

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 9 and Friday March 10, 2006

CORE Offices, 1201 New York Avenue

Washington, DC

## AGENDA

Thursday, March 9 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

***First Floor Conference Room (note: not the CORE conference room)***

***8:30 to 2:00 NFRA Business Session – closed to NFRA members only***

8:30 Welcome & Introductions Molly McCammon/ David Martin

8:45 Update on NFRA Activities Josie Quintrell/Molly McCammon

9:15 Action items:

Adoption of NFRA By-laws David Martin

Election of Officers Bill Boicourt

NFRA Assessment Policy Rick DeVoe

10:00 Legislation Update Glen Mandigo

10:45 Communication Plan and NFRA 2006 Priorities Molly McCammon

11:30 NFRA Response to the Draft Certification Criteria by Ocean US

*Please see attached criteria. A small group is preparing for review at this meeting a draft response which will be sent prior to the meeting.*

12:30 Lunch (donations accepted)

1:00 Discussion with Mary Altalo on Certification Criteria -- via phone

***2:00 – 5:00 pm Open Meeting***

2:00 RA Needs Assessment Chris Ellis, CSC

2:10 Coastal Management and IOOS Jena Carter, CSO

2:25 NFRA Input to Nat'l Estuarine Eutrophication Project David Martin

2:40 Regional Roundtable -- Success stories, planned events and future activities

*The purpose of this session is to highlight specific projects in different regions, foster communication among regions, share lessons learned, identify common concerns, and strategize on future collaboration. If you have a topic, please come prepared to discuss it for no more than 10 minutes.*

Pacific OOS Meeting-- Eileen Shea

Beach Monitoring System – Stephanie Peck, SCOOS

Ocean Data Partnership – Philip Bogden

Workshop: RA Needs for Remote Sensing -- Josie Quintrell

HF Radar- Dave Martin

5:00 Adjourn

Informal Dinner at nearby restaurant.

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Friday, March 10 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

***CORE Conference Room – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (the room is only available beginning at this time, so please come on time, but not early!)***

### ***Open Session***

- 9:45 Panel Discussion: IOOS Accomplishments and Goals for 2006  
9:45 Admiral Dick West, CORE  
Significance of the CORE/SURA/JOI partnership
- 10:00 Jack Kaye, Chair Ocean US Executive Committee (*invited*)
- 10:20 Dr. Rick Spinrad, NOAA  
Highlights of 2005  
Priorities for 2006  
Special projects – Next steps for the RFQ
- 10:40 Dr. Tom Malone, Ocean US  
Ocean US Accomplishments for 2005  
Ocean US Goals for 2006  
Special projects: National Backbone
- 11:00 Margaret Davidson, CSC  
Highlights of 2005, Goals for 2006  
Special Projects; Coastal Inundation Project  
CSC role in IOOS
- 11:20 Mark Luther, US GOOS Steering Committee  
Future of US GOOS SC  
Highlights of Feb 2006 Meeting
- 11:40 Molly McCammon, NFRA  
NFRA Highlights for 2005, Goals for 2006
- 12:00 Wrap Up: Building the IOOS Team – next steps.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 John Englander, CEO International SeaKeeper  
SeaKeeper 1000 automated modular system for cost effective, data gathering, logging, and telemetry
- 1:30 Questions
- 1:45 Wrap Up and Next Steps
- 2:00 Adjourn