**SEARCH SSC MEETING**

**Tuesday Morning**

We will organize activities under three main areas/categories - see below. These are draft/working categories, and we'll revisit and change if needed.

**OUR THREE WORKING "ACTIVITY AREAS"**

We will revisit these categories later and adjust as needed.

**1. Scientific Synthesis**

* Big picture
* Multi/inter disciplinary
* Quick Example: Develop AON data products that are useful and usable to scientists and stakeholders/decision-makers (would need to figure out how this would be done - through charging a group to do this, etc.).
* Could target synthesis to our research goals

**2. Provide a Comprehensive Long-View "Outlook"**

* SEARCH as the 'go-to' place ('face of the arctic') for providing information on what the Arctic will look like in 2020, and beyond
* SEARCH as the 'honest-broker' in providing this information; value-neutral
* Bring different voices together to do this; bridge science and stakeholders
* Issue some sort of Outlook product/provide information in some form; includes element of translation
* Perhaps build on "Arctic Report Card" (but provide the linkages between disciplines and system components).

**3. What interdisciplinary science needs to be done?**

* This would involve several kinds of activities
* Part of this will include prioritization of science needs (this may not be exciting, but it's needed)
* Develop transformative ideas that are integrated and interdisciplinary - & bring in new people. Exploratory workshops, etc. (e.g., workshop to explore physical and economic linkages of Arctic Change) - proposals would flow from that
* This will address the need to identify 'emerging issues'
* Include methodological advances (e.g., a training workshop to train arctic scientists in something they don't currently know how to do)

All of these "activity areas" would feed into each other and link together.

Synthesis

Comprehensive Outlook

What science needs to be done?

**Unresolved 'activity area': "Coordinate Research "** - didn't come to agreement on this in the morning's discussion

* What does or doesn't the SSC need to do here?
* Does SEARCH coordinate research efforts as an activity?
* What about AON & coordinating observations?
* We will need to be very specific as far as what everyone means when we say 'coordination'. To one person it could mean providing a website where observing activities are tracked. To another it could mean charging a group to have a workshop/white paper that comes up with priority observations, that is given to funding agencies. To another it could just be talking to varoius groups to help link together efforts. To another it could be something else entirely.

**CHARGE FOR AFTERNOON:**

The charge for the afternoon will be to break up into small groups (2-3 people per group) and develop a list of very specific activities that fall under each area. By specific, we don't mean 'hold a synthesis workshop'. But rather something more like "hold a workshop (in 2013) that brings together economists, physical scientists, etc.... to develop a white paper on [topic here], which then will be used for...."

**OTHER NOTES:**

* Please also look to the 5-year goals for activities that will address 1 or more of the 5-year goals (or provide a bigger-picture framework that will advance all of the goals).
* Refer to the current 'functions/activities' document as a start, which has general/broad activities
* Also think of new, "transformative" ideas (transformative can be broadly defined).
* Think about PRODUCTS. What will be the end result of an activity?
* It's OK if an activity crosses over more than one area/category - just note that
* Make notes on any changes you think are needed to the categories
* Incorporating stakeholder and others outside the 'academic science' realm should fall under each area.
* Inter-agency should be considered.