



New Outreach & Capacity Building Program Seeks to Improve Climate Literacy in the North Atlantic Region

What

The goal of this project is to improve our service to stakeholders through a better-informed regional network of climate “ambassadors” using a two-tier approach. A Sea Grant mini-grant will support a “tier one” workshop designed to increase the capacity of NOAA representatives to communicate current efforts on climate change science and service in the region. At this workshop, NOAA climate representatives and Sea Grant extension agents will receive training on the latest science, tools and materials relevant to climate change in the North Atlantic. During the workshop, participants will receive a master set of briefing materials and will be trained by experts in delivering the content.

Each NOAA employee will be paired with a Sea Grant participant to form two-person teams. These teams will then return to their home offices/states and share this latest information on climate science and tools during a one-day “tier two” workshop. Participants in these tier two workshops will be selected based on achieving broad representation among NOAA, Sea Grant and relevant non-NOAA partners in their area.

When/Where

The tier one workshop will be held April 12-14, 2010 at the University of Rhode Island’s Coastal Institute in Narragansett, RI. Tier two workshops will be held in FY10 from Virginia through Maine.

Who

Participants for the tier one workshop have been selected by the North Atlantic Regional Team and the Sea Grant state directors and have been chosen to ensure diverse representation across line offices and geography. These participants all have some background in climate and are willing and able to host a subsequent one-day tier two workshop to share the information with their colleagues.

How

The mini-grant will cover travel costs for 12 NOAA employees and 12 Sea Grant extension staff to attend the tier one workshop, and the North Atlantic Regional Team has allocated additional resources to support the tier two workshops.

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