

National Fisheries Extension Meeting
 October 15-18, 2006 * Jacksonville, FL
 Evaluation Survey

			Median	Overall average	Comments
Sunday					
	Welcome Social and Poster	Presentation	5	5	**you wanted it--here it is--from the hip--always good to be able to socialize and interact.
		Content	5	5	**socials are always good & posters gave a good overview of what's happening in other regions - leaving posters up through meeting a good idea
					**posters were very informative a nice way to start
Monday					
	National Office Update	Presentation	4	4	**probably of value for "newbie's" but very boring for us old farts
		Content	4	3	
	Sea Grant and NOAA Fisheries	Presentation	4	4	**his topic! Not possible answers to conflict---vote democrat?? Duh---this should have been a ??? Can we get along interactive session.
		Content	4	4	
	Sea Grant Programs Across the Nation	Presentation	4	4	
		Content	4	4	
Lunch	(Monday) Post Katrina Gulf Coast	Presentation	5	4	**one of the best
		Content	5	5	**nice lunch interesting speakers!
Training	#1: NOAA/SG Tools for the Toolbox	Presentation	4	4	**for those who didn't know, this was good. For those of us who did know, was a good update.
		Content	4	4	
	# 2: Project Design & Evaluation	Presentation	4	4	**no real new info, but got me thinking **probably better for "newbie's"
		Content	4	4	**come on---this has been bent into our skulls!! Group activity--weak.
Dialogue	# 1: Changing Waterfronts/Communities	Presentation	4	4	**facilitator needed to be bold and make people stick to the time--not enough time for panel.
		Content	4	4	**Tom Ankerson 1 and Marlene Conway 5 good example and good presentation -- Ankerson presentation (pur ppt) was on grade-school level boring and talking head-great example for newbie's of what not to do.
	White Paper Discussion	Presentation	4	4	
		Content	4	4	
Dinner	(Monday) Ecosystem Management	Presentation	3	3	**dinner-great. Speaker-talking head- needs to add some interest to his presentation-good info-bad presentation.
		Content	4	3	**too long!
					**too late; after a long day of presentations: for a speaker of this level of expertise we needed a better time.
					**Social and Poster ** Good Scope **Dialogue Session #1 **Talks too long
					**excellent networking 5
					Dinnerhe should have spoke during the day. Way too mundane after we've been paying attention to issues all day.
					**if a "formal" FEMA-SG arrangement happens, there needs to be good tech transfer on procedures, etc
					**Dinner Gaud Awful!
					**dialogues session #1 *a whole afternoon with different regional input could have more impact
					**diner too Late!

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Dialogue	# 2: Mgmt/Alloc. Impacts on SG Relationships	Presentation		5	5	**definitely the best session yet. Needed more time-input from all agents of USA, and a recreational fishery representative
		Content		5	5	**EXCELLENT use of commercial fisherman!!
	National Fisheries Update	Presentation		4	3	**sorry, same old song & dance -question effectiveness
		Content		3	3	**not very helpful
Training	# 3: Collaborative Research	Presentation		4	4	**went on too long not enough time for
		Content		4	4	**was great that Flaxen let Kaety speak. Seems like talks w/the most interest and discussion were cut short, b/c the long talks went on too long.
	#4: NOAA/SG Tools for the Toolbox (2)	Presentation		4	4	
		Content		5	4	

**I would have liked to participate in all session. Suggest not having concurrent sessions in future.

**Session #2 too one sided--needed recreation as well. National fisheries update **good, quick Nat'l update

**Session #3 needed more than just New Hampshire & NE consortium: FRGP in NC & VA TAC's - other financing structures crab

pots, turtles, dolphins, etc, etc. not enough time to full explore topic.

**Session #2 AWESOME!!!

Dialogue	#3: Concurrent Sessions					
	Stock and Habitat	Presentation		4	4	**good opportunity to have informal, round table discussion
		Content		4	4	
	Selective Fishing Gear and By catch	Presentation		5	4	
		Content		5	4	
	Seafood Marketing	Presentation		5	5	
		Content		5	5	
	Networking - Fishing Tournament	Useful?		5	5	**break from the rigors of the day. Chance to get to know others better
						**Informal interaction
						**chance to meet folks from other regions
						**getting to handle some fish during a fisheries conference
						**get to meet other regions
						**Exposure to southeasters recreational fishery.
						**nice chance to talk with others informally
						**hearing from non-managers
						**doing something fun w/SG people instead of talking shop-
						**just the chance to talk and meet is valuable

Wednesday

Training	#5: Conflict and Confrontation	Presentation		5	4	**EXCELLENT!! We all need this type of info. Superb, vibrant speaker...
		Content		4	4	**better for "newbie's"
	#6: Working with the Media	Presentation		4	3	**not very animated. Was great but there weren't many people there should put the "low" profile talks in the middle of "hot" ones to keep people in the room for all sessions.
		Content		4	4	**better for "newbie's"
	Summary and Perspectives					
		Presentation		4	4	**should have included some time for what <u>OTHERS</u> thoughts are--not just K.C.
		Content		4	4	**reasonable wrap-up too bad so many people bolted

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What did you enjoy most about the Meeting?

