

NATIONAL NEMO NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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An Occasional Update on Things NEMO & National

Another Newsletter??!!!!?

We know you're busy (and who reads newsletters, anyway?). Well, we agree wholeheartedly, but we couldn't resist the urge to create a simple cyber-rag to update those of you around the country about NEMO items of interest. In the future, we expect that N⁴ will provide a venue for news from all of you, too.

We solemnly pledge that the newsletter will:

- be brief;
- be issued only when sufficient news accumulates, and not before;
- not take itself too seriously.



National NEMO Network Interagency Work Group

In December of 1997, representatives from USDA, EPA, NOAA & NASA met to get an update on NEMO and to discuss ideas for collaboration. That group became the core of the (informal but high-powered) *National NEMO Network Interagency Work Group*; other members from field staff of these agencies were then added.

At present, NEMO has proposals or initiatives pending with each of the four agencies, related to our national work. After things sort

themselves out over the summer, the Work Group will most likely get together again to see where we go from there. Stay tuned. And, thanks to all our Work Group members.



National Estuary Program Project

This July, NEMO will begin a project with EPA's Coastal Management Branch focused on the National Estuary Program. As many of you know, the NEP is a very successful section of the Clean Water Act that initiates broad-based partnerships for managing our estuarine areas. There are now 28 NEPs in existence.

With EPA support, NEMO will run training/scoping workshops for 4 of the "Tier Five" (latest year class) NEPs. The goal is to see if we can jump-start some NEMO-type activity in these areas, in support of the Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plans that each NEP is charged with developing.

The seven Tier Five NEPs are: Barnegat Bay, NJ; New Hampshire Estuaries; Morro Bay, CA; Lower Columbia River, OR/WA; Charlotte Harbor, FL; Mobile Bay, AL; and Maryland Coastal Bays. Those of you located in these states might want to become familiar with the folks

involved with the NEPs. We'll certainly let you know when the workshop locations are selected.

Workshop News

1998 has been a banner year for NEMO "scoping" workshops, with project staff hitting the road for workshops covering 11 states since January. The Pacific Northwest and the Southeast seem to be the current hotbeds of interest in NEMO.

For these workshops, the local "lead agency" interested in adapting NEMO rounds up potential partners and clientele groups. Then, the project team gives an overview (in more or less detail, depending...), and a discussion follows on the possibilities. An outline for these discussions, Tips for Adapting NEMO to Your Area, is located on this site if you're interested.

Our calendar/schedule is also posted elsewhere on this site.

Key Considerations for Adapting NEMO to Your Area:

- Target audience
- Specific issues of concern
- Geographic scope
- Expertise/partners
- Funding

Our Thanks

Since we have the space, we'd like to thank our friends & colleagues from around the country for their hospitality in hosting us, as well as for their interest in NEMO. (Please don't be offended if we leave anyone out--this list is only for 1998!!).

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In Our Next Issue: YOUR News!

Dear NEMO,
I wanted to let you know what we did over our summer vacation to develop a NEMO Project here at

Yours truly,
(YOUR NAME HERE)

Tip of the Week

Check out the NEMO 3D site! (No glasses needed - yet!)



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