2015 North Atlantic LCC Science Delivery Needs Process

This document summarizes the process used in 2015 for developing science delivery needs recommendations for the North Atlantic Steering Committee. The recommendations are summarized in Handout 23 and described in Handout 24.

Technical Committee Participants in the 2015 Science Needs Review

The science needs process involved participation from a broad variety of state, federal, and non-government organizations. Modes of participation included brainstorming and polling by NALCC both Science Delivery and Technical Teams, surveys and focus groups engaging users, and feedback from grantees engaged in delivering NALCC science. Participating team members included:

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June 2013 to current: In conjunction with Science Delivery grants, grantees and NALCC staff have been gathering input on science delivery needs and testing the efficacy of approaches via workshops, focus groups, and surveys.

March 6 and 11: Two teleconferences were held to gather input from Science Delivery Team members.

March 10-11: joint meeting of the Technical Committee and the Science Delivery Committee. During the first day of the meeting, subgroups prioritized their respective science needs and discussed related science delivery needs. During the second day, committee members engaged in facilitated brainstorming lead by Science Delivery grantees.

March 31: Needs suggested from delivery audiences, NALCC Technical Committee, and the Science Delivery Team were summarized and distributed for review.

April 7: The summarized needs were discussed via teleconference and a survey was deployed to rank them.

April 10-13: NALCC staff followed up to resolve questions about high ranking needs. Staff discussed combining several needs with obvious connections, and including some lower ranking needs within higher ranking needs due to sequencing requirements. Staff attempted to recommend allocations that balance the need for capacity to assimilate, process, and communicate "raw" science as it is received by NALCC with the need for an expanded network of technical assistance partners.

April 14: Highest Ranked science delivery needs distributed to Steering Committee.