- **The direct personal networking opportunities and the interactive dialogue session on all location on Tuesday morning.
- **networking and meeting other folks throughout the country.
- **Seeing and talking with old colleagues and meeting the newcomers
- **interacting with people from other states
- **Best cheese cake ever.
- **It was great being able to meet extensive collection of Sea Grant Staff
- **Open discussion-sharing
- **networking w/peers
- **national fisheries
- **I enjoyed meeting other agents with similar issues and possible solutions
- **discussion/dialogues meeting new people
- **meeting similar focused people from other states
- **contact, tools, reinforcement of program commonalities
- **learning that all over the country we are forced with the same pressures with very different approaches and results.
- **networking-using real fishermen speakers
- **small sessions
- **connections with west coast folks interested in my work
- **hearing the similarities about our work despite the geographic differences
- **dialogue #2 on commercial, rec, and conservation impacts on fisheries was great, but only gave the commercial side of fisheries. Networking with all the other agents was terrific.
- **Working waterfront and legal discussions meeting and networking with other
- **interacting with people, learning about other methods problems etc from other regions-very educational for me.
- **the second day w/fisherman (industry) participation and the break-out sessions were most useful for networking and future planning
- **networking and meeting other fishery professionals doing similar work.
- **learning about Sea Grant extension. I am new to this group.
- **talking to other participants about their projects and local issues.
- **the pulling together of national team-putting names/faces/voices together.
- **networking learning from sessions teach other
- **exposure to SG diversity
- **networking, meeting Sea Grant agents from across country
- **networking with everyone and the lunch talk about FEMA and Sea Grant
- **1)interactions 2)open dialog 3) Q and A
- **The "Real World" people *Informal interactions (when possible)
- **networking with other agents from around the US &:learning what other agents do
- **networking - concurrent session groups

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What could be improved about the Meeting?

- **No dinner speaker! More breakout training sessions on various topics or more time during the planned training sessions.
- **1st day was a little too long-could have used longer breaks.
- **More time for one-on-one in small groups informal conversations. No dinner speakers. A bit less of being talked to by NOAA; more interactive sessions
- **..
- **Partition sessions to allow time for specialists to attend session/topics more applicable/relevant to immediate discipline. Include recreational fishing component/issues (trade, anglers, businesses)
- **temperature control in meeting room
- **too long on Monday
- **a little too long Monday
- **consolidate (limit) the amount of bureaucrat presentations blah, blah, blah... increase dialogue opportunities around specific topics. Increase trainings - poll group and use most needed training topics leave a
- **Host facility was nice, but seemed "strained" by our numbers-like they planned for 80 and got 110.
- **shift away from seated dinners mingling/social sessions then dinner-or-own would maximize interaction.
- **more group discussion-whole group and break out (fewer talking heads)
- **Less NSGO stuff
- **Monday was a very long day. Need to be shortened
- **more small group dialogue time/events
- **better explanation by those more heavily involved of acronyms, etc. *take the time to have everyone stand up and say their name, title, and location-its hard to go around staring at everyone's name tag looking
- **More recreational fisheries discussion
- **shorten presentations and allow more dialogue
- **? I thought it was great.
- **not so much A/C. My nose was cold. *We didn't need a review of the NOAA stovepipes for our Monday dinner speaker entertainment. *facilitators could have done a better job sticking to the ??? agenda.
- **more industry participation and break-out groups. No speakers during meals.
- **the Monday schedule was way too full. Either a lunch or dinner speaker should have been eliminated. Dialogue session #2 was biased. There were only commercial anglers represented on what was supposed
- **you packed a lot in in a short-time. Maybe 3 days; maybe more small group interaction.
- **lectures could have been shorter. In general, have more goal - oriented activities. For example, everyone could come to the meeting with a success story or could have a session where people brainstorm about
- **more talk time, less speakers
- **more time for networking
- **for a "1st" meeting, it was great. In the future, the dialogs maybe more beneficial if they have a more focused objective. I felt they sometimes wondered off topic or away from what I interpreted the topic
- **concurrent session-tough to make a choice. Less lecture, more discussion, more small group breakout sessions. Maybe do multiple breakout sessions on some topic so you don't have to chose between equally vital topics to your constituency
- **Don't have talks during meals. Give us time to talk with each other and network
- **more of 2 and 3 above
- **more "free" time to independently network **more hard content, less bureaucrats & feel-good training
 - **don't do presentations during meals. This is a great networking opportunity -filed trips to local areas of interest?? - more concurrent sessions-provide choices more in-depth presentations on programs around the motion. -more breaks- have a presentation on how to effectively deliver a PowerPoint presentation.
- **not so many things from national office etc

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How many new people did you meet? How was this for you?

