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Hi Jerry & those of you who are writing up parts of these documents,

Here's the information that I typed up from the RARGOM meetings on Thurs &

Fri. These are NOT complete minutes. I put much of it within the text of

the document so you don't have to translate and have included a list of

the attachments. Please let me know if you have any questions. Cheers,

Marilyn

-----BEGIN FRIDAY 5/17 RARGOM NOTES

Action 1. RARGOM will be located at UMASS Boston on an interim basis. We

will reassess the permanent location and staffing at a later date.

Action 2. We will continue to improve the Draft business plan with special

focus on improving funding before we hire professional staff. We intend to

finalize the draft business plan within 30 days. Comments and suggestions

should be forwarded to the management committee by 15 June.

Action 3. We will solicit funding from sources other than membership dues.

A letter of intent to their agencies, relating what we are doing and the

fact that we will be seeking their support for \$10K/year for three years to make this possible. A formal letter of appeal to the agencies and CME will be issued by July 1 so that there is ample time for them to include the support in their fiscal years starting September 30. The letter will include a Business Plan, a RARGOM 3-year Action Plan, and a draft of the Research Priorities resulting from the May 16 meeting ("Research Topics of High Interest and Priority for the Gulf of Maine Region").

Action 4. Interim Management Committee will stay in effect.

Other things covered at the meeting

5. Budget circulated (current status)

6. Discussion of interim tasks associated with improving web content and visibility.

7. Discussed Thursday meeting for development of Research Plan update: " Research Topics of High Interest and Priority for the Gulf of Maine Region" (see attached documents)

8. Discussed effectiveness of RARGOM (in past, present & future)in meeting its goals.

9. Worked on revising the new business plan and request for support.

10. RARGOM will submit a separate document to the Oceans Commission that

includes the executive summary of the updated research plan and the accomplishments that regional science has made in the last decade.

Circulated

-WHOI Ocean commission draft. Agencies & institutions to contact Jim

Luyten

-Write up of points from Thurs. actions

News:

Ocean Commission

NE Coastal monitoring

USGS meeting w/ USACS

USGS NE coastal project

Ocean Census

Action plans

Work more closely with council

Improved Web

Regional research plan & advocacy for more funding

We will expedite inter-agency meetings (management level)

?.. look at the RARGOM goals list

Bibliography

News exchange among institutions & agencies

Re voting: We have 6 of 11 members present.

-----END OF FRIDAY NOTES

Attachments:

Thur 5/16 notes of reseach plan update (recorded by MtB)

Ocean Commission Draft from Jim Luyton (provided from B Butman)

Revisions of new business plan (recorded by MtB)

Minutes of RARGOM meeting last year providing outline and goals of updated

research plan. (from Genie's email of that time)

(See attached file: Plan Update meeting) (See attached file:

OC_comm_input.doc)(See attached file: REV RARGOM BUSINESS PLAN.RTF)(See

attached file: Minutes 53&401 Portland.rtf)

SUMMARY:

2002 Update of the Gulf of Maine Research Plan.

Authored and coordinated by RARGOM, the Regional Association for Research

on the Gulf of Maine, an association of institutions which have active

research interests in the Gulf of Maine and its watersheds, with support

from the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment.

Research Topics of High Interest and Priority

For the Gulf of Maine Region: 2002-2007

Outline of the Research Plan

Forward

Retrospective

Needs and Priorities

Regional Context

Issue-based Design

Research Needed (SEE BELOW)

Results of regional research

Benefits

Appendices

Topics of High Interest and Priority (in no order)

- Contaminants of Environmental Concern in the GOM

(Includes excess nutrients, chemicals & pathogens)

- Fisheries resources and essential fish habitats

(Includes marine protected areas and essential fish habitats)

- Ocean observing (Includes research on technology)

- Understanding change over time and space (Includes detecting change and variability)
 - Climate change impact and prediction
 - Biodiversity (Includes invasive species)
 - Species of concern (e.g., right whales, salmon, piping plovers)
 - Aquaculture
 - Physical alterations (Includes dredging, trawling, shore alteration)
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