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From: Meg Sedlak and Jay Davis

Re: **Goals of the Joint RMP TRC and SCCWRP CTAG meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The goals of the joint meeting of the two technical committees include:

- Understanding the goals, objectives, scopes, and challenges of each of the monitoring programs;
- Maximizing cost-effectiveness of each program;
  - Identifying opportunities for collaboration
    - Identifying areas of collaboration for funding, joint projects, or exchange of scientific information (e.g., management of data, modeling, etc.)
    - Identifying potential data gaps within each of the programs
    - Identifying opportunities to leverage off existing talent and institutional knowledge
    - Sponsoring research that is of mutual interest to both programs (e.g., endocrine disruption, impacts to juvenile flat fish from oil spills, etc.)
    - Developing and strengthening relationships among technical staff and stakeholders of each of the organizations
  - Learning from each other and avoiding duplication of effort
- Fostering State-wide consistency in monitoring (e.g., design, methods, matrices, and contaminants)