



Memorandum

To: Policy Board
From: Dean Carpenter
Date: 10/14/2011
Re: APNEP State of the A-P Ecosystem Assessment Update

During the February and June 2011 APNEP Policy Board meetings, Board member Wilson Laney briefed you on progress with the APNEP assessment project. As editors (and authors) of the document, Dr. Lindsay Dubbs (UNC-IMS) and I have been working with authors (many of them STAC members) as they refine drafts of their indicator status and trends assessments. As a reminder, these assessments all have a common template modeled after the Heinz Center's "State of the Nation's Ecosystems" reporting: they are brief (on the order of two to three pages of text each with a brief technical supplement) and are targeted to natural resource managers and other technically inclined stakeholders.

To provide you with a preview of the assessment's contents, included with this message is a copy of the assessment's proposed table of contents. Also included are those completed indicator assessment drafts that are currently under review by the associated APNEP natural resource monitoring & assessment team. You will receive a briefing in more detail about this project at next week's meeting and will address any questions or comments you may have. If, however, you cannot attend please forward your feedback to me in advance if possible so I can bring it forward for discussion. Thank you in advance for your support, Dean