Breaking the Silos to Build Metrics Across Boundaries

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Related Sessions

- **Wednesday, December 12 Lunch Session: 12:15-1:20 PM, Grand A&B**
  “State Government Perceptions of Using Ecosystem Services in Management Decisions.”

- **Wednesday, December 12: 1:30-3:15 PM, Grand Salon A&B**

- **Wednesday, December 12: 3:45-5:30 PM, Grand Salon A&B**
  “President’s Call for Federal Policy on Ecosystem Services: Private Sector Insights”

- **Wednesday, December 12: Town Hall Meeting. 7:30-8:30 PM, Grand Salon C&D**
  “Response to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report on Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity.”

- **Thursday, December 13: 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, Grand Salon A&B**
  “Breaking the Silos to Build Metrics Across Boundaries.”

- **Thursday, December 13: Lunch Session. 12:15-1:20 p.m. Grand Salon A&B**
  “National Ecosystem Services Partnership Update: Coordinating Ecosystem Services Approaches Across Federal Agencies.”
Motivation

President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)

Sustaining Environmental Capital: Protecting Society and the Economy

“coordinate cross-scale and cross-agency collaboration in monitoring” for ecosystem services and biodiversity”
Ad Hoc Meeting on Biodiversity Metrics

Purpose: Continue developing recommendations for a consistent framework to measure biodiversity and ecological integrity across jurisdictions and scales.

Date: December 13, 2012
Time: 5PM to 6PM (or longer depending on interest)
Location: Tampa ad hoc room, 5th Floor
Session Speakers

Sara Vickerman: Defenders of Wildlife

Nicole Robinson-Mannes: The Willamette Partnership

Jimmy Kagan: Oregon State University
Sample Discussion Questions

How to balance precision and practicality in a biodiversity/habitat metric system?

How many site level metrics do we need for the US? Is there a good trade-off between the number of metrics and developing them at a region or state level?

How do we balance the social demand for place specific measures with the need for consistency across boundaries?

How do we achieve better consistency in measuring ecological integrity/biodiversity across public and private lands?

What is the most viable institutional home for a system of habitat/biodiversity metrics?

How is the work of EPA, BLM, USFS, and USGS on habitat/biodiversity metrics related to metrics being developed by NGO’s and the business sector?