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- Monthly webinars
- Feature research, integrated assessment, and science transfer projects funded by the NERRS Science Collaborative
- Feature the efforts of Science Collaborative team members as they engage the reserve system

National Estuarine Research Reserve System



Northeast

- 3. Wells, Maine

Southeast

- 17. Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida

30. Jobos Bay, Puerto Rico

NERRS Science Collaborative

- Research funding mechanism for the NERRS, which supports:
 - Reserve management needs
 - Highly collaborative projects (integrate end users)
 - Outcome-oriented products

Engagement Activity

Poll Question: Do you have experience using scenario planning to plan for climate change?

Housekeeping

 Use the "Questions" function to pose questions throughout the webinar.







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Blooms of Harmful Algae



Forest Fire Frequency



Growing Season Length



Ocean Acidification & Temperature

Aligning multiple opportunities

- NERRS Science Collaborative Transfer grant
- NOAA Office for Coastal Management CACC training
- Successful Adaptation Indicators & Metrics (SAIM) project



Bringing it all together

March 2016



SUCCESSFUL ADAPTATION PART II: STRATEGIES, PATHWAYS, AND EVALUATION

Climate-sensitive strategies to solve existing problems

Transparent adaptive decision-making

Indicators of progress and success, and building capacity for ongoing learning





High Groundwater Recharge

Sitka (SE Alaska)	Wet & Wetter
Mud slide buries Two Sisters Bakery	Future for salmon uncertain
eady Surface Flow	Current Extreme Surface F
	State
Steady Flow & Dry Below	Drier Landscape & Flashier Floods

Low Groundwater Recharge







Identifying Key Strategies and Actions to Create a Path to the Future

GUIDING QUESTIONS What's working? What should we keep and keep doing? Concusion in thematic break-out groups 60 minutes in same group, four questions

take sure everyone gets to speak





Engagement Activity

Poll Questions: What methods of engagement are you interested in learning more about?



"A real value is that this is cross pollinating.

Because we are in the same room we are aware of others" -Stream Ecologist

"I feel 100% more empowered to talk about climate change with a wide variety of people" –Municipal Planning Staff





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I chose the artwork of Homer Student Beatrix Strobel. She illustrated on silk the "Blooms of Alexandrium Catenella", which looks like a red tide along our coast, but is actually algae. Algae which can cause paralytic shellfish poisoning or PSP. Warmer oceans and elevated sea levels can cause the amount of the algae to rise. — at • Alaska State Capitol.





"So empowering and beautiful to be able to create art about a challenging topic" –Parent of art student



Fisheries Business Resilience

Partners: Alaska Sea Grant, Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Groundwater Resources

Partners: KBNERR Community Council, Project GRAD, Cook Inlet Keeper, Kenai Peninsula Borough Land Management, the Homer Soil and Water District, and University of South Florida

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Complementing subsistence harvests with community gardens in Rural Alaska

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Sharing Success Stories



Case Study: Climate Art + Science Collaborative

LAND Themes? LSSVES Agricultural Developments Long term food security Diverse Forests / Land cover Political Boundaries ECON WORCHERS? Public Lands - Recreation Benefits Data available Value of Ecosystem Services Borough Support of transportation decisions + long term plan + involve people Close Relationships allarge d Case Study:

Kenai Lands Forum



Tracking Adaptation Strategies



sequestered

of

property

owners

Learn more about the SAIM project next month...



December Webinar



Susi Moser

Director & Principal Researcher, Susanne Moser Research & Consulting

Date: January 10, 2017 Tlme: 2:00-2:45pm EST COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE FOR ESTUARIES WEBINAR SERIES

Successful Adaptation Indicators & Metrics Project: From Pilots to System-wide Benefit



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http://graham.umich.edu/water/nerrs/webinar

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Thank you!

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