

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF 2008 PROGRAM REVIEW

The following draft plan is proposed as a discussion starter. We would convene a group of eight panelists for a one-week meeting sometime during 2008. The group would only meet this one time. The group would hold meetings and interviews during this week. By the end of the week, they would produce a Powerpoint presentation with a draft set of recommendations and discuss them with the Steering Committee. After this, the panel would produce a written final report.

Some significant parts of the Program have not been reviewed since 1997 and should be reviewed in depth. Other parts of the Program are adequately reviewed by the SFEI Board or RMP workgroups. Organizational relationships within the Program seem to be working smoothly, but the Panel could check in on this. Including key members of the RMP Workgroups will provide for integration of the different elements of the Program. Some important items should be evaluated on a five-year cycle (numbers 1, 3, 7, and 8 below).

This level of review would cost approximately \$70K for the panelists, plus SFEI staff time that would be part of the Program Management task (approximately \$20K).

In depth review of:

1. Objectives and Management Questions
2. S&T Sampling Design
3. Overall adequacy and allocation of resources
4. QA
5. Data Management
6. Data Analysis
7. Information Dissemination
8. Use of information by target audiences

Check-in on:

1. Organizational relationships

Other parts of the Program not being reviewed:

1. P&SS Sampling Designs
2. Finances
3. Administration

Possible Chairs

Jerry Schubel, Steve Ritchie

Possible Panelists

Key Workgroup members:

- Joel Baker
- Harry Ohlendorf
- Mike Stenstrom

National Perspective: Fred Holland, NOAA

QA: Someone from NIST

Data Management: Robert Ward, Colorado State University

Data Analysis and Information Dissemination:

Someone from the last review: Jerry Schubel, Steve Weisberg

Other possibilities: Ron Tjeerdema (UCD)