From: Greenberg, Marc
To: Tracy Collier
Cc: Greg Schiefer; sgerould@usgs.gov; Goodfellow, Bill
Subject: Re: oil spill meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 10:29:39 AM

Tracy,

Thanks for agreeing to moderate and thanks for the good news on the buzz at the Houston meeting. Wanted to let you know that we have envisioned most sessions will have two moderators. We identified you and Bob Spies to co-moderate the session on Ecosystem Effects of Oil Spills (includes aquatic, wildlife, marshes). We haven't heard yet from Bob. I'll report back to you on when he accepts, or if we need to go to another candidate for your co-moderator. I am culling together some additional information that will help you get the full picture on what we're planning for the meeting, and I'll hopefully be sending that around within the next 3-5 days. In the meanwhile, here is a brief description of specific topics/questions that the Steering Committee identified for the Ecosystem Effects of Oil Spills (includes aquatic, wildlife, marshes) session.

1A: Ecosystem Effects of Oil Spills (includes aquatic, wildlife, marshes)

1A: Aqautic toxicology of dispersants

1A: General aqautic toxicology of oil

1A: Effects to marsh and shoreline habitats

1A: Sub-chronic or non-lethal effects endpoints that are informative of long term effects

1A: Standardizing toxicity endpoints/measurements for use during the response--value of sublethal/biomarker endpoints

1A: What do we know about the impact of dispersed oil from the MC 252 incident on marine life in the Gulf of Mexico, and what still needs investigation? Generic questions (i.e., not specifically DWH related) include: Toxicity of dispersed oil to coral?

1A: Is chemically dispersed oil more or less toxic than mechanically dispersed oil?

1A: What do we know about the impact of floating oil from the MC 252 incident that reached the Gulf shoreline and what still needs investigation?

1A: Long-term recovery of affected communities? Includes: Long-term recovery of marshes and mangroves with or without cleaning; Recovery and persistence of effects to planktonic, sea bird and marine mammal populations/communities; Recovery and persistence of effects to intertidal and subtidal communities from oil spills.

I hope you find this to be somewhat helpful.

Thanks again!

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Cc: Sarah Gerould <sgerould@usgs.gov>, Marc Greenberg/ERT/R2/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 02/08/2011 10:45 PM

Subject: Re: oil spill meeting

Thanks Greg--you're working late, but I guess I am too.

It seemed a bit odd (to me anyway) that you would want one moderator for two days, but I'll defer to Marc on the meting strategy and planning. After I hear about that I'll check in w my NOAA folks.

I've been at an Arctic oil spill research planning meeting in Houston today, and there was a fair bit of talk about the Pensacola meeting, so I'll hazard a guess that you will get good participation--hope that helps you sleep!

Best,

Tracy

On Feb 8, 2011, at 10:37 PM, Greg Schiefer wrote:

> Hi Tracy,
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> We are planning this meeting on a wing and a prayer. That said, I think your contributions are essential so we'll really try to move mountains if you absoluely need travel support.

Schedule change might be doable but I think it's unlikely. Tthere are lots of moving pieces in this scheduling maze. I'll defer to Marc on this.

Greg

From: Tracy Collier [Tracy.K.Collier@noaa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:16 PM

To: Sarah Gerould; Greg Schiefer

Subject: Re: oil spill meeting

Hi Sarah--it was good to catch up a bit, and the SETAC GoM meeting seems to be generating quite a bit of interest, so I'm happy to help out.

But, I have a complication. I realized after we talked that I'm scheduled to return from Australia after a 9-10 day speaking trip on mid-day April 25th, and thus it will be pretty hard for me to be in Pensacola on the morning of the 26th. Is it possible for me to start my moderator duties on the 27th, or did you think I needed to spend two full days as moderator? People might tire of me after a few hours, not to mention two days?

And Greg--I'm not sure whether or not, in my current duties with NOAA, that this meeting would fall within my scope, so I wondered if there is travel support available from SETAC for the moderator types? I got the impression from Sarah that that wasn't likely, but want to check with you before asking NOAA. This might further complicate my participation.

Apologies for being difficult, please feel free to call or email me if you would like to discuss further. Tomorrow I'm traveling back from Houston to Seattle, I should be available after 2 pm west coast time.

Tracy

On Feb 4, 2011, at 3:55 PM, Sarah Gerould wrote:

Dear Tracy,

It was nice chatting with you today. Thank you for agreeing to serve as moderator.

SETAC North America is conducting a Focused Topic Meeting on the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill that will take place in Pensacola, Florida from 26-28 April 2011. We would like you to participate as a moderator in our Ecosystem Effects of Oil Spills Session. This session is currently scheduled to take place on Tuesday and *Wednesday, 26-27 April* and we will confirm the time and date in early March.

The website for the meeting is at http://gulfoilspill.setac.org/ and registration for the meeting is now open. We also request that you submit a brief abstract for your overview presentation. Instructions and the link for abstract submittal can be found on this webpage: http://gulfoilspill.setac.org/node/104 .

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Greg Schiefer (schiefer@setac.org), or Nikki Turman (nikki@setac.org). Thank you

for your consideration of this invitation. We hope to see you in Pensacola in April!

Sincerely,

Sarah

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