

June 2011 DAARWG Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 23 – Friday, June 24

Meeting Location: **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Silver Spring**
8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Seneca Meeting Room

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Thursday, June 23, 2011

8:30 to 9:00 **Light (Continental) Breakfast**

9:00 to 10:00 **Welcome from Chair and NOAA** (*Ferris Webster, Helen Wood*)

Introductions (*All*)

Remarks from Chair (*Ferris Webster*)

- **Review of last DAARWG Meeting**
- **Plans for DAARWG moving forward**

10:00 to 11:00 **Introduction to the Issue: NOAA and External Datasets** (*Scott Hausman*)

Purpose: This session will introduce DAARWG members to the issue that will be the focus of this meeting – exploring how NOAA decides when to use external (non-NOAA) datasets. The focus will be to review factors that NOAA should take into account when considering non-NOAA (e.g., other Federal agency, State, local, international partner, private sector, and NGO) observing networks, data, and information to use to accomplish its mission. Important aspects to be explored include:

- *Criteria for use*
- *Data source*
- *Assured availability of data*
- *Data quality*
- *Transparency*
- *Data Documentation (i.e. metadata)*
- *Data access*
- *Data retention*

11:00 to 11:15 **Break**

11:15 to 12:00 **National Weather Service's Existing Policy** (*Ed Johnson*)

Purpose: The NWS already accepts external data sources as either complementary or supplemental data to use in forecast and warning decisions. This session will provide DAARWG members information about how NWS determines what data can be used and will also provide an overview of the National Weather Service's policy titled: "Managing the Acquisition of Environmental Data from External Parties."

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- 12:00 to 1:15 **Working Lunch** (provided)
- 1:15 to 2:00 **IOOS and Data Provider Certification** (Zdenka Willis)
Purpose: This session will provide DAARWG members an overview of how IOOS determines data appropriate for integration into IOOS and their process for certifying data providers. This session will also touch on the development of a process to incorporate data from external partners including private industry.
- 2:00 to 3:00 **National Climate Assessment Considerations** (Anne Waple)
Purpose: This session will provide DAARWG members an opportunity to hear about the upcoming National Climate Assessment and discuss some of the climate-specific sensitivities (both positive and negative) for use of non-NOAA datasets in that context.
- 3:00 to 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30 to 4:30 **Discussion** (All)
Purpose: Open discussion time has been built into the agenda to ensure that there is sufficient time to return to issues that arise during the course of the meeting.
- 5:00 to 6:00 **Informal social hour at Mi Rancho Restaurant** (Tex-Mex cuisine)
8701 Ramsey Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- 5:45 **No-host Dinner at Mi Rancho Restaurant**
All are welcome, but please RSVP in advance.
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Friday, June 24, 2011

- 8:30 to 9:00 **Light (Continental) Breakfast**
- 9:00 to 10:45 **Discussion** (All)
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- 10:45 to 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 to 12:30 **DAARWG Meeting Wrap-up**
- **Recommendations**
 - **Future DAARWG issues**
 - **Next meeting**