3-Region Water-Quality Workshop
Summary
(general discussion post breakout report-outs)
1/26/10

Action Items:

- Each workgroup to populate template and circulate among teams.
- All - Look at state/EPA monitoring strategies and people in organizations who wrote them. Make available.
- Pixie to create Workshop summary
  - common template from workshop breakouts – issue, successes (transfer across regions), gaps, action items
  - summary from first day story boards
- Pixie and Gabrielle to 3-4 page communication piece - strategy statement (marketing tool). Consider two: one for technical (transferability to science stakeholders) and one for high level managers (timely relevance for recognition).
- Create power point presentation as a companion to other documents
  - Attend and speak at other meetings and forums, bring common tools
- Tracy to place stories on web with link to other agencies and main contacts (for more info) and all available in one place.
- Tom Shyka and Nate Booth consider a 3-region demonstration/pilot project to transfer capability. Topics: Exchange network and beaches.

Next Steps:

- Promote communication, collaboration, and cooperation:
  - Among RAs
  - RAs with Feds (NOAA, EPA, and USGS) re RFPs and planning & scheduling.
  - Between RAs & others with legislative bodies (e.g. SECOORA with SE Governors Alliance)
- Consider marine spatial planning
- Funding Considerations:

- o Funding announcements from NOAA through National Oceanographic Partnership Program and asking other agencies to partner. Announcement June/July 2010.
  - o EPA 106 program - strategic State monitoring.
  - o Should EPA consider an ocean resource survey (to support monitoring beyond estuary).
  - o EPA Office of Environmental Information intended to improve data management for state governments ($14 million). Supports Tom Shyka's work.
  - o EPA Beaches grant program to states ($10 million)
  - o National Estuary Program (NEP) making connections at individual watersheds or individual researchers
- Template and other documents written with consideration of guidance to agencies (who make decisions re funding $$)
- Product - unsolicited proposal to a multi-agency group
  - o NWQMC NMN to ACWI/CEQ