**At least 20 -25 new people - it was great!

**20? Although throughout the meeting, I was able to put a face with many names.

**about 15, but there was not that much time to talk with them in depth

**lots and great

**many

**more than a dozen...

**15 (I knew most of the participants)

**about 50, this was good

**yes

**4-6 very good

**10-12. excellent

**20? 30? Great

**dozen good

**5 or 6 pretty well, many others briefly. This was great for me.

**at least 20 new people, it was informative and helped me make new contacts

**5-10

**approximately 60-great meeting I hope there are future meetings. Nice way to collaborate and share information.

**most everyone at the meeting was new to me

**I met approximately (6) six new people.

**I met between 5 and 10 new people. I consider this fairly successful for a conference.

**10-15 people. Great, very helpful

**18

**about 15 name tags helped!

**10-20 great

**about 25-almost everyone I met was new which was and will be extremely useful.

**I lost count!

**I didn't keep track of how many new people I met, but I think I at least introduced myself to everyone that was here...so a lot! And it was great meeting all of them

**about 6 good

**a bunch - good

**>20 Great! As a new employee, networking is critical: let's me see how state programs are different from each other.

**hard to say, but good...

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Did you talk about similar work?

**Yes. However, we talked about other work and their personal interests.

**Yes-similar issues but different details.

**with a few of them

**Yes

**To an extent -x2 sea grant Program-Our Program allows each staff to specialize in particular area of work.

**mostly listened

**yes

**yes

**yes

**yes

**sometimes. Some of most interesting interactions were with the most different programs.

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**yes

**yes

**yes

**sometimes, I was surprised by how much work was similar but at the same time, it can be so different

**yes

**yes, it was nice to get ideas, input from other agents facing similar issues.

**yes

**we spoke about each others work, regional differences and potential collaborations.

**yes

**sometime, but usually net!

**yes, sometimes

**yes

** yes

** yes

**yes!

**yes, but we also talked about programs that we were interested in starting, that someone else was already doing.

**yes

**sometimes, but just getting to meet new people was valuable-never know when you might need their expertise

**Yes, I interested in learning what type of sport fish education other Sea Grant offices are doing;
spoke with NY and Ohio Sea Grant about this

**Yes!

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Do you plan to collaborate further with anyone new?

- **Yes
- **Yes-can bounce ideas off of other folks
- **Yes, mostly informal exchange rather than projects.
- **Yes
- **uncertain
- **yes, possibly
- **yes
- **yes-on a joint project
- **yes
- **probably
- **hopefully. Nothing concrete
- **yes
- **yes; we are going to set up a new seafood marketing list serve chat group
- **yes
- **yes
- **nothing concrete now, but a few possibilities
- **Yes, I plan on looking at Rhode Island's Public Access publication and do something similar for my program
- **no
- **Yes, made connections with several agents who I plan to speak with in the near future.
- **sure, w/those doing similar things around the country
- **not at this point but opportunities were developed.
- **yes
- **yes, with at least 3-4 people.
- **probability will in the future
- **yes-national by catch work
- ** yes
- **possibly
- **yes!
- **yes, there's about 4 people that I will be immediately following up with when I return
- **yes
- **truthfully, not right now - plenty to do with collaborators both within & without network
- **Yes! I want to get information from other agents on their programs so I can adopt them to my programs ideas
- **Yes-

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Did you learn about new tools or resources that you can apply?

**Yes, the conflict training was very useful. Additionally, the seafood marketing training was excellent. Pete and Torie provided great information that was unique because not only are they Sea Grant extension staff, they also fish commercially. This real world perspective from a fisherman was valuable in understanding how to get my local fishermen geared up for direct marketing.

**Some things we got in the academy but always good for a refresher; now Coast working waterfronts info and how other places are different / similar.

**Yes, updated on other programs' activities in by catch reduction; and collaborative research.

**Yes

**Yes

**network analysis ecosystem management

**yes

**yes, several

**yes

**yes. Several

**yes

**yes

**yes

**yes, law center looks particularly interesting

**yes, the SG law office will be very useful to me.

**legal advice

**Yes, many new ideas in the break out session I attended. Set up the groundwork for expanded work outside my region.

**the law center **I didn't know to bring a gift...so there weren't enough for all

**no, but many of the tools were addressed during Sea Grant Academy

**somewhat-a "tool" workshop that should be offered is "How to make a PowerPoint". Line after line of tiny text does not make an impact on a crowd. I could request all of these presentations and just read them myself.

**definitely-I plan to avail myself to them in the future. Thanks for all your hard work and passion. You should be very pleased. Hope it happens again, soon.

**possibly

**yes, good reminders

** yes

**absolutely-law resources and possible sharing the now coast and other info provided in that session.

**yes

**most of the tools, actually all of them, were things that I've already had trainings and that I already use.

**yes

**yes - learned more about NOS services, more about now Coast - already had good info on CSC & SG Law Center - other "resources" : people & their programs

**I learned about resources I can use *Please bring back the Sea Grant Academy*

**Yes-fishing gear stuff - media tools- coastal access info

**yes