

OTN Workshop on Ocean Governance, November 3, 2010

The overall purpose of the workshop is to bring together an initial core of natural and social science researchers to informally discuss possible ways forward in synergizing interdisciplinary collaborations under the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) umbrella. The interfacing of natural and social sciences is actually a requirement of the respective NSERC and SSHRC funding programs and it is hoped that, based upon the workshop, a major “Partnership” research proposal can be submitted to SSHRC for consideration.

The morning session is intended to familiarize participants with the research interests and activities of all invitees from the natural sciences. Selected participants from the different regions and research areas will then be requested to provide a ten-minute summary of research interests and activities. Summaries might, if possible, indicate whether there are management or other social implications for the research, and how scientific information (including scientific uncertainties) are or may be communicated to policymakers and others. Power point presentations are not required, but can be used if preferred.

The afternoon session, beginning with ten-minute summaries of research interests by social science invitees, will be devoted to a round-table discussion on possible future topics and directions for joint research. The major themes which have been identified in discussions to this point include: endangered species, the precautionary principle and its uses; the social and scientific meanings of uncertainty or risk, and their communication in scientific and policy fora; and the potential issues, uses and users of knowledge produced by OTN.

Timetable

Wednesday, 3 November 2010

All meetings will be held in the Dalhousie University, Room 307 at the Student Union Building located at 6136 University Avenue (on the south side of the street between Seymour and LeMarchant Streets, about a 12-minute walk from the Lord Nelson Hotel).

| Time | Event | Attendees |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Breakfast and greetings | All Participants |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Introduction Sara Iverson, David VanderZwaag, Richard Apostle | |
| 09:10 – 10:30 | Natural Scientists Atlantic, Arctic, Pacific, Global | |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | Natural Scientists Continue | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch – sponsored by ORE Offshore | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Social Scientists | |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | Round Table Discussion | |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:00 – 16:15 | Round Table Discussion Continues | |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Closing | |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Social Scientist Round table Discussion | |

Note: Pub night at Dalhousie's University Club follows 17:00-20:00 – sponsored by Romor Ocean Solutions and Teledyne Technologies.

Attendees:

Sara Iverson, Co-Chair (Scientific Director OTN Canada, Biology, Dalhousie University)

David VanderZwaag, Co-Chair (Marine & Environmental Law, Dalhousie University)

Richard Apostle, Co-Chair (Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University)

Chris Barnes (NEPTUNE, Oceans Networks Canada)

Steve Cooke (Environmental Science and Biology, Carleton University)

Terry Dick (Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba)

Julian Dodson (Département de biologie, Université Laval)

Cecilia Engler (Marine & Environmental Law, Dalhousie University)

Katja Fennel (Oceanography, Dalhousie University)

Aaron Fisk (University of Windsor, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research)

Ian Fleming (Ocean Sciences Center, Memorial University)

Shaun Fluker (Faculty of Law, University of Calgary)

Tsafrir Gazit (Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University)

Michelle Heupel (Earth and Environmental Sciences, James Cook University, Australia)

Jeff Hutchings (Biology, Dalhousie University)

Alison Janidlo (Senior Program Officer, NSERC)

Ian Jonsen (Biology, Dalhousie University)

Matthew Litvak (Biology, Mount Allison University)

Heike Lotze (Biology, Dalhousie University)

John Phyne (Sociology, St. Francis Xavier)

Warwick Sauer (Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, Rhodes University, South Africa)

Mike Stokesbury (Biology, Acadia University)

Keith Thompson (Oceanography, Dalhousie University)

Chris Tollefson (*by speaker phone*) (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria)

Daniela Turk (Network Manager OTN Canada, Dalhousie University)

Alain Vezina (Regional Science Director, DFO, Bedford Institute of Oceanography)

Fred Whoriskey (Executive Director OTN Global, Dalhousie University)

Boris Worm (Biology, Dalhousie University)

Nathan Young (Sociology, University of Ottawa)