' role in the CC given the scientific and management changes since 2005? (e.g., Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (NOAA), Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) (NOAA, DFO) and the recent emphasis on Marine Spatial Planning (NOAA))
2. Should the PaCOOS mission statement be amended?
3. What are the top 3-5 priority needs for PaCOOS under three funding scenarios: 1) status quo, 2) improved, but still insufficient, and 3) high funding level?
4. Should the PaCOOS management structure change (e.g. Executive Committee, Standing Committee)? Are there other stakeholders that should be represented on the BofG?
5. What is the role of PaCOOS versus the Regional Associations (see page 19 of the 2005 Science Plan).

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Revise Science Plan:** Using the working groups input, the Science Plan will be revised by the staff and the Executive Committee and be sent out to the Board of Governors for review. The revised Science Plan will be presented at the next PaCOOS Board meeting for approval.
2. **CalCOFI and PaCOOS:** The PaCOOS Executive Committee will explore the option to have future Board meetings combined with the annual CalCOFI science meeting. The next PaCOOS BofG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2010.
3. **Name change:** PaCOOS Executive Committee will follow up with the Board recommendation to change the organization name back to the Alliance for California Current Ecosystem Observation (ACCEO). ACCEO was started in 2002, a series of community meetings were held in Monterey California, Seattle Washington, and Portland Oregon with scientist from west coast academic institutions, foundations and agencies. At this years meeting, the Regional Association Board members expressed concern about continued confusion between the use of "OOS" for the government "backbone"

observation system as well as and the Regional Association. Input will be solicited from NOAA leadership regionally and at Headquarters.

4. **El Niño Watch working groups.** Should a moderate to strong ENSO be forecast in October 2009, two working groups (listed below) will be organized to put together a one page ENSO FAQ sheet focused on ecological effects and monitor its progress.
 - a. Monitoring workgroup: Representatives from NANOOS, CeNCOOS, SCCOOS, Peterson, Koslow, Sydeman, Stein, Phinney Canada (DFO representative to be invited), Mexico (CICESE representative to be invited).
 - b. Outlook workgroup: Representatives from NANOOS, CeNCOOS, SCCOOS, Schwing, Sydeman, Koslow, Batchelder, Peterson, Stein, Phinney, Canada (DFO representative to be invited), Mexico (CICESE representative to be invited)
5. **PaCOOS invitation letter to Northwest Indian Tribes to the next PaCOOS BofG meeting:** PaCOOS staff will draft a letter of invitation for Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) and Yurok Humboldt Bay tribes to attend the next board meeting as guests. Several Board members expressed interest in developing relations with the tribes.
6. **PaCOOS invitation letter to join the Board of Governors:** PaCOOS staff will follow up with Tim Baumgartner (CICESE) and Laura Richards (DFO) to determine if a second representative from each country should join the Board. The Executive Committee will oversee the process to invite any potential nominees to the next Board meeting.
7. **PaCOOS quarterly translation to spanish:** The PaCOOS quarterly will be sent to Tim Baumgartner (CICESE) for possible Spanish translation.
8. **PaCOOS quarterly reviewers:** PaCOOS staff will send draft quarterlies to Hal Batchelder, Bill Sydeman, Frank Schwing/Jerrold Norton to be reviewed before sent out for general distribution.

ATTACHMENTS

- Agenda
- List of Participants