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Subject: [sdmcp] Call for Proposals - Structured Decision Making Workshop - June 2-6, 2014
To: sdmcp@lists.fws.gov

We are currently inviting proposals for our next Structured Decision Making workshop this June 2-6, 2014 at the National Conservation Training Center.

See below for information about how to submit your proposal. Proposals are due to me via email (<mailto:christy_coghlan@fws.gov> christy_coghlan@fws.gov) by February 7, 2014.

Proposals should be from teams working on real-life FWS decision problems. Teams are expected to attend a week-long workshop to develop a structured approach to solving their problem. We are looking for decision problems that are tractable within the timeframe for workshop planning and practice, and appropriate to support learning about structured decision making (e.g., not so high in significance or time-pressured that participants won't be able to feel comfortable 'learning by doing'). Case studies should either be small to moderate in scope, or a discrete and clearly-defined piece of a larger, more complex decision problem. We give priority to teams with enthusiastic leadership, support from decision makers, and at least some previous exposure to structured decision making.

Case study proposals should be succinct (one page is sufficient) and emphasize the overall framework for the decision, not the details. Please include the following information about the case study:

1. Decision

In one short paragraph, describe the decision in question. Include the context (who is the decision maker, under what authority do they act, who else has influence on the decision), the nature of the decision, and the timing and frequency of the decision (e.g, one time only, a cyclical decision, etc.). (Note that by decision we mean an actual choice or

commitment of resources, not just a general strategy or prioritization.)

2. Background

Very briefly describe the legal, regulatory, and political context and constraints; also very briefly describe the relevant ecological background.

3. Decision Structure

Briefly describe the array of possible management actions, the objectives of management (not the objectives for this workshop), the consequences to be measured (e.g., biological and social outcomes), and key uncertainties.

4. Team Leadership

Who will serve as coordinator(s) to organize and help prepare the team and work with the coaches during the workshop? What is their training or experience with structured decision making?

5. Workshop Participation

What skills, experience, and roles relative to the decision-making will be important contributions to the team attending the workshop to rapid prototype a decision-making approach? (Note, we request that you wait to select actual team members until you have discussed the workshop approach with your assigned coach; team size will be limited).

If you would like to know more about our SDM Workshop, please refer to the following pages for:

Previous Reports:

http://training.fws.gov/EC/Resources/Decision_Analysis/SDM.htm

Short stories on SDM and participant experiences - SDM Workshop Interview

Videos:

http://nctc.fws.gov/courses/SDM/courses/sdm_workshop/interviews.html

If you have any questions about filling out the template please contact Donna Brewer at 304-876-7451 /donna_brewer@fws.gov or Sara Converse at 301-497-5635/sconverse@usgs.gov

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