



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

May 5, 2023

1000-1130

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Fransted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/GACC: Tomaselli	<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Achziger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Hinckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Fallon	<input type="checkbox"/> FMB: Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS FA: Gardunio	<input type="checkbox"/> PS Intel: SeLegue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Met: Strader
<input type="checkbox"/> LTP: Nauslar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin: Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Attendees: Megan Kephart, Chuck Maxwell, Cheryl Bright,

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Intel Charter	Derrek	Discussion
Predictive Services Handbook	Heidi/Derrek	Discussion
Face-to-Face Meeting Planning	All	Discussion
LTP Discussion	All	Discussion
Roundtable	All	Information

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: 12 May 2023, 1000-1130

Agenda:

1. Intel Charter

The Charter should reference the National Interagency Predictive Services Handbook.

The Charter was updated from the previous one held under NWCG.

The NICC's Intel Coordinator and two officers along with the various coordinator and officers on the federal side at the GA level would be included. -Kephart can write out exactly who would be included.

Cal Fire is the most heavily involved state and has joined working group. Other states have been solicited based on their levels of involvement, but most states are wrapped up into the GACCs.

Fire desk staff and DOI Watch Desk each have 1 representative that attends as a rotating duty, in an observational capacity.

There isn't much concern with the number of people that generally show up for a meeting as they're a tightknit group.

There would be 12 voting members with a quorum of 7.

States and GACCs would each have 1 vote.

A statement will be added outlining that voting status can be revisited and adjusted as other states decide to join.

Chair will join PSOG meetings as needed or when the designated representative is unavailable.

Kephart will send edits to Derrek by Monday, May 8 for group distribution and review. Will vote on it in the next 2 weeks.





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2. Predictive Services Handbook

Have a handbook from 2009 with a completed update from 2016 but nothing happened with it after that. The current Handbook has already gone through the channels with most of the people who are impacted by it so it shouldn't take as long to be socialized.

Changes include:

- Adding more background information and expounding on PSOG.
- PSOG's roles and responsibilities were outlined extensively, and Predictive Services was defined.
- Added partners and information regarding research and development.
- Includes verbiage to encourage staffing that PSOG recommended with meteorologists, analysts, intel, etc.

Want to ensure national focus rather than at local levels.

Should FMB sign the Predictive Services Handbook? Perhaps just the FMB Chair?

FMB signed the original version in 2006 and having FMB sign the handbook would validate it more strongly.

Should changes continue to go through NICC or through PSOG? NICC was initially the funnel point as there is easy communication with all three predictive services branches.

The Handbook could be a good anchor point for the LTP as it could answer many of the "why" questions.

The Handbook should be in harmony with the LTP, but we need to be cognizant of how wrapped up around the LTP it becomes at this point.

Heidi will work on a document outlining the significant changes between the new and previous documents.

Continue to review the handbook over the next week and discuss on May 12 with a full review at the Face-to-Face meeting.

3. Face-to-Face Meeting Planning

Members should start putting questions together.

Review Intel Charter, PS Handbook, and LTP options previously presented.

Get a fall/winter meeting on the calendar as a placeholder. Revisit at in-person meeting in 2 weeks.

Should PSOG meet when Predictive Services has their national meeting?

Derrek will look for a NIFC facilitator for the meeting.

Topics: Approve documents already reviewed, prioritize LTP "elephant bites," RAWs,

Derrek will send out draft agenda for additional items.

4. LTP Discussion

Continue looking at the 3 large buckets and the 14 concepts within them.

Are there some NTE proposals that could be legitimate NTEs? For example, an Official LTP coordinator for 1-3 years might potentially be helpful.

RAWs was previously considered more of a low-hanging fruit, but FWS has posed many in-depth questions.

It would be helpful to draft a fact sheet explaining how RAWs works across the country with different agencies.

Who drafts the fact sheet? Does it get sent back to Nick and Cheryl? FMB takes RAWs back?

PSOG should stay at a higher level of focus and make decisions in a system approach rather than sliding back into a work group mindset that could hinder progress in FMB's tasking.

Need to find horsepower that can complete the operational pieces including technical and working groups, not PSOG.

Currently have more of a GACC-centered program that FMB has made clear is not working anymore.





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Encouragement to have PSOG focus on the national program management level and what would help the group move forward to meet the national program progress FMB requires.

WIMS and NFDRS aren't used in AK but they've built a system allowing them to populate quite a bit more information where there are usually some big gaps. These data stations are more than just RAWs, belonging to many groups each with their own maintenance barriers. Perhaps there's a smarter way to collaborate and share maintenance responsibilities since the data products are already shared.

Perfect example of the decisions FMB could like to see from PSOG could be proposing the need for a National RAWs Coordinator or Intelligence Coordinator who can facilitate solutions for the station collaboration.

This is addressed in the LTP as we're coming up to crisis point in Fire Danger in many ways and need to designate someone in charge for the Science and Technology Workgroup quickly. Data movement intelligence have been major points of discussion at national meetings this week showing movement in other groups without PSOG.

Anchor into national level idea so PSOG can be giving more input to help steer solutions put forth by entities such as the Commission.

Names/ideas for task group/SMEs to work on RAWs task group by May 12, 2023 meeting.

Revisit RAWs topic at F2F meeting.

5. Additional

Need to ensure topics and ideas are socialized with represented groups as they come up to maintain progress. Perhaps the PSOG process moving forward through meetings should be topic introduction, discussion, then vote. In topic discussion and presentation to FMB, PSOG will have to answer why proposals aren't going to work, not just why parties don't agree with or like the proposal.

Record PSOG meetings moving forward. -Support.

Create PSOG executive email?

Derrek and Nicki will work on setting up new meeting invites, recording, etc. offline.

6. Roundtable Discussion

Heidi – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Cheryl –NTR

Jim – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jake – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Brian – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jennifer – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jason – Anchor into national level idea and start anchoring into that. PSOG should be giving more input to help steer solutions put forth by Commission.

Shawn – Something, Something, Something or NTR