



**Joint Implementation Working Group
MEETING NOTES**

**Wednesday, October 14
1:00-2:30 pm**

Meeting Goal: Identify key JIWG roles and actions over the next two years

Meeting Outcomes:

1. Approval and agreement to share the Next Steps report
2. General support of the activities listed in the proposed work plan. Management Team will revise based on JIWG feedback and scope resource needs for big activities.
3. Encouragement to reconsider title of Climate Resilience Award as a Climate Adaptation Award
4. JIWG members will consider what kind of additional support they can provide for implementation of the activities agreed to in the approved JIWG work plan.

Notes:

1. Meeting Convened by Michael Bean with comments from Richard Merrick and Kevin Hunting.
 - a. This meeting is an opportunity to re-engage the JIWG and re-commit ourselves to working together to implement the Strategy by identifying our WorkPlan for the next 2 years.
2. Progress report (informational) – Michael Bean and Roger Griffis
 - a. Release of the Next Steps report
 - i. Report data collected started in late 2014, seeks to look forward at how climate adaptation appeared in FY2015 and FY2016 budgets.
 - ii. We received an overwhelming amount of information, but it is not intended to be comprehensive.
 - iii. **Full JIWG gave approval to the report. Will be posted on our website and shared among partners**
 - b. Outreach & Engagement Update
 - i. We sponsored a session on the Strategy and 3 case studies from a federal, state, and tribal agency that were in the Taking Action report
 1. Great attendance, standing room only. Strong interest in case studies of Strategy implementation



Proposed Work Plan Level and Decision Point	Title	JIWG APPROVAL?	Discussion Points
Level 1. Recommended Core Activities – JIWG SUPPORT?	<u>Contribute to the Climate Resilience Toolkit</u>	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding regional examples has high value. • There is some uncertainty about the value/utility of the toolkit. • Who/How are tools vetted? Aren't agencies already required to do on their own—may be best met with new tools such as best practices. • Case Studies from states and tribes are probably a key contribution that we can make
	<u>Review relevant products of other federal efforts</u>	MORE THOUGHT NEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this run in to FACA issues? NO – since the JIWG is only federal/state/tribal • Does this step on toes? Are we being asked to do this? • Seems more relevant to inventory/share/promote other products than to review them • Could help describe the unique and valuable federal efforts—knitting together the federal efforts on climate adaptation. Provide narrative of how efforts are complementary
	<u>Promote the Strategy goals and framework with regional partnerships</u>	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid proselytizing the Strategy and focus on using the Strategy to fulfill needs
	<u>External outreach</u>	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment or discussion
Level 2. Recommended Priority Activity – JIWG SUPPORT?	<u>Administer a Climate Resilience Award</u>	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overwhelming support. • Strong support (~6 JIWG members) for reconsidering the name to include “adaptation” rather than “resilience”. (Award team is considering this input to the name) • Non-winners and winners could be useful fodder for Best



			<p>Practices and Toolkit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to select winners from different levels of government, as the work is often very different
<p>Level 3. Potential Additional Activities CHOOSE ONE OR MORE</p>	<p><u>Identify and promote climate adaptation best practices for fish, wildlife, and plants</u></p>	<p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices are one step better than case studies and are absolutely vital. Focus on “what are the steps you need to take”. • This allows JIWG to be closer to on the ground management. • Recommendation to work with Darren Long and Molly Cross (WCS) who have been funding and assessing innovative climate adaptation
	<p><u>Influence conservation funding decisions</u></p>	<p>MORE THOUGHT NEEDED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that this may be too big for the JIWG to take on – are we setting ourselves up for too big of challenge • Recognition that this is very important and one of the critical components of adaptation success
	<p><u>Explore and highlight gaps in NFWPCAS implementation</u></p>	<p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exists at a higher level than best practices

Other comments

- There is a blurry line between level 1 and level 3 in terms of activities required. Exploring Best Practices and Gaps could be part of contributing to the Climate Resilience Toolkit, they are all related.
- Jeff Peterson is willing to go back to EPA and request more resources, potentially as a project for their “Skills marketplace” to get someone spending 20% of their time.
- Robin O’Malley suggested adding working with the ACCCNRS to develop a science agenda. There is significant overlap in membership. ACCCNRS is working to fulfill many of the strategies and actions related to Goals 4 and 5 of the Strategy.
- California has volunteered staff support or Best Practices and Gaps



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CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Attendance:

- Michael Bean, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Richard Merrick and Roger Griffis, NOAA Fisheries
- Jim Zorn and Jen Vanator, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
- Kevin Hunting and Whitney Albright, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Muriel Murray, Council on Environmental Quality
- Brian Branciforte, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Pat Riexinger, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Olivia LeDee, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Sandy Boyce, U.S. Forest Service
- Catherine Marzin, NOAA National Ocean Service
- Paul Wagner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- Sean Hart and Rachel Novak, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Art Coykendall, Bureau of Reclamation
- Gregor, Schuurman, National Park Service
- Paul Souza, Kate Freund, and Eleanora Babij, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Robin O'Malley and Kristen Donohue, U.S. Geological Survey
- Jeff Peterson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Lynn Helbrecht and Cynthia Wilkerson, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Davia Palmeri and Jonathan Mawdsley, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Members of the public:

- Doug Parsons, Society for Conservation Biology
- Aimee Delach, Defenders of Wildlife
- Ryan Valdez, National Parks Conservation Association
- Tom Franklin, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
- Laura Gephart, Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission
- Bryan Moore, Trout Unlimited