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Monitoring – Coordination Action Plan Review



Action Steps

- **Improve Knowledge** of monitoring activities
- **Increase Consistency** of monitoring strategies & data comparability
- **Improve Coordination** among monitoring entities
- **Support:**
 - **Coordinate Stewardship** among Local, State, & Federal Monitoring Programs
 - **Increase Funding** for monitoring efforts



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ACTION ISSUE 1:

IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF MONITORING ACTIVITIES



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ACTION ITEM 1-1:

DEVELOP & POPULATE MONITORING CATALOG

- Catalog database will contain monitoring station locations and associated metadata (who/what/where/when)
- Database can link stations & metadata to data portal where data can be viewed and/or downloaded (STORET, WQX, etc.)
- Database can be structured similarly to regional or national catalogs to facilitate sharing FL monitoring information
- Online mapping application development can be coordinated with other existing applications (Map Direct, other catalogs, etc.)
- Application development can include data entry/upload module for organizations to input station information



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ACTION ITEM 1-2:

MAKE CATALOG ACCESSIBLE

- Find organization / website to serve data and host online mapping application
- FWRMC Website can feature link to Catalog
- Other online data atlases can link to catalog



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ACTION ITEM 1-3: **MAINTAIN CATALOG**

- Monitoring information can be uploaded by individual organizations once data entry/upload module is developed
- Development of QA Plan & SOPs for Maintenance are needed
- Staff/resources are needed for QA & database maintenance



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ACTION ISSUE 2:

IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG MONITORING ENTITIES



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ACTION ITEM 2-1:

CREATE COORDINATION - OVERSITE ORGANIZATION

- FWRMC (State Council & Regional Councils)
- Coordinate with National Water Quality Monitoring Council



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ACTION ITEM 2-2:

INCREASE COMMUNICATION WITH MONITORING COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA & IN ADJACENT STATES

- Regional Councils will be critical for increasing communication within Florida
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA)
- South Atlantic Alliance
- Regional Freshwater or Marine Monitoring Alliances
- Others?



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ACTION ITEM 2-3:

INCREASE COORDINATION FOR STATE, REGIONAL, AND EVENT-SPECIFIC MONITORING

- Catalog can be used to identify duplication, overlap, and gaps in monitoring efforts
- Organization / participation in planning workshops
- Coordinate with regulatory agencies
- Coordinate freshwater & coastal monitoring efforts
- Assist in developing monitoring networks



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ACTION ITEM 2-4:

INCREASE INTEGRATION OF FRESHWATER & COASTAL MONITORING

- Evaluate tools for measuring surface and ground water interactions in the coastal zone
- Evaluate minimum flows and levels projects' techniques
- Evaluate compatibility / comparability of tools used to measure fresh and salt water parameters
- Identify appropriate tools for assessing factors common to both fresh & salt water condition, or meaningful to fresh/salt transition
- Synchronize timing of fresh and salt water sampling
- Identify linked factors between fresh and salt waters - design monitoring across transition areas



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ACTION ITEM 2-5:

CREATE / SUSTAIN COLLABORATION AMONG MONITORING ENTITIES

- Encourage agreements among appropriate organizations
- Assist in sustaining collaborations



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ACTION ISSUE 3:

INCREASE DATA COMPARABILITY & INCREASE CONSISTENCY OF MONITORING STRATEGIES



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ACTION ITEM 3-1:

AGREE ON CORE SET OF MONITORING VARIABLES

- Develop general & discipline-specific metadata standards
- Identify key variables needed to assess status & trends of Florida's water resources



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AGREE ON CORE SET OF MONITORING VARIABLES

The Comprehensive List of Draft Metadata
Elements

Integrated Data Management
(IDM) Project

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Integrated Data Management (IDM) initiative

- Collaboration w/ FL Oceans & Coastal Council
- **Finished** Metadata Elements for:
 - Common (who/what/where/when)
 - Aerial Remote Sensing
 - Laboratory Analytical
 - Geospatial
 - Ocean Observing
 - Groundwater
 - Field Activities
 - Biology
- **Unfinished** Metadata Elements for:
 - Meteorology
 - Acoustic Remote Sensing

<http://www.floridaoceanscouncil.org/reports/idm.htm>



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ACTION ITEM 3-2:

SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED MONITORING CONCEPTS

- Review literature and report on new technologies, indicators, & methods to improve monitoring efforts
- Locate funding to assist monitoring entities to incorporate new techniques & methods



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ACTION ITEM 3-3: **ENCOURAGE RESEARCH**

- Seek out, validate, standardize, & promote research methods for use in monitoring
- Form a workgroup to evaluate promising technologies, indicators, & methods
- Review recent publications and identify techniques to consider for validation / development
- Promote developed techniques through workshops & website
- Provide funding to aid the transition of new methods into techniques useful to resource managers



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ACTION ITEM 3-4:

ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES

- Form a workgroup to develop guidance documents & aid organizations in implementing data quality objectives



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ACTION ITEM 3-5:

ENCOURAGE USE OF STANDARDIZED & CONTEMPORARY MONITORING DESIGNS

- Conduct intra- and inter-agency review of monitoring to facilitate coordination
- Conduct workshops to aid in developing standardized and complementary monitoring designs among FL agencies & monitoring entities



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SUPPORT ISSUE 1:

PROMOTE AND COORDINATE STEWARDSHIP AMONG LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL MONITORING PROGRAMS



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SUPPORT ITEM 1-1:
ENCOURAGE WATER RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

- Coordinate / support outreach efforts
- Promote education & outreach activities



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SUPPORT ISSUE 2:

PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

