

Afternoon Breakout Session: 1:00 – 2:45

Monitoring Data Needs and Opportunities for Collaboration

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic 1: What are the most critical ecological considerations during drought? (30 min)

- What resources are most affected by drought?
- What are the key management goals/objectives for those resources during drought?

Topic 2: Based on the above, what new data or information is needed? (40 min)

- What data/special studies are most needed to understand drought impacts on key resources?
- How do we decide when to initiate data collection or study efforts?
- What, if any, additional information is needed to monitor drought recovery?
- What specific drought-related information is needed to inform development or revision of environmental flow standards for estuaries?

Topic 3: Who is already doing this work and where are the gaps/opportunities for collaboration? (30 min)

- Is there ongoing work that can be augmented?
- Beyond ongoing work, who are the key players for obtaining the needed information?
- How can data-collection efforts be coordinated to eliminate duplication and take advantage of potential complementary activities?
- How can drought-related data be shared most effectively?

LOGISTICS

Upper Coast Group

Moderator: Ed Oborny , BIO-WEST, Inc.

Location: Room A

Middle Coast Group

Moderator: Bryan Cook, LCRA

Location: Room B

Lower Coast Group

Moderator: Cindy Loeffler, TPWD

Location: Room C

During the afternoon break, you will be asked to place stickers next to your five top priority research needs, choosing from those listed on the flip charts created by each group.