

2. What are the impacts of the changing carbon cycle, and associated changes in climate, on ecosystems?

3. How will carbon stocks and fluxes respond to policy and carbon management strategies?

The working group agreed that significant progress had been made on many of the objectives of the 1999 plan but that the revised plan should include more explicit recognition of the fact that humans are an integral part of the carbon cycle, and more detail concerning the research required for decision support, carbon management, and

improving prediction of the future carbon cycle. Questions 1 and 3 are intended to directly incorporate these new themes. An additional proposed change in scope was to include the direct effects of the carbon cycle on ecosystems (e.g., ocean acidification), as summarized in question 2. The group also reaffirmed the need for coordinated research across disciplines.

The second meeting of CCSWG occurred at the North American Carbon Program All-Investigators' Meeting, 17–20 February 2009 (http://www.nacarbon.org/meeting_2009/index.htm). This meeting also included a

plenary presentation and a breakout session to garner community input. Members of the scientific community are encouraged to provide input throughout the development of the plan at <http://www.carboncyclescience.gov/carbonplanning.php>.

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Benoît-Bird Receives 2008 Ocean Sciences Early Career Award

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Kelly Benoît-Bird received the 2008 Ocean Sciences Early Career Award at the 2008 AGU Fall Meeting Honors Ceremony, held 17 December in San Francisco, Calif. The award recognizes significant contributions to and promise in the ocean sciences. Benoît-Bird's response to receiving the award follows.

Thank you to the colleagues who supported my nomination and the Ocean Sciences section for selecting me for this year's Early Career Award. I am so privileged to spend my days (and often nights) doing a job I love. One of the things I enjoy most about being in the interdisciplinary field of oceanography is working as part of a group of scientists whose strengths complement each other, bringing about ideas and results that would not have been possible without teamwork. I am lucky to collaborate with wonderful people who both challenge and inspire me. Special thanks to Whitlow Au, Van Holliday, Oscar Schofield, Margaret McManus, Tim Cowles, Mark Moline, William Gilly,

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Kelly Benoît-Bird

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Thank you.

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