



Information Document for Steering Committee Meeting

#36 – March 4 2011

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Synopsis of Volunteer Group Activities

February 2011

| Coalition- SGSL | Advisory Groups | | Working Groups | | | Traditional Ecological Knowledge |
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| | Funding/ Develop- ment | Technical Advisory | Science, Research & Habitat | Communications & Education | Coastal Erosion | |
| Status: | Inactive | Inactive There is no chair - a new purpose and direction has yet to be set | Active Meetings every 3 months | Active Meetings every 2 months | Active Meetings every 2 months | Inactive Allister is Chair. Active members are being sought. Purpose and direction has yet to be set. |
| Current projects | Fundraising Policy | None | CAMP; Sustainability Indicators; CCC-CURA; SECOA; | Updating Website information ; Membership Call- around; | Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Education Program (CEMEP) | None |
| Potential projects | Organise an annual Local Marketing and Fundraising Event | None | Canadian Water Network – Northumberland Strait – Effects Monitoring Partnership | Website update continued; Increase social media presence; | Climate Change Adaptation (formation sharing); | None |
| Next meeting | None | None | May 6 th , 2011 10:00am | March 8 th , 2011 10:00am | March 28 th , 2011 10:30am | None |

Volunteer Group Activities Details

SECOA

- Both reports are on website (Archives section)
- Potential meeting on methods and frameworks for cultural mapping in March 2011.
- Will continue to up date the website information and work with partners to move forward on advancing local values in decision making.

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

- Still working on a strategy for developing a Community Friendly tool kit.

CAMP

- Applied for 5 summer students funding
- Developed PowerPoint presentation (English and French) for Community Groups to Deliver to Community Leaders (tested in one community – to be distributed to CAMP groups next year)
- Preparing for next fiscal year program delivery

CCC-CURA

- First 6 projects funded by the CCC-CURA (see www.defisdescommunautescotieres.org)
- Long-term projects and directions are being set
- Focuses on building resiliency of costal communities in the Estuary and Gulf through participative research action.

CEMEP

- Bilingual brochure on coastal erosion distributed to pilot groups, others will be available to members soon.
- Conservation Organisations and Coalition-SGSL met regarding information to be put on the Atlas about habitat stewardship
- PowerPoint presentation on Coastal Erosion Monitoring and Habitat Stewardship to Community Leaders developed in English and French
- Pilot groups (4) to deliver the presentation to their community leaders on the concept of coastal erosion and habitat protection as means of adaptation.
- Report being written on a communication strategy for the Coalition-SGSL for getting this adaptation concept to community leaders

Annual Work-plan

Synopsis:

Some of the projects have grown in complexity and are now achieving more components of our strategies, goals and mandates. Some of the projects are becoming programs, under which we can expand and work for many years.

See PDF: [Workplan_March 4 2011](#) and [Workplan_Legend](#)

Executive Director's Report

Funding proposals

Applied to:

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| Canadian Wildlife Federation Endangered Species Fund (Species at risk in CAMP) | Status: Denied – received 91 applications, 18 granted: Spoke to Terri Lee, Feb.18.10, hypothesis needed more explanation, clear connections with activities, sound hypothesis and test of hypothesis, clear connection to knowledge, and how can it actually achieve conservation benefits (did pretty okay). We will look into applying again for March 15 th deadline. |
| Environment Canada – Habitat Stewardship Program (Baie des Chaleurs – Satyre Fauve) | Status : Expect response in April 2011 |
| Environment Canada – Atlantic Ecosystem Initiative | Status: Expect response in April 2011 |
| Status of Women Canada – Blue Print Project –Theme 3: Increasing Women's Involvement as Decision- Makers in Community-Based Organizations | Status: Expect preliminary response in April 2011 |
| Service Canada Summer Student Program (applied for 5 students) | Status: Expect answer in May 2011 |

Networking

- Membership call-around (updating information, surveying on communication needs, deepening the relationship with our organisation)
- Attended Steve Hawbolt's (Clean Annapolis River Project, E.D.) retirement event.

Coalition meetings

- Weekly meetings with staff
- Management Committee meeting,
- Meeting with Science Research Habitat WG,
- Meeting with Coastal Erosion WG,
- Meeting with Communication and Education Working Group
- Meeting with National and regional conservation groups on Atlas and Habitat Stewardship,
- Meetings with CCC-CURA Co-direction,
- Meetings with CCC-CURA Coordination Committee
- Meeting with J. Lambert –Rural Secretariat on possible funding for AGM Forum

Activities

- Finances – bookkeeping and so on
- Organised and facilitated Volunteer Group Meetings with Chairs and staff
- Worked on funding proposals and project ideas with partners
- Followed up on in-kind request and sent letters of support for joint projects
- Scholarship announced again
- Worked on Projects: CAMP, CEMEP, CCC-CURA, Communications
- Interviewed for Climate Adapt
- Worked on potential new projects: CWN – Northumberland Strait -Effects Monitoring Partnership
- Interview for Ecology Action Centre – Coastal Communication Strategy Effort

Upcoming Important Deadlines

- March: Mountain Equipment Coop and Canadian Wildlife Federation Funding Deadlines

- March-April: End of year = Need to meet deliverables, finish reports, finish projects, prepare finances, find an accountant for Audit, secure funding for AGM (maybe a guest speaker too), Manage Scholarship recipient and prepare summer programs
- May: Start of CAMP summer students and 2011-12 fiscal year projects
- Check the Coalition-SGSL's calendar for upcoming event (<http://www.coalition-sgsl.ca/calendar.php>)

Important News:

- Social Economy SPACE tool (www. <http://dc.msvu.ca:8080/xmlui/handle/10587/9>)
- Ordered 2 free CDs (English & French) from Atlantic Charities Learning Exchange with all their Webinar presentations and handouts for Compliance with Revenue Canada around fundraising and financial reporting. This will be a resource at the office for all Steering Committee members and will be shared with Management Committee.

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Final results of the membership survey will be available in early March 2011.