

Sustainable Development Strategy Team  
Notes from Conference Call of Team Co-Chairs and Workgroup Leads  
March 3, 2005

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

I went over the items discussed at the meeting in Toledo of the Executive Committee and Strategy Team co-chairs.

Overlap – we discussed the overlap between Strategy Teams, which in the case of some Teams might be seen as redundancy, but in the case of Sustainable Development and the Indicators & Information Teams was absolutely necessary, since these are cross-cutting issues. Workgroups will be asked to describe their overlap with other Issue Teams to support the effort of GLNPO to develop some kind of overlap map.

Recommendations – I will prepare a strawman of a proposal to the Executive Committee for a format for recommendations by all Teams in that calls for recommendations for each level of responsibility (federal, state, tribal, local, NGO, industry, etc).

Priority – I will send out to the Workgroup leads the one-page guidance developed by Dave Ullrich on priority setting for Team recommendations, along with some comments I would propose we make because the guidance doesn't work very well with SD and cross-cutting issues. In hindsight...I will merge the comments on the priorities and the recommendations proposal into a single paper.

Progress reports were made by workgroups:

#### Industrial Activity

- progress in writing is lagging a bit
- the national and global market context is hard to address in a regional strategy
- difficulties in getting societal and economic legs of sustainability stool considered with equal weight to the environmental leg
- consensus on recommendations may be elusive

#### Land Use & Development

- expect first draft of step one in ten days
- scaling of sustainable practices to regional level still a challenge

#### Transportation

- expect product of step one by next Friday (11 Mar 05)

#### Recreation, Tourism & Fishery

- matrix is a useful tool to organize information (recommended to other Workgroups)
- expect first draft by end of next week (11 Mar 05)

#### Water Supply, Return, Infrastructure

- neither co-lead able to participate
- title of group to be renamed, but general focus remains same

Agriculture & Forestry

- workgroup to be started with additional members from other Agriculture and Forestry groups engaged by EPA
- contractor to help jump-start effort with literature review of existing uses and trends

Contract Support - EPA's contractor to support the Collaboration participated in the call and get feedback from the workgroup leads. I will prepare a paper that includes all the tasks identified by the workgroup leads and Team co-chairs for review and prioritization.

Reminders:

- the next conference call of the Team co-chairs and Workgroup leads will be on Wednesday, March 16 at 11am Eastern/10am Central
- all Workgroup leads should encourage their members to participate in the meeting at Traverse City, MI on April 28-29 (details to follow in a few weeks)

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