

Regional Collaboration Network Council Charter

Background

The Regional Collaboration Network (RCN) is a catalyst for cross-Line Office communication and coordination to enhance integration of products and services internally and among NOAA's regional and national stakeholders and constituents. The RCN improves NOAA's service to the nation and advances NOAA's mission by identifying opportunities to leverage limited resources toward pragmatic, innovative solutions in the respective regions. The RCN includes eight regional teams that identify, communicate and respond to regional needs. The RCN facilitates communication of national priorities in the context of regional needs, raising awareness of NOAA capabilities in the regions.

Mission

The Regional Collaboration Network's mission is to identify, communicate, and respond to regional needs; catalyze and celebrate collaboration; and connect people and capabilities to advance NOAA's missions and priorities.

Membership

Regional Collaboration Network National Team Lead, Chair
Regional Collaboration Network Regional Team Leads
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Representative
National Ocean Service Representative
National Weather Service Representative
NOAA Fisheries Representative
NOAA Research Representative
Office of Education Representative
Office of Legislative Affairs Representative
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Representative

Council Roles and Responsibilities

The RCN Council provides Line Office (LO) connection and advises on strategic direction for the Network. LO Deputy Assistant Administrators or their designees, by their membership on

the RCN Council, promulgate the Network as a NOAA corporate asset and important component of LO business processes.

Monthly RCN Council meetings will be the primary decision making meetings for the RCN. On a quarterly or appropriate basis, monthly meetings may include business more directly related to the LO Representatives on the RCN Council. The RCN Council will have a yearly opportunity to meet in-person during the RCN Annual Workshop.

Advising Members

Advising members on specific priorities and initiatives will be added as deemed appropriate by the RCN Council.

Decision Making Process

When issues within the Regional Teams are of sufficient significance, they are elevated to the RCN Council for decision. The RCN Council decisional process is similar to the NEC decisional process where ideas are generated and a preferred option presented to the membership with supporting analysis. For expediency, the National Team Lead retains 51% of the vote. When appropriate, activity of the RCN Council is transmitted to the NEP and/or the NEC as an informational briefing or for concurrence.

Authorities and Execution

This Charter is a product of the Regional Collaboration Network. It serves as a reference for the corporate governance of the effort. Complete review of this Charter will be conducted as appropriate by the RCN Council to ensure the most efficient execution of the Regional Collaboration effort. The current Charter will be posted on the Regional Collaboration website for broad internal-NOAA access. The Charter may be amended by the RCN Council through its decision-making process.