

Science Applications Meeting
16-18 January 2018
[Courtyard Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory](#)
[130 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030](#)
404-371-0204

Regional vision:

Together we will connect lands and waters to sustain fish, wildlife and plants by being visionary leaders, bold innovators and trusted partners, working with and for people.

“2018 is the year we need to demonstrate our value.” Dr. B. N. Tuggle Jan 11, 2018

Purpose of Meeting:

Develop a DRAFT 12 month Action Plan for R4 Science Applications that describes how and where we mobilize assets and leverage resources in FY18.

This Action Plan will:

- Frame Science Applications key functions and roles that contribute to FWS and state fish and wildlife agency priorities;
- Describe next steps and leads for engaging in dialogue to continue collaborative landscape-scale conservation in the Southeast;
- Consider key functions that need to be at the core of our work that contributes to the Southeast Regional vision and priorities and enables a cohesive Science Applications “Program” nationally; and
- Serve as a roadmap that identifies actions needed to demonstrate how Science Applications is critical to the priorities of the Administration, FWS, and state fish and wildlife agencies.

Tuesday January 16, 2018

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Desired outcomes for the day:

- Develop a common understanding of what we know about the National and Regional conversations about the status and future of Science Applications;
- Provide a forum for understanding R4 Science Applications staff thoughts and concerns;
- Describe the assets of Science Applications for use in Wednesday’s discussions.

1:00-1:45

Welcome and overview of the meeting – Bill & Wylie

- Purpose of meeting, roles, responsibilities, ground rules, decision making process
- Review and modify agenda as needed

1:45-2:15

Setting the broader context – Bill

- Explanation of what we know about National status of Science Applications (include concerns that have been raised. What is the problem we are trying to solve?)
- Explanation of what we know about Regional status of Science Applications (include concerns that have been raised)
- What do we know about DOI priorities JMAs?

2:15-2:30

Break

2:30-4:00

Discussion of thoughts and concerns – Everyone

- Opportunity to share and discuss concerns, hopes, fears, frustrations, and questions as Science Apps employees

4:00-4:45

Review of R4 Science Applications assets – Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- What are the strengths and assets that make Science Apps awesome and can continue to help achieve the Regional Vision

4:45-5:00

Wrap up, prep for Wednesday

Group Dinner @ 6:00

[Brick Store Pub](#)

125 E. Court Square

Decatur, GA 30030

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Wednesday January 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Desired outcomes for the day:

- Gather and organize information that demonstrates overlap between FWS and state priorities (and needs to address them) and Science Apps assets
- Utilize RDT and HQ feedback to guide R4 science apps 2018 Action Plan

8:00-9:45

Regional Priorities discussion – Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- Review of Day 1
- Continue discussing the assets that Science Apps brings to the table
- Introduction to SECAS as a foundational concept for At Risk, LCDs, Coastal Resilience

9:45-10:00

Break

10:00-10:15

Roundtable Introduction - Bill, Laurel, Wylie

- Introductions, purpose of this piece of the meeting, process for roundtable discussion
- How this discussion fits with ongoing RDT discussions

10:15-12:00

Roundtable discussion – Laurel, Jeff, Leo, Kevin, David, Allan

- What are three critical, near term needs to achieve these 3 key regional priorities to achieve the regional vision: At Risk, LCD, Coastal Resilience
- How can Science Apps help address these needs in the near, mid, and long term
- What outreach and engagement within FWS and across programs should happen for Science Apps to address major needs under regional priorities

12:00-1:00

Lunch

[Raging Burrito](#)

141 Sycamore St.

Decatur, GA 30030

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1:00-1:15

Welcome back, welcome new participants – Bill

- David Scott and Dr. Benjamin Tuggle joining the group
- Group introductions
- Discuss agenda and goals for afternoon session

1:15-1:45

Discussion with Dr. Benjamin Tuggle

- Question and answer session about National Science Apps
- Discussion about how R4 fits and addressing Administration's Priorities

1:45-3:00

Discuss state agency needs – Everyone (Round robin, Wylie notetaker)

- Discuss what we're hearing from states and other federal organizations about future of collaborative landscape conservation and related needs.

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15-4:45

Discussion of needs and assets - Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- Synthesis of needs from RDT, HQ, and external partners
- Fill in Science Apps "needs and functions matrix" based on previous conversations

4:45-5:00

Review matrix and homework for Thursday - Laura, Bill

- Think about how you can help to fill the discussed needs - given individual skills, abilities, and availability (i.e., legacy projects/responsibilities)

Social with RO staff @ 6:00 p.m.

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211 E. Trinity Place

Decatur, GA 30030

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Thursday January 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Desired outcomes for the day:

- Construct a draft action plan
- Agree to action plan and identify next steps
- Leave with a sense of direction and camaraderie!

8:00-8:15

Welcome, agenda for the day – Bill, Wylie

8:15-9:30

Discuss homework and ongoing projects - Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- What work is ongoing and needs to continue? (i.e. Legacy projects - continuing efforts and ongoing work.)
- Where do people see themselves in the matrix?

9:30-10:30

Outline action plan - Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- Start translating matrix into draft action plan - broad outline

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:00

Develop action plan - Breakout groups

- Fill in details within action plan outline

12:00-1:00

Lunch

Lunch on your own - get out and explore Decatur

1:00-3:00

Continue to develop action plan - Breakout groups

- Start honing in on clear next step action items, who is the lead, and by when - presented in the context of the discussions the last two days.

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15-5:00

Review and agree to action plan - Everyone (Wylie facilitator, David notetaker)

- Gut check on action plan
 - What is your comfort level?
 - Can everyone live with this?
 - Are you clear about your next steps/role?
- Discussion of next steps and accountability
 - What are we not going to do that we have been doing?
 - How will our way of work change?
 - How do we communicate these changes?
- Bring back to the bigger picture
 - Have we positioned ourselves to also be relevant in the next 5-10 years?

