

A photograph of a sunset over a field. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of trees and bushes against the bright horizon.

Tidal Creeks Strategic Initiative

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Strategic Requirements

- Understanding of current state of knowledge
- Defines strategies or directions for moving forward
- Consideration of what needs to be done and who needs it
- Typically developed for 3-5 year time period



Tidal Creeks Strategic Initiative

- Summits and networking to
 - Get a handle on the current state
 - Develop the directions for what information we still need
 - Justify the “why” and the “why now” questions



Purpose of Strategic Initiative

- Documentation (hopefully peer reviewed) of the tidal creek situation and story
- Engagement of key stakeholders to develop a strong foundation of need and benefit
- Justification to granting agencies and organizations (federal, regional, state, NGO, etc.) to support integrated research and management efforts
- Foundation to develop outreach and education programs through partnerships
- Framework for program development and community proposal writing
- Ultimately, more informed decision-making

Example

APPENDIX 1. WORKSHOP AGENDA

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Attaining an Operational Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (BON) Synthesis Report

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Review

An Overview of Marine Biodiversity in United States Waters

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Flow Diagram



Participation and Breakouts

- Your job is to listen and bring literature/information/ideas for what research, management, restoration, and outreach needs to be done for tidal creeks.
- Tomorrow afternoon we will go into breakout groups according to the following topic areas. Please sign up at registration desk.
 - Inventory and Classification
 - Land Use - Stormwater
 - Land Use - Effects
 - Hydrology
 - Sediment
 - Water Quality
 - Restoration
 - Nekton and Fisheries

Process and Structure

- There will be 8 breakout groups.
- Each group will focus on a topic.
- Each group will be provided with a summary paragraph/text statement that pertains to their overall main topic.
- The group will then follow the process below:
 - Discuss the ‘so what’ of the topic (management, education, outreach, research needs - the “drivers”). (15 minutes)
 - Identify what data and information is already available. (15 minutes) What are the uncertainties and information gaps? (10 minutes)
 - Develop a research agenda/action strategy that will address the information gaps. (30 minutes)
 - What management and education/outreach activities, challenges or information could benefit by or feed into the research agenda? (20 minutes)

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