

Oversight Committee Terms of Reference

Role of the ISMN Oversight Committee (OC):

- 1) The Oversight Committee will advise the ISMN Director on the implementation, integration and sustainability of ISMN activities.
- 2) Identify priorities and opportunities for enhancement of present observing activities, guided by the community consensus provided in the S&I Plan.
- 3) Establish and recruit participants in technical science committees to integrate and facilitate effectiveness of data collection, management, and analysis across ISMN activities.
- 4) Guide the ISMN Director in acquiring funding and awarding grants for data synthesis and interpretation through the Center for Analysis, Prediction and Evaluation (CAPE).

Initial Establishment: NROC OCEH Working Group Co-chairs, NERACOOS Executive Director, and ISMN Director will determine membership.

Composition of ISMN OC: Comprised of experts from the regional research and management community with representation from both major subregions (Long Island Sound/Southern New England and the Gulf of Maine) and from the pelagic, benthic, and coastal and estuarine habitats.

Shall consist of no less than eight (8) and no greater than sixteen (16) members consisting of:

- a. Up to four (4) members representing academic and research institutions;
- b. Up to four (4) members representing state and provincial governments;
- c. Up to four (4) members representing a cross section of industry, non-profit organizations, federal government and other users of ocean data and data products;
- d. Up to four (4) additional persons who have knowledge or skills or represent geographies or constituencies deemed to be important to the success of the organization; and
- e. At least two (2) members included in subsections (a) – (d) above shall be domiciled in Canada.

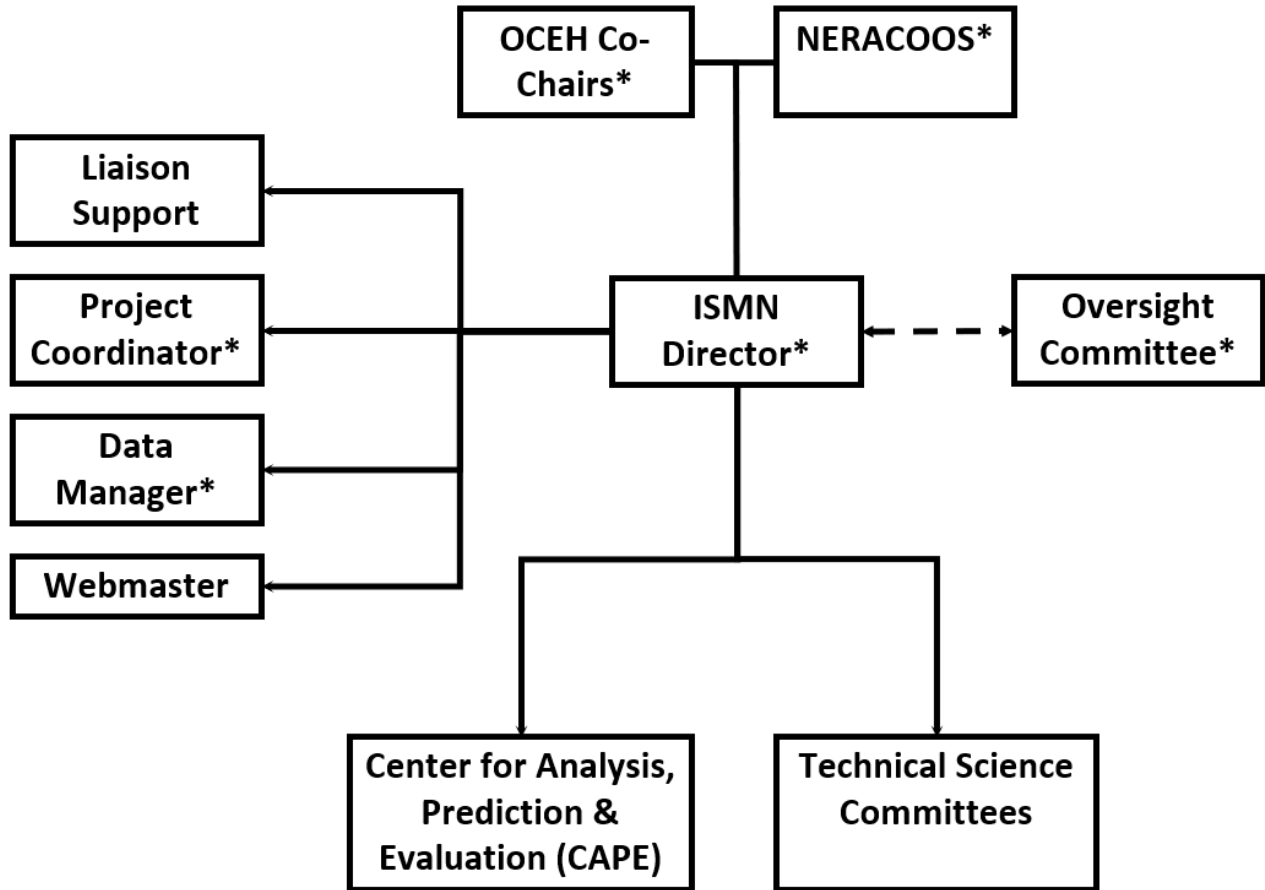
Terms of Membership: Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, provided, however, that the Oversight Committee shall stagger the expiration dates of the terms of the initial Members and succeeding Members, so that the terms of approximately one quarter of the members shall expire in any year. Each term shall begin immediately upon election. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full four-year terms as a Member.

Expectations: members of the Oversight Committee are expected to participate in bi-monthly calls to advise the ISMN Director on the implementation and sustainability of the ISMN, as well as to establish the ISMN Technical Science Committee. **Year 1:** it's expected that the Oversight Committee will play a key role in the sustainability of ISMN and will assist in submitting



proposals in pursuit of this goal. The Oversight Committee will also review the Terms of Reference for the Committee to ensure its roles, responsibilities and expectations are realistic.

Governance and Operational Structure:



Advisory: - - - - -
 Directive: _____
 Established: *

