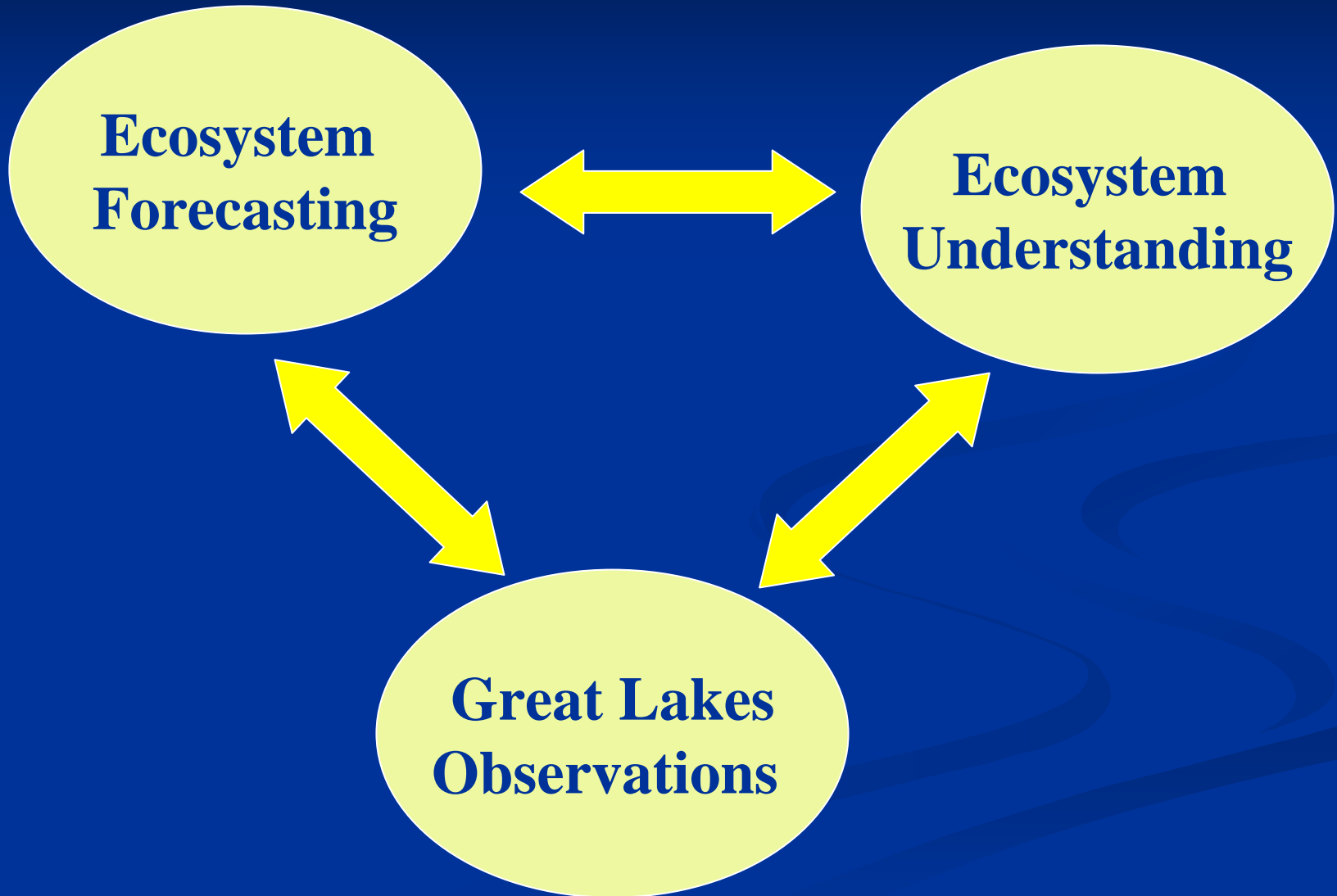


Great Lakes Research Coordination Strategy Workshop

International Joint Commission
Council of Great Lakes Research Managers
April 28, 2004





Council of Great Lakes Research Managers

Role:

To enhance the ability of the IJC to provide effective leadership, guidance, support and evaluation of Great Lakes research as it applies to the provisions of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.



Council of Great Lakes Research Managers

Responsibilities:

- promoting effective communication and collaboration between researchers and agencies in Canada and the United States;
- encouraging researchers to share their findings;
- compiling a summary of current and planned research programs related to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, particularly those called for by Annex 17 - Research and Development;
- identifying and prioritizing research needs to identify gaps and encourage the U.S. and Canadian governments, the Parties to the Agreement, to shift funding toward studies directly relevant to the Agreement's purpose; and
- reviewing the impact of research recommendations made by itself, the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board, the Great Lakes Water Quality Board and the IJC.



Workshop Purpose

- To address the need for a binational Great Lakes research coordination strategy. This strategy will be defined as an overarching framework for Great Lakes research management; a mechanism for international cooperation that describes how the region will pull together to organize and coordinate large scale research projects.
- Provide a basis for advice and recommendations to the International Joint Commission.



Research Coordination Strategy Workshop

April 28th -AM	Government Expectations and Regional/Problem Driven Efforts
Lessons Learned/Recommendations from: Chesapeake Bay, Everglades, Gulf of Mexico, International and Great Lakes Studies -Panel Discussion	
April 28th -PM	Past and Ongoing Lake-Wide Coordination Efforts
Lessons Learned/Recommendations from: International Field Year of the Great Lakes, Great Lakes Fisheries, Lake Erie Millennium Network, & Episodic Events – Great Lakes Experiment – Panel Discussion	
April 29th -AM	Collaborative Approaches/Partnerships
Experiences and Recommendations from Canadian and U.S. collaborative efforts/partnerships - Federal/Provincial/State/Private	
April 29-30th	IJC Council & Board Representatives Sessions
Identify Commonalities, Review recommendations, Brainstorm recommendations to IJC for Great Lakes Research Coordination Strategy	
Adjourn April 30th - Noon	

Focus Questions

- What initially prompted the effort? (e.g. nature of the problem – human health danger, urgent environmental crisis, endangered resources, some other crisis, etc.)
- What/who was the primary driver that brought people together, got the project organization started and kept it going?
- How was it coordinated?
- What worked, what didn't work? – Why?
- Based on that experience, what do you recommend incorporating in a Great Lakes research coordination strategy?

