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COMMUNICATION

The CMRLC kicked off the first 5 year planning meeting on September 10 at SAMO. We revised the mission statement and drafted a vision for the next five years. On October 15, CHIS hosted the second planning meeting where we refined the vision, drafted goals, and tasks to support the goals. There will be two partner meetings and a final internal meeting to complete the 5 year plan. Thanks to the Technical Committee, Board of Directors, and staff of all three network parks for support of the CMRLC and the planning process.

RESEARCH

Representatives from the NPS/USGS/WFZV Island Loggerhead Shrike (LOSH) survey team met twice with the staff from the Navy San Clemente LOSH team to learn methods and share lessons learned. Susan Teel and Linda Dye spent time with the survey team, the captive breeding team, and the release team. Linda Dye led a NPS team to assist with the San Clemente Islands Survey in September. Thanks to Mike Maki, Evan Locke, and Kevin Schallert for their valuable assistance with the LOSH project.

SCIENTIFIC LITERACY AND STEWARDSHIP

Santa Monica College students led by CMRLC Interns Joules and Evan participated in an Ecohelpers Service Learning project at SAMO. Antonio Solorio hosted a “hands on” ethnobotanical cooking demonstration at Circle X Ranch. The students learned the history and uses of cactus native to chaparral and coastal sage scrub ecosystems. The students assisted Antonio in preparation of the food and then we all feasted! Thanks Antonio.

Sea to Shining Sea – Susan Teel and Kim Bruch led a conference all with BISC to solidify a list of goals and next steps to move the project forward for the next six months. Richard Curry anticipates completing installation in January 2009. He and Tommie Burton, IT Specialist, plan to attend the technology transfer training at CABR in November. Kim Bruch submitted an abstract for a paper. Susan, Kim Bruch, and Richard Curry will conduct a distance education workshop at George Wright Society.

The CMRLC and HPWREN conducted experiments with the back- pack and a modified back- pack with a PCMCIA card connected to an antenna to test the connectivity between a boat off- shore and Zone 1/3 shore based stations. The tests were successful.

The CMRLC, CABR, San Diego State University, Palomar Observatory, and HPWREN collaboratively prepared for and successfully completed three LIVE demos (Palomar Observatory, SMER, and Cabrillo) for the San Diego Supercomputer Center Event. Kim Bruch, Hans- Werner Braun, and Susan Teel were at the Super Computer Center for and interfaced with visiting UCSD faculty and students interested in LIVE distance education programs. Andrea Compton and Jim Hale were at the CABR tidepools broadcasting to the Supercomputer Center

Distance Education Training - Susan is working with HPWREN, San Diego State University, CABR, and SAMO staff to finalize details for the Technology Transfer Workshop to be hosted at CABR November 13- 14, 2008.