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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 6:24:06 PM
Subject: RE: West Coast NEPs
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Hi Tom:

Super. Peter Murchie from R10 (ccd on this email) and I spoke a little about this yesterday and are both enthusiastic about making a west coast meeting happen before early November. Peter and I are scheduled to talk more about this next week. Key next steps are agreeing on date and location. I can volunteer EPA's conference facilities that are new and shiny! Our talk last week with you of coordinating with the SF State of the Estuary Conference is not going to work because I realize either before or after the conference won't work for SFEP. Any suggestions on dates and location? Should it be one day or two days? Then we can move on to an agenda for a joint NEP/EPA meeting.

As per your attachment, I am a proponent of better integrating the NEPs with the federal Ocean Policy/RGB and see that as a potential discussion item. But even if not a discussion item, I will likely bring it up with the RPB.

Regards,

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Subject: FW: West Coast NEPs

Sam and Erica,

Per one aspect of our conversation last week the Region 10-9 NEP meet up seems to have universal support, (see below)

Attached you'll find a copy of the WCGA proposal we generated back in 2010.

Thanks again for making the trip last week.

Ciao,

Tom

From: Lisa Phipps [mailto:lphipps@tbnep.org]
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Hello, Peter,

As you can see, all of the West Coast Directors are on board. Not sure what the next steps are but I am sure we will all help as we can to make this happen. Might help to get it on our calendars soon as I know everyone is super busy.

We will wait for your guidance.

Lisa

From: Caitlin Sweeney [mailto:caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org]
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Same here. I'm interested and would like to participate, but will likely need to do so remotely.

Caitlin

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 3:32 PM, Lexie Bell <LBell@mbnep.org> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

This sounds like a great idea and I would like to participate, although I may have to do so remotely.

I am happy to help with planning as well.

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Lisa,

I like this concept and enjoyed meeting Peter in DC. So I'm in… ☺

Can't speak for the Region 9 folks and Lexie, Caitlin and I should speak on approach.

Talk soon,

Tom

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Hi, Caitlin, Tom, and Lexie,

Region 10 just had a meeting and talked about convening a Region 9/Region 10 meeting sometime this fall. It would be more formal than our West Coast NEP directors meeting and would include EPA folks and potentially partners.

Are you up for this? If so, Peter is going to reach out to your region folks but we would want to get planning on this soon.

Hope you think this is a good idea – we do!

And we can do it by videoconference if travel is a problem!
Lisa