

SUMMARY
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Regional Environmental Conditions & Impacts Coordination

Roll Call:

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Chris Harvey	NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center
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Phil Mote	Oregon Climate Change Research Institute
Rachel Vander Giessen	Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems
Richard Lataitis	OAR ESRL Physical Sciences Division
Ruth Howell	NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center
Tim Brown	Western Regional Climate Center (WRCC)
Timi Vann	NOAA Regional Coordinator

Summary: Kevin Werner welcomed attendees to the meeting and conducted roll call. He reviewed the purpose and goals of the call and delivered an update on regional climate conditions, including ENSO. Andrea Bair (NWS Regional Office) provided a brief overview of the NWS Regional Operations Center (ROC) and some examples of ROC inputs to the environmental conditions and impacts spreadsheet. Ruth Howell (NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center) covered some of the observations reported from within NOAA Fisheries. Timi Vann (Regional Coordinator) provided an overview of conditions and impacts that were captured through the Environment and Energy Publishing newswire service, which is a significant source of environmental reporting used by Congressional staffs.

Deke Arndt (NESDIS National Centers for Environmental Information) provided an overview of the [NOAA State of the Climate](#), which is a set of reports provided on a monthly scale. There are two main constituencies – the historic record (Library of Congress), and those who are consumers of “near real time” climate assessment information. Data are released around the 6th or 7th of the month, with a full report coming out a few days later. The State of the Climate national reports tend to focus more on climate variability and impacts, and are one of the products we’re targeting for distribution of the

regional impacts information collected by this group. Regional impacts information for the national reports are largely derived from the network of Regional Climate Centers, state climate offices and NWS offices. Therefore, some discussion of how the regional climate centers could serve as a conduit for the information we're collecting is advised.

Kevin wrapped up the meeting with a reminder of the next WRECIC call and an El Niño and Western drought public webinar announcement. He also encouraged NOAA participants to share the WRECIC rotational assignment that is currently listed with any interested staff.

Copies of the monthly presentation materials are available here: [WRECIC Sept 2015](#).