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ACZISC MEETING #75

20-21 May 2015
Park House Room, Rodd Moncton
434 Main St. Moncton, NB

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY 1: 0900 - 1630 hrs, Wednesday, 20 May 2015

1. Welcome and Introduction of Participants 0900-0910
 2. Adoption of Agenda, Review and Approval of Minutes for Meeting #74 and Dates for Upcoming ACZISC Meetings 0910-0925
 3. Presentation and Discussion: **The Federal Geospatial Platform - an Update**, Andrew Moore, Natural Resources Canada. 0925-1010
 4. Break 1010-1025
 5. Presentation and Discussion: Gulf of St. Lawrence Integrated Management Plan, **Ray MacIsaac**, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Gulf Region. 1025-1115
 6. Presentation and Discussion: **Environmental Monitoring in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence**, Angela Douglas, Executive Director, Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability. 1115-1200
 7. Lunch 1200-1300
 8. Presentation and Discussion: COINAtlantic **Updates: Including the new COINAtlantic GeoContent Generator**, ACZISC Secretariat. 1300-1345
 9. Presentation and Discussion: Update on New **Brunswick Climate Change Adaptation Activities**, Robert Capozzi, Department of Environment and Local, Government, Government of New Brunswick. 1345-1430
 10. **Roundtable Review** of Coastal Activities and Updates. 1430-1515
 11. Break 1515-1530
 12. **Roundtable Review** of Coastal Activities and Updates 1530-1630
 13. Adjournment 1630
- ACZISC Group Supper:** To be determined 1830



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DAY 2: 0830 - 1230 hrs, Thursday, 21 May 2015

COINAtlantic Workshop - Atlantic Canada's Biological Data for Ecosystem Planning and Decision-making: Opening Access and Increasing Reuse

Purpose of the workshop: establish the Atlantic Marine Biological Data Partnership.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Participants
2. Overview of project and work plan
3. Roundtable: data sets held by each organization & introduction to existing data survey.
4. Planning for dataset upload to OBIS / Future training & summer student positions.
5. Introduction to the Data Accessibility Organizational Self-Assessment Tool & request to complete.
6. Discussion of project deliverables:
 - State of Biological Data Accessibility Report for the selected Bay of Fundy and Bras D'Or locations.
 - Geospatial products and services for estuarine biological data for the selected locations.
7. Administration:
 - Nature of letters of agreement.
 - Project communication plan.

Project Summary:

The project will prepare a State of Biological Data Accessibility to for significant habitats such as estuaries in Bay of Fundy, and Bras D'Or. Partial baseline environmental conditions for selected areas will be assessed using species observations from these locations that are loaded in the Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS). Biological data gaps to making this assessment will be documented. Key objectives of this project are to establish an Atlantic Marine Biological Data Partnership and to submit existing data held by participating organizations into OBIS. Best practices from OBIS, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) will be observed. Data accessibility will be enabled through the establishment of the Atlantic Marine Biological Data Partnership and coordination provided by the ACZISC Secretariat. To support the State of Biological Data Accessibility Report custom geospatial products will be developed from the data already held in OBIS and the new data submitted by participating organizations through this project. Work leading the State of Biological Data Accessibility Report will develop the partnerships required to conduct specific case studies for selected estuarine habitats and species of interest in future years.