

## September 10, 2024 Translation Working Group Call

Attendees: Hannah O'Grady, Charlotte Malmberg, Jody Peters, Anna Sjodin, Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Alison Gerken, Alexis O'Callahan

Regrets: Ayanna St. Rose

### Agenda

1. New paper by Alistair Hobday that came out in mid-August that goes along nicely with the discussions the group is having about impacts of forecasts and engaging with stakeholders. It describes actions at the national, regional, and local levels in response to heat wave forecasts. Plus check out the cute fish in Box 1.
  - a. Hobday, A. J., C. M. Spillman, J. Allnut, M. A. Coleman, F. Bailleul, L. K. Blamey, S. Brodie, A. Chandrapavan, J. R. Hartog, D. Maynard, C. Mundy, É. E. Plagányi, F. Seaborn, G. A. Smith and J. Stuart-Smith (2024). Forecasting a summer of extremes: Building stakeholder response capacity to marine heatwaves. *Oceanography*: <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2024.508>
  
2. Social Science in Ecoforecasting Planning Award RFP
 

Description: <https://ecoforecast.org/social-science-ecological-forecasting-projects-rfp/>;  
 Application: <https://bit.ly/efi-socsci-24>

  - a. 14 applications!
  - b. Reviews are taking place this week with final decisions to go out next Monday
  - c. Reminder that applicants could identify as **Actively Recruiting Collaborators** (the project group is in the early stages of formation and actively recruiting collaborators beyond the two-plus applicants) or **Open to New Collaborators** (the core project group is formed and is open to accepting new collaborators) and that the Translation WG offered to help make connections within EFI. Once the reviews are done, we can follow up on this.
  - d. Jody will summarize how people found out about the award and share it with the group to help with future advertising
  
3. Who, what, when, where, why, and how for partner/user/interested parties engagement and examples from the EFI community Tutorial ideas
  - a. Series of short YouTube videos (5-10 minutes)
  - b. Project summary and overview
  - c. Links to files with information for this project
    - i. Google Slides brainstorming resources for each W/H section
    - ii. Google folder with the slides and notes about the tutorial from previous calls
    - iii. Google doc with Script & Interview ideas
    - iv. Google doc with text to reach out to potential interviewees, informed consent for the recordings, interview questions
  - d. **Next steps for this call**

- i. Check in with Kira, Ayanna, Alexis about the interviews and video processing
  - Have 3-4 interviews done so Ayanna is planning to start working through
  - Alexis has 2 people who wanted to wait for the interviews until their project is further along
  - Question for this group - how rolling to do we want the content to be? Any dates we want to be aware of?
    - Could turn this into a YouTube series like Stats series where we have new materials coming out monthly
    - Could pick hard deadline for first round but then leave it open to let new people/projects be added over time
    - We have materials for the tutorials and have some interviews done, so would be good to start launching when we feel like we are ready
    - If possible, it would be great to have some videos come out before EFI2025 Meeting (May 19-22, 2025) at VT. Also there will be the Thursday on the meeting at the EFI meeting for working groups to get together in person to work together
    - Shoot for eight interviews to incorporate into the tutorials before launching
  - For the October call skim through the tutorial draft text just to remind ourselves of what we have developed so far.
- e. Discussion with Hannah - as someone new to the group, what is she most interested in learning about in regard to Translation activities?
  - i. How do people get started working with management and then how to go from science paper to moving to actionable forecast.
  - ii. Jody will share the resources from the seminar we had on co-production with Hannah
    - <https://ecoforecast.org/knowledge-transfer-partners/co-production-actionable-science-panel/>
- f. DEI discussion on the term stakeholder - has that come up in this group?
  - i. This group had a discussion about the term around the same time the DEI working group discussed it. But it is good to come back to this from time to time as there are new people who join the working group who weren't part of the original discussion and as people develop strategies and alternative wording
  - ii. It is hard since there are different terms (stakeholders, end users, co-production collaborators, interested parties) but nothing that is applicable across all types of ways people can engage with forecast development and deployment
  - iii. We have included a note about the term stakeholder in the tutorial material

- iv. Jody will share the original paper and the follow up paper that Jake Zwart shared
    - Resources about the term stakeholder from the DEI Bibliography including the paper Jake shared DEI Bibliography
  - v. Other term to be aware of - “invasives”
    - [Just Language in Ecology Project](#)
    - [Better Common Names Project](#)
  - vi. Good to consider having a broader conversation about the term stakeholder and other terms
  - vii. Something for the future would be to explore how other groups handle changing terminology
4. Reminder to compile vignettes - examples of impacts of forecasts that you might not get with common metrics - Examples of Impacts of Forecasts
- a. ***Jody is leaving this bullet point on with notes from previous calls as reference. There may be nothing to discuss related to this on the Sept 2024 call***
  - b. ***Reason for compiling these vignettes from the discussion on the Sept 10, 2024 call***
    - i. ***While we may not use this document immediately, it gives us a start for pulling the information together for use later***
    - ii. ***These vignettes will help make the case for ecoforecast***
    - iii. ***They can highlight the impact of EFI and/or the impact of forecasts***
    - iv. ***They can be used potentially to set the groundwork for a blog post, white paper on the impacts of forecasts***
    - v. ***They can be used as examples for EFI funding activities/proposals or for reaching out to partners to show impacts of EFI/forecasts***
    - vi. ***Could tie in to the YouTube interview by linking back to the vignettes - make sure to point back to the original source/authors of the work***
  - c. Long-term could think about creating a paper about making ecological forecasts better and more usable - want example of forecasts in the real world. Show how they affect people’s decision making, people’s behaviors
  - d. Paper on application and impact
  - e. Going back to the blog post on the impacts of forecasts Guray, Kira, and Jaime work on. Forecasts can impact regulations  
<https://ecoforecast.org/the-integration-of-ecological-forecasts-into-environmental-policy/>
  - f. This type of paper could be a nice compliment to blog post.
  - g. Or could do another blog
  - h. Instead of a blog - could have a spotlight on the EFI webpage. Spotlight a new forecast or impact.
  - i. What about something like what has been done for other forecast spotlights
    - i. <https://ecoforecast.org/tag/forecast-spotlight/>

- j. This is worth continuing to explore
- k. Comes down to who has time to do this
- l. We could set up the structure/template - could use a Google form and then have people in the group reach out
- m. Soliciting, collecting, managing vignettes.
- n. Find where to promote - define audience. Who will these be used for?
- o. Unintended consequences: What were you trying to do? What happened?
- p. Kira has added this idea to the Distributed Leadership Committee task list
- q. What questions do you put in the Google form.
  - i. Suggestions:
    - 1. What's the forecast of?
    - 2. Who was the stakeholder/ decision in mind?
    - 3. Who was impacted by the forecast? What did that impact look like?
    - Was there anything about this that was unexpected?
- r. Want to focus on the RFP and the interviews/tutorials now. But then come back to this on a future call - maybe in October?
- s. Kira - will think about putting in something related to this/distributed leadership committee for the Conference session nominations
- t. Making direct asks of individuals works well. Also people are not sure how to fit in to EFI or know how to participate, so sharing that information is important