



Status of the NOAA Libraries: NEP Task Force Formed

Informational Brief

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Charge from the NEP



NOAA DAAs agreed to champion and provide management oversight for developing a recommendation for an improved business model (July 24, 2012)

- Including consolidation of NOAA's numerous geographically and organizationally dispersed libraries.
- Recommendations developed and brought to the NEP for a decision briefing in November 2012



Charge from the NEP (cont.)



- Task Force was created from the membership of the Research Council's Library Ad Hoc Committee
- NOAA Central and Regional Library Director will serve as the Chair
- Task Force to develop improved business model for consolidation of NOAA's numerous geographically and organizationally dispersed libraries.
- The business model will include: proposed timing for the organizational and physical changes; management structure for NOAA library services and collections; a budget structure that reflects the needs for services and the current budget realities, as well as long term planning for the libraries.
- Decisional brief to the NEP in November 2012



Task Force Report



- Outline
 - Charge
 - Assumptions and Constraints
 - Alternatives
 - Recommended Path Forward
- Schedule
 - First meeting of the Task Force scheduled Tuesday, August 21, 2012
 - Decisional brief mid-November 2012



Task Force Members



NOAA Research Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Libraries

- Neal Kaske, NESDIS – Committee Co-Chair Yes
- Dottie Anderson, OCIO – Committee Co-Chair Retired
- Stanley Elswick, NESDIS – Committee Exec Sec Yes
- Bill Cushman, OAR
- David Fahey, OAR
- Sonja Kromann, NMFS Requesting approval
- Patti M. Marraro, NOS Yes
- Linda Pikula, NESDIS Yes
- Joan Segal, OCIO Yes
- Steve Quillen, NESDIS Yes
- Kyle Shertzer, NMFS
- Leroy Spayd, NWS Getting a replacement
- Teri Frady, NMFS Yes, new



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