**Table # 6**

**Panel 1, Physical Threat**

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**Moderator – Joseph Bouchard**

***Question 1:***What information do decision makers need from sea level rise and extreme event researchers?

***Answer:*** Accurate information about the trends and supporting data along with useful forecasts for potential scenarios. Naysayers and denial of the issue is not helpful. The study Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) did was very useful and informative.

***Notes:*** Newport News Shipbuilding has decided to focus onProtection versus adaptation.

While all concurred on the usefulness of the ACE model they expressed concern for the cost.

***Question 2:*** How familiar were you with the scientific information you heard?, What do you think is the level of public awareness about this information?  (If public awareness is low) How do we improve public awareness about these issues?

***Answer:*** Everyone in the group is very aware of the issue, specially people in the local area are aware of the impact to the Hampton Roads area. The level of detail in Kelly Burks-Copes presentation was new.

The use of particular terms is interesting. Sea Level Rise is an unacceptable term from a political perspective. It is not used in the UK either – the talk is a about Climate Change (Global Warming has too much baggage.)

***Notes:***

***Question 3:*** What is the biggest challenge to communicating the different levels of sea level rise and increased flooding?

***Answer:*** People need the best possible information available. The difficulty is in how you get that information to people. Communication is a two process that needs to be more than the promulgation of information. Personal stories that help people relate are important. Working from the local level out can be effective. People need a personal connection.

***Notes:***

***General Question:***Given what you've learned during this panel, what types of collaborative research and action might be most useful in affecting adaptive policy?

**Answer:**

**Notes:**

*Consensus Points: Politicalization of the terms and issues is not helpful*

*Takeaways/Action Items:*

*Points of dissent:*

*Miscellaneous/Interesting: Time should have been built into the first discussion time for group introductions. Our group felt the need to do that and it subtracted from the time for discussion on the actual questions.*

*No surprise that we ran out of time before we ran out of discussion.*