

FOR DECISION AT NCADAC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Protocol for Engagement around NCA Draft Review and Sustained Assessment

DECISION: NCADAC consensus is sought for the approach for outreach to and engagement with members of the public during the public comment period for the Draft 2013 NCA Report, as described below.

APPROACH:

1. The purpose of the public engagement meetings will be to:
 - a. Describe NCA report process leading to the draft;
 - b. Encourage review comments to help improve the report;
 - c. Inform about the larger sustained assessment process; and
 - d. Engage in dialogue about issues of special interest to the community.
 - e. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE NCA REPRESENTATIVES OR CHAPTER AUTHORS ENGAGE IN DEFENDING THE REPORT FINDINGS OR KEY MESSAGES FROM THE CHAPTERS.
2. The NCA will be represented by NCADAC members and NCA staff leadership; Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors may also present content specific to their chapters.
3. Two “public engagement” types of meetings will be held during the draft review period: (1) sessions during professional society meetings and (2) regional town halls.
4. Regional town halls will be organized with the help of federal agencies that will also support the activities.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENT: A more detailed plan has been developed in collaboration between the NCADAC Engagement and Communication Working Group and the NCA Staff. This plan, provided to NCADAC as a background document, further describes the purposes for engagement, the rationale for timing, the types of guidance that will be prepared, the types of informational materials to be developed, and the types of events that will take place.