

Update on NOAAWest

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In January, 2007 NOAA created eight regional teams across the country with team representation from the five Line Offices in NOAA:

- National Weather Service
- National Ocean Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service
- Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

One of the teams, NOAAwest is focused on issues for the west coast as well as interior intermountain areas including the southwest states. NOAA did this because: (1) External trends and stakeholder demands require NOAA's move toward regionalization, (2) Regionalization will best allow NOAA to balance the specific, place-base needs of stakeholders with the corporate-level priorities and responsibilities of a federal agency.

The goals of NOAA's regional collaboration are to:

1. Improve services for the benefits of NOAA's customers
2. Increased value and productivity of partnerships
3. Improved internal communications and efficiency across line offices and programs
4. More visible brand

A near term significant effort of the regional teams will be to host various sub-regional stakeholder meetings focused on regional themes. These meetings will be information sharing as well as a resource to gather customer and stakeholder requirements and needs.

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