**Table # 9**

**Panel 2, Political, Psychological, Public Health and Ethical Response to SLR**

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***Question 1****: Politically, how can the U.S. and the EU move beyond gridlock in addressing sea level rise?*

***Answer/Notes:***

* US and the EU have a common problem in that the states and nation-states, respectively, do not want top-down mandates which are viewed as political micro-management.
* The economic problems of the recent times have taken precedence over addressing climate change.
* Inclusion of security and the military in the discussion shifts local threats to the national level. Example: Vulnerability of Langley and Naval Station Norfolk. If the cost-benefit analysis is that those military installation shift to another location (retreat inland and to higher ground) the impact would be locally devastating locally, regionally, and of notice nationally (DOD)

***Question 2:*** *In what ways can the discussion move beyond politics* *in order to address environmental, social, spatial, and economic risks?*

***Answer/Notes***

* We cannot afford to ignore CC waiting on improved economic times.
* Recommendation: Have an economist as part of this conference. Counterpoint that a there is not inter-disciplinary work that incused politics, environmental, and economics has not taken place.
* Presentation of facts in a credible manner convinces people and will raise the issue above political polarization.
* Locally Virginia Beach and Norfolk are beginning to collaborate (an improvement from previous coordination) on relevant issues. It will be a coordinated effort to bring in the rest of the state.

***Question 3:*** *What role should citizens’ perceptions of risk play in the conversation about sea level rise, its impacts and in adapting to it and how can we broaden their understanding of the issues?*

***Answer/Notes***

Didn’t get this far yet, may address later

***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:*

* Table agreed on all issues

*Takeaways/Action Items:*

*Points of dissent:*

*Miscellaneous/Interesting:*