

# Southeastern Natural Resources Leadership Group Regional Climate Change Meeting

*The Francis Marion Hotel  
Charleston, South Carolina*

*May 27 – 29, 2008*

## Annotated Draft Agenda

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

**Day 1**

- 1 pm Welcome & logistics - Roy Crabtree, Regional Director, NMFS  
(No scheduled breaks; needs taken care of as appropriate)  
Outline goals - Sam Hamilton, Regional F&WS Director  
Goals and outcomes for a successful meeting
- Identify what each agency is doing in relation to climate change research and response.
  - Identifying issues and knowledge gaps, and strategies to close those gaps through knowledge acquisition (research and monitoring), mitigation, and adaptation.
  - Recommendations for ways the region's agencies and organizations can better work together to use resources more effectively and efficiently in service of addressing climatic changes. Make progress towards answering for our managers the question, "What should we be doing on the ground?"
  - Identify common needs and goals for stakeholder conference(s) to be held late 2008, early 2009, and lay the foundation for the development of a regional adaptation strategy.
- 1:20 pm State of the Climate in the Southeast – Tom Armstrong, USGS
- Existing conditions
  - Likely trends
  - Impacts that are already obvious
  - Other important information
- 2:40 pm Agency presentations (see invitation):  
Regional Climate Change work  
FWS - 10 minutes  
USGS - 10 minutes  
SEAFWA (State DNRs) - 10 minutes  
SGSF (State Foresters) - 10 minutes  
USACE - 10 minutes  
NPS - 10 minutes  
EPA - 10 minutes  
USFS - 10 minutes  
NMFS/NOAA - 10 minutes  
NRCS/USDA - 10 minutes  
FwHA - 10 minutes  
DoD - 10 minutes

- 5 pm Dan Kimball, Superintendent Everglades National Park  
Climate Change and the Everglades
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 6 pm Depart hotel for dinner
- 6:30 pm Dinner, Low country boil at FWS' Cape Romain NWR

### **Wednesday, May 28, 2008**

#### **Day 2**

- 7 am Breakfast (principals only)  
Time for them to discuss among themselves
- 8:30 am Lynne recaps previous presentations and outlines work ahead for break-out groups  
Charge to the groups:
  1. There will be 4/5 breakout groups and each of the groups will have a distinct discussion focus and task.
  2. The objective is to develop recommendations to which these agencies and organizations will respond.
  3. Group tasks:
    - a. Identify strategies to address challenges and gaps previously identified related to land management opportunities, etc.
    - b. Using a place-based example, develop a formal or informal generally applicable (10,000 ft view) cooperative approach to assisting one another in a broad, inclusive strategy for building regional resilience to climate change that contemplates best practices.
    - c. Create a knowledge base (gather information on what is available and how) and strategies to make the best use of regionally available incentives to encourage participation of private landowners in a regional strategy around climate change.
    - d. Identify some general principles our regional agencies and organizations could implement to better focus their work to help managers make good decisions about what they should be doing on the ground to reduce stressors, improve an ecosystem's ability to deal with changes, and recognize that climate change will increasingly play a greater and greater role in the impacts on the regions' ecosystems.
    - e. Discuss a possible communications framework to support this collaborative climate change work and raise awareness where appropriate with key audiences.
- 9 am Break-out groups begin work
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Break-out groups resume
- 3 pm Field trip (tbd)
- 6 pm Return to hotel
- 6:30 pm Dinner on your own

### **Thursday, May 29, 2008**

#### **Day 3**

- 7 am Breakfast (principals only)  
Time for them to discuss among themselves
- 8:30 am Break-out groups report out
- 12 noon Lunch – Principals meet and discuss recommendations
- 1 pm Principals report back to group
- 2 pm Next steps
- 3 pm Adjourn meeting, depart Charleston.

NOTE: Staff remain in Charleston to chart next steps for stakeholder-driven regional climate conference with Lynne - depart Friday.