
White Paper

Either:

- present a policy proposal for improving a specific aspect of regional natural resource management by using information about current and/or future patterns of PNW climate, or
- critique an existing or proposed regional policy, based on its compatibility with current understanding of the impacts of climate variability and/or change on the resource.

Assess and describe the utility of using one or more of the following types of climate information:

- seasonal to interannual climate forecasts,
 - current understanding of range of regional natural climate variability, and/or
 - projected anthropogenic climate change.
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Format & Content

- Aim your paper directly at the people who could make the change you propose – remember that this is a policy proposal.*
- Include a discussion of the following elements and the interaction among them:
 - The natural/environmental context
 - The economic context*
 - The institutional/legal context*
- *Be sure to provide examples of how specific climate forecasts or climate change projections could be applied.*

* Requires “defining the users/clients and understanding their perspective” (Jacobs)

Questions we'll be asking as we read your paper

- What is the policy/management problem that using climate information will improve?
- What specific course of action is being proposed?
- Why should the reader believe that the proposed course of action is viable, given the “real world context” (economic and institutional realities) of the policy/management issue?*
- What barriers must be overcome before the proposed improved use of climate information is possible? How do you propose to overcome them?
- What are the risks of following your proposed course of action?

* *Think about Jacob's conditions for providing useful services/products.*

Important Dates

Jan 18	Group assignments, Start-up workshop
Jan 4-29	Meet with Nate & Amy to discuss potential topic(s)
Jan 30	Proposal Due
Feb 12-15	Out of class white paper meetings with Nate & Amy
March 6, 8	In-class presentations
March 14, Noon	Final paper & self/peer evaluation due

Group Start-Up

- Lessons from experience...



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Frequently Asked Questions

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WebFiles was funded by the Student Tech Fee Committee and is currently only available to tech fee-paying students.

Will WebFiles be made available to UW faculty and staff?

Yes, Computing & Communications is currently working to provide WebFiles to faculty and staff, but has not announced a specific timeline.

http://catalyst.washington.edu/web_tools/sharespaces.html

Group Start-Up: ID challenges

- Different languages, vocabularies & standards of knowing
 - Allocate effort & time for clear communication
 - Invest strongly in problem definition early in the project
- Biases and prejudices that accompany disciplinary training
 - Self-awareness & respect for/willingness to learn about other methods/approaches

Nicholson et al. 2002. Ten heuristics for interdisciplinary modeling projects. Ecosystems 5: 376-384.

Lele and Norgaard. 2005. Practicing interdisciplinarity. BioScience 55: 967-975.
