Day 2 – Tuesday, 17 November 2009: Mini Workshop on Coastal Web Atlas Users

Focus:

1) The user’s perspective on the impacts and outcomes of Coastal Web Atlases will be discussed from presenters who are closely linked to the CWA user community.

2) Feedback and review are essential to insure CWA developers are meeting the needs of the user audience. Surveys provide one mechanism for collecting and disseminating feedback to a broad audience. A workgroup of the ICAN User Committee has developed a survey. The second half of this mini-workshop is devoted to the survey.

Contributions:

- **Kathrin Kopke, Coastal Marine Resources Center, Cork Ireland**: Web-GIS usage, user feedback and user interface;

- **Kathy Taylor, Washington State Department of Ecology**: The West Coast Coastal Atlas Workshop as a model for other regions;

- **Marcia Berman, Virginia Institute of Marine Science**: Coastal Atlases within the Chesapeake Bay Region;

- **David Hart, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute**: The Research Agenda of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas;

- **Kathy Belpaeme, Coordination Centre for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Belgium**: User Analysis of the Belgian coastal atlas and future user needs

Discussion:

- 1. Testing and evaluating the User survey
- 2. Survey Discussion Points:
  - Is the survey too long?
  - How can we improve on this?
  - Very minimal survey response. Is this typical among other regions that have tried to poll users? How to encourage users to take the survey?
  - Is there a need for this type of survey?
- 3. General Discuss Points: What are the CWA components that work well? Do we have enough feedback to know what elements of a CWA meet the users’ needs.