



Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council

Interview Summary: Council Member Input

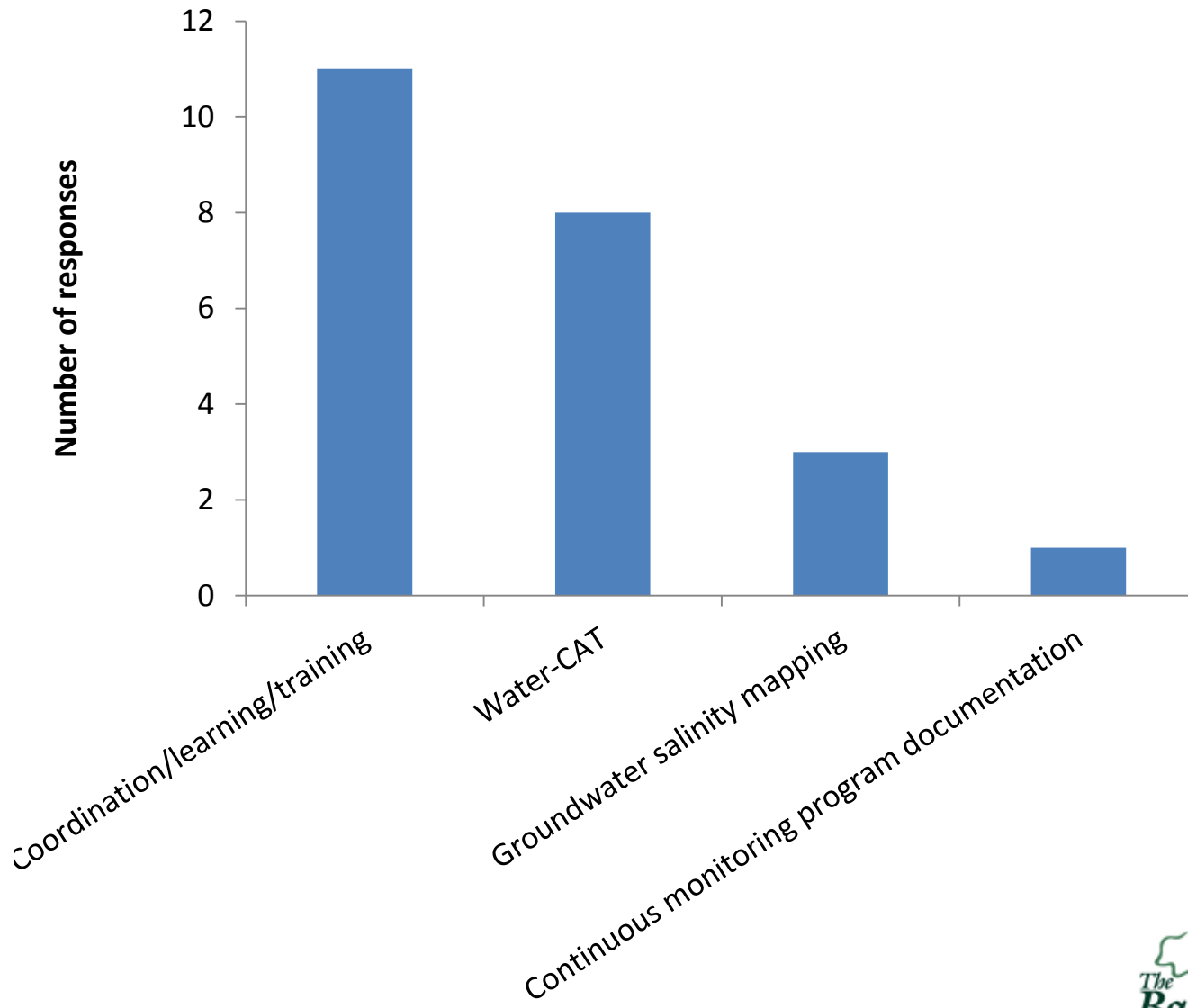
To be used to support Council visioning and workplan development

Phone Interviews

The following 8 questions were asked of all Council members that could be reached by phone (18 respondents). All core members provided input. The 3 questions bolded below are the “key” questions summarized in the following pages. Responses to those will be used to facilitate workshop discussions and exercises.

- Tell me about your history/participation with the Council? When did you get involved?
- Do you feel your contributions to the Council are appreciated and effectively used (that is to say, is it worth your time)?
- Are you part of a Workgroup? If yes, which one?
- Is there anyone else at your agency (or another agency) who you think would be interested in participating with the Council?
- **What do you think is the most important role of the Council? Most important output/activity? Specific success stories?**
- **In the next year or two, what specific activities should the Council focus on?**
- **What would you say are some of the challenges or weaknesses of the Council?**
- Are there things you would like to see changed about how Council meetings or Workgroup meetings are developed or facilitated?

Most important role/output of Council



Council focus in next year or two

This table lists the responses and groups each into one of three activity types. There were few duplicate responses among participants; meaning that quantifying number of responses for each activity was not meaningful.

In the next year or two, what specific activities should the Council focus on?	Activity Type
lead training for monitoring (data quality objectives, SOPs, analysis)	Training and Coordination
coordinate best practices for handling, presenting large datasets (continuous monitoring)	Training and Coordination
standardizing flow measurements; better understanding of flows and water quality relationship	Training and Coordination
improve the understanding of the methods and tools for salt/freshwater transition monitoring	Training and Coordination
improve coordination of freshwater and coastal monitoring for TMDL and NNC issues	Training and Coordination
formalize ways to build efficiencies into water quality monitoring	Training and Coordination
coordinating equipment calibration	Training and Coordination
improve Water-CAT	Products
build a stronger presence on the web	Products
improve salinity monitoring products	Products
materials on HAB's and elevated water temperatures	Products
document data lost due to funding cuts	Products
identify projects to pursue additional funding	Products
identify duplication of efforts and gaps in monitoring activities	Products
negotiating equipment prices	Council function, roles
improve connection to workgroups	Council function, roles
rebuild, redefine our mission	Council function, roles
more regular meetings	Council function, roles

Challenges and weaknesses of Council

This table lists the responses and groups each into one of three challenge groups types. There were few duplicate responses among participants; meaning that quantifying number of responses for each challenge was not meaningful.

What would you say are some of the challenges or weaknesses of the Council?	Challenge Group
limited funding	Time and Money
time to contribute and attend meetings; supervisor support	Time and Money
doesn't connect flows/hydrology with water quality	Activities: what gets done
not enough communication between meetings	Activities: what gets done
not enough outreach; limited visibility of the Council	Activities: what gets done
work efforts need to benefit other agencies as much as DEP	Activities: what gets done
lacking passion	Goals and Intangibles
need to solidify goals of the Council	Goals and Intangibles
needs more direction	Goals and Intangibles
need to improve trust/comaraderie among different agencies	Goals and Intangibles