



Workshop Evaluation Form

Your input is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this form. Return it to the workshop registration center. All responses will remain anonymous.

Circle the number that best represents your rating for **EACH** of the workshop sessions and activities. (Circle only one number per session.)

NA Not Valuable • Somewhat Valuable • Very Valuable

Rate Each Workshop Session and Activity

	NA	Not Valuable	•	Somewhat Valuable	•	Very Valuable
Session 1: Building the Federal/Regional Partnership: Ensuring the Success of the Regional IOOS			7%	22%	37%	33%
Session 2: Conceptual Design for the IOOS System Architecture			11%	37%	33%	19%
Session 3: Relationships between RAs and Federal Agencies			7%	7%	52%	33%
Session 4: Developing Conceptual Designs for Selected IOOS Topics		3%	7%	30%	44%	15%
Session 5: Enhancing Coordination between Neighboring RAs	1			19%	35%	46%
Session 6: Update on Data Management and Modeling Initiatives	2		5%	36%	29%	29%
Session 7: Looking to the Future: The future role of the RAs and RCOOS	7			20%	65%	15%
Special Session: Goals and Objectives for Upcoming Legislative Season	5			6%	19%	74%
Tuesday Evening Reception	5	9%		23%	45%	23%

Circle the number that best represents your response to **EACH** of the following statements. (Circle only one number per statement.)

NA Strongly Disagree • Neither Agree nor Disagree • Strongly Agree

Workshop Participation

	NA	Strongly Disagree	•	Neither Agree nor Disagree	•	Strongly Agree
Representation at the workshop by agencies and organizations involved in IOOS was comprehensive.		8%	15%	11%	52%	26%
The workshop provided a valuable opportunity to discuss IOOS-related topics with people I may not have regularly contacted.					59%	41%

Workshop Content

	NA	Strongly Disagree	•	Neither Agree nor Disagree	•	Strongly Agree
The workshop agenda focused on important IOOS coordination issues.	1		4%	4%	42%	50%
Sessions were well-organized and flowed together.				15%	44%	41%
Session topics were appropriate for the overall workshop theme.	2			12%	48%	40%
Sessions allowed for participant interaction				7%	37%	56%
Session length was adequate to discuss topics.	1		23%	8%	42%	27%
Session leaders and presenters were appropriate for the session topics.	2			5%	61%	33%

Overall Conference Satisfaction

	NA	Strongly Disagree	•	Neither Agree nor Disagree	•	Strongly Agree
The workshop increased my understanding of the roles of federal agencies, the RAs, and subregional observing systems in IOOS.	1		12%	27%	46%	15%
The length of the workshop was appropriate to meet the workshop objectives and content.			8%	15%	53%	23%
Attending this workshop was a good use of my time.				15%	52%	33%

Circle the number that best represents your response to **EACH** of the following statements. (Circle only one number per statement.)

NA **Strongly Disagree** • **Neither Agree nor Disagree** • **Strongly Agree**

Registration Process

The registration process was easy.	1		4%	15%	81%
The conference Web site was helpful and informative.	3		8%	33%	58%

Workshop Meeting Space and Logistics

The workshop meeting space enhanced the effectiveness of the meeting.			7%	23%	16%	53%
Session rooms had adequate seating space.			7%	11%	48%	33%
The conference meals and breaks were satisfactory.			7%	16%	37%	40%
The hotel accommodations were satisfactory.	2		8%		34%	57%
The meeting space was comfortable.			11%	7%	37%	44%

Great care was taken in developing the list of participants invited to this workshop. Was limiting the attendance to targeted individuals within the IOOS community an effective approach? Please explain.

The majority (82%) of the participants responding felt that the audience “seemed about right” both in size and type. Suggestions included more federal attendees, more end users, and other agencies.

Should more IOOS coordination workshops be held? If so, how frequently? Would you add, delete, or change anything for similar workshops in the future?

The majority (90%) of the participants felt that holding the coordination workshops yearly was appropriate. Additional comments attached.

Other Comments

Please see attached.

WORKSHOP EVALUATION IOOS COORDINATION WORKSHOP

ADD, DELETE, OR CHANGE COMMENTS

I highly recommend the use of outside services in the form of facilitation and moderation to accomplish some action items. We need to accomplish tangible tasks while we are together. There is very little purpose for continuing to have meetings while hard ‘products’ are not accomplished. For example...there was no reason why we as a collective group should not have been able to draft a vision statement.

Extremely useful.

It’s frustrating when some of the same topics are discussed as 2-3 years ago.

Specific action items or outcomes are needed.

I strongly feel that more fundamental issues could have been addressed, but weren’t.

More time for regional groups to work together, a few too many “talking heads” and a broader representation across RA’s among speakers would have been appreciated.

Timing of this meeting is key. Having this meeting in the summers might be beneficial to plan for funding approaches as long as we are still in earmarks. Our community is still too focused on “Planning” and we are still discussing the same issues as two years ago. We need to move forward (as hard as it seems). One issue is that several RA’s still don’t have established Boards, i.e. SECOORA. All RA’s need to work harder to get to some level of maturity. NOAA should push those who are not moving forward at a sufficient pace. Until this occurs, certain programs will not be prepared for all of its members to fully participate. This must be a community effort.

The workshops divided by regions seemed to generate a lot of discussion. Would suggest regional (broader picture) workshops more often.

OTHER COMMENTS

Some of the breakout session lost their focus. The idea sharing was good but there weren’t clear actions and next steps.

Thanks for your efforts!!

Great job!

Thanks to all!! (Josie, Geno, Lynn, Gale, Dave, Chris, etc. for all of the hard work.

Excellent organization from CSC.

Logistic arrangements were excellent!! Session 7 represented a missed opportunity to bring the RA's together. Poor directions to the RA's.

Need to focus on RA and federal and state agency partnerships.

Thank you.

Time to visit the Aquarium. We could have worked late one evening.

I still don't have a clear idea of what the RA's are doing – I'd like to hear from them.

Meeting discussions included a number of action items but we left without designated responsibilities and/or timelines....although the closing session helped this. Meeting organization and support was good and, except for internet connection, the meeting venue was terrific.

Specific issues were identified in discussions as crucial for the next steps in the development of IOOS (i.e., identifying pocs for various agencies, developing an IOOS organizational structure, and creating a common song sheet). More time should have been spent in this workshop addressing these issues – we should leave with this in hand, rather than having the same issues come up at the next five workshops. The time could have been used more productively to actually address and decide these issues once and for all while everyone is in the same room.

Internet!

I found that all of the transport to the actual meeting site tiring. In particular, what I mean is, not having the meetings at the hotel with access to our rooms, was a factor. However, holding at the Aquarium was really nice, got us out of the hotel...but it is very tiring to be in all day meetings, then back to the hotel, maybe to go out to dinner. No way around this really in order to have the meeting at this site. Having the NFRA meeting and reception at the hotel was nice. Need a bit more down time. More time at the Aquarium dedicated to tour.

Facilitation and reporting out should be broadened by and NFRA Committee Members. Engaging more RA members more often leads to more leadership. Every RA needs to be engaged in prototype/demonstration/use case development. At the moment this is not the case.

There should be time scheduled in to take advantage of a venue such as the Shedd Aquarium. Choose only 2 – 3- of topics to be accomplished. There is a lot to be done, but progress on a few items is better than leaving several efforts unfinished. If travel is going to happen over any sort of distance field trips should be included. Need to incorporate all learning styles – audio, visual and kinesthetic.