



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

May 12, 2023

1000-1130

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitator: Megan Kephart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Fransted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/GACC: Tomaselli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Intel: SeLegue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Met: Strader
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTP: Nauslar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin: Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Attendees: Cheryl Bright, Chuck Maxwell, Robyn Heffernan

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Intel Charter	Jim	Discussion
PS Handbook	Derrek/Heidi	Discussion
Face-to-Face Agenda	All	Information
LTP Continuation – Bucket 2	Derrek/Nick/Cheryl	Discussion
Roundtable	All	Information

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2023 Face-to-Face in Boise

Agenda:

1. Intel Charter

Vote on during face-to-face meeting.

2. PS Handbook

Vote on during face-to-face meeting.

3. Face-to-Face Meeting Agenda

Intel Charter review

PS Handbook finalization

RAWS working group

Discuss each of the 3 buckets

How to create working groups and start getting things done.

Establish timelines to present topics with time for review.

Bucket 1 review – majority of this is with the Commission.

Meeting management – Need an organized manner to discuss and agree on things with additional time to vet things through represented groups.





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PSOG Charter – Derrek will send out for review. Membership considerations. Should the SMEs be voting members?

Commission update – Robyn

Why and how the concepts were summarized into 3 buckets.

Bucket 2 concepts and proposals.

Bucket 3 concepts and proposals.

What is the national program going to look like?

What is the program management going to look like?

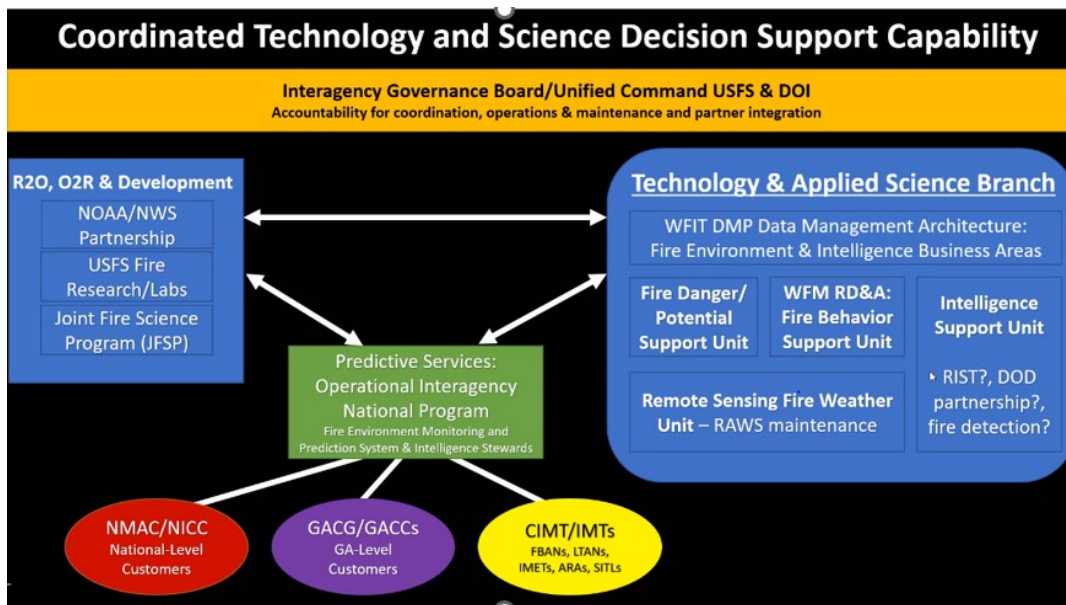
Maintaining oversight rather than taking on operational working group duties.

Full-time facilitator. – Derrek working on this

PSOG Website

Megan will send out agenda Tuesday, May 16 afternoon.

4. LTP: Bucket 2



Trying to fill in the gaps and create a working system between Research & Development, Technology & Applied Science, and Operations as there is currently no process.

Need to improve fire environment and intelligence capabilities for Predictive Services.

Technology & Applied Science Branch needs to be built out. A few of the pieces are there but should be bolstered in addition to the addition of other Support Units.

Who is the over-arching board for the entire program? Trying to figure this out, but NWCG could be a good overhead as they are involved in most of these pieces. The governing board could push for coordination among groups.

Long-term solution for how the overarching “in charge of” will be solved will be higher up more at the Commission level along with Bucket 1.

There should be an interim decision on who the over-arching board is going to be for Bucket 2.

When PSOG was first started, states not being represented was brought up, but it hasn’t yet been corrected.





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Many different groups and applications are being fed from central points with no coordination creating good silos and high walls.

More silos and direct connections that aren't integrated are happening more routinely. The sooner we get awareness out about this, the sooner we can create a network rather than more single-connected pieces.

If we can get Operations fixed, the structure in the transition space for R2O will have a place to be funneled. Need someone to help guide the research into the testbed for development into usable tools.

The private sector could become a huge partner as well. We could have them produce much of the technology piece to funnel back into operations.

Things have never been centralized, due to complexity levels, but the pace of change is going to continue accelerating.

National level customers – Program has been focused around NMAC and NICC, but sometimes we forget about the agencies themselves.

Centralization of support functions is a proven successful strategy in business. Key clarification: this is NOT centralization of mission space, responsibility, nor decisions. It is centralization of support TO individual agency mission space, responsibility and decisions.

There are constantly agency-purview type of questions that tend to be forgotten about. Need to reconsider the concept of providing decision support, when are we acting in interagency mode and when are folks thinking about their own agency and needs.

We centralize fire environment support & capability, or we get rolled by the complexity of it.

What should the program look like and what do we need to do to facilitate that?

Bucket #2 Proposal (Concepts 2-6, 8-9)

Provided background and broke things down into the individual concepts.

Goal is to provide coordination in everything happening in the technology and science groups.

Fire environment will be the first business area that will start to implement data element standards and creating them is going to be a lot of tedious work.

Looking at the management models, what is the best way to centralize system operations to maintain science and systems integrity?

Concept 3 and 4 & 5 are more NWCG level.

Concept 6 recommends an NTE.

Concepts 8 & 9 are the R2O piece.

Recommend joint tasking with NWCG and WFIT to create an interagency governance board to complete the Bucket #2 tasks.

Recommend a work group of BIL NTE positions to pursue implementation of standards development and propose options.

Science and Technology Coordinator, Fire Danger Specialist, and SIT 209 NextGen Business Lead.

The NTEs would be tasked with digging into all of the details and vetting the concepts they are linked to.

Support NWCG Exec Board discussions and efforts to create Research to Operations and Operations to Research processes.

May require future funding to support the development and implementation of the process.

The details within the concepts and buckets need to be more thoroughly vetted.

Should these positions be true NTEs or is it bigger than that and the positions should be more permanent?

Revisit at face-to-face meeting.

