

Sustainable Development Strategy Team
Notes from Conference Call of Team Co-Chairs and Workgroup Leads
February 2, 2005

Here is a summary of the items we discussed at the conference call today, and the do-outs.

Calendar: the schedule for the Regional Collaboration and SD Team includes the following events and milestones:

22-23 Feb	Exec Cmte and Teams meet in Toledo (I will attend for SD)
28 Feb	SD Workgroups post draft report on current uses and trend analysis on web site
31 Mar	SD Workgroups post draft report on sustainable use practices (options) on web site
20 Apr	SD Workgroups post first full draft of reports on web site
21 Apr	SD co-chairs send workgroups reports (as is) to other Teams and Exec Cmte.
28-29 Apr	Exec Cmte and Teams meet (location TBD) (Representatives from all SD workgroups should attend)
27 May	Final SD Team report to Exec Cmte
7 Jul	Ceremony to release Strategy for public review (location TBD)

I will be attending the meeting in Toledo and make a brief presentation to the other Teams present on the SD Team plan and coverage. I will share drafts of the one-page summary and slides with the workgroup leads for comment (next week). Workgroup leads were encouraged to attend the meeting on April 28-29, with other representatives from their workgroups.

Work Plan: The work plan (draft #6) was discussed. The co-leads from the Recreation/Tourism/Fishery workgroup will provide some language clarifying the tribal perspective on the sustainability definition.

Workgroup Report Guidance: The draft paper of guidance on workgroup reports was discussed. No issues were raised. This draft may be shared with the full Team.

Issues: The following general issues were raised, and actions assigned:

- There was a question about how to caveat the recommendations in the report given that the expedited schedule would not allow these recommendations to be fully reviewed by agencies and organizations. This question will be raised to the Executive Committee with the recommendation that some kind of disclaimer needs to be used.

- There is a concern that some organizations feel their involvement in the development of the strategy is limited because of the compressed schedule, and that the development is dominated by agency staff. This concern will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee. However, organizations having this concern should feel free to approach the Executive Committee members directly. The co-chairs will send monthly notices to SD Team members that are not directly involved with a specific workgroup that draft products of the workgroups are available on the SD Team web site for review, and comments welcomed by the workgroup leads.

Web Site: The SD Team web site is at www.glin.net/sdstrategyteam/ This site has pages for each workgroup, where draft products should be placed. There is a Resource page where reference documents and links can be placed. A new page will be added for SD issues or questions raised.

Next Call: Here are the dates and times for the next two conference call of the Team co-chairs and workgroup leads

Wed Feb 16 at 10am Central/11am Eastern

Thurs Mar 2 at 10am Central/11 am Eastern

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