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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in consultation with other Trustees and interested groups, is exploring a partnership effort between industry and government to restore injured natural resources and their services under existing natural resource damage assessment and restoration (NRDAR) laws. The project is known as the Cooperative Assessment Pilot Project (CAPP). NOAA's Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (DARP) intends to form a cooperative assessment workgroup.

Representatives from industry, environmental groups, and Federal, State and Indian Tribal Trustees will evaluate and recommend ways to improve CAPP. Information about CAPP is available on the web at <http://www.darp.noaa.gov/capp.htm>

NOAA is looking for pilot projects to be used in the project. For more information, look through the information on the website to get a sense of what people have been thinking of for the pilot projects. The sites selected will probably be medium-sized, not the major cases like Exxon Valdez or Montrose. Ideas that have surfaced for selection criteria include having a small number of PRPs, a well-defined and well-documented response action, damaged resources that are not likely to trigger controversy (religious issues, esa concerns), solvent PRPs and limited human health concerns. It stands to reason that the PRP representatives and the trustees must be good at cooperative actions for these pilots to work, so that goes into the mix as well. If you know of an appropriate case for the CAPP, please contact Eli Reinharz at [eli.reinharz@noaa.gov](mailto:eli.reinharz@noaa.gov).

DARP is also in the process of identifying people to be on the workgroup to represent the states' interests in this process. They will need to attend three or four meetings over the course of the next year, and work with others in the group to improve the CAPP. My understanding is that they are looking for people with a broad-based knowledge of natural resource damage assessment processes, political sophistication and and technical expertise in the area. If you know an appropriate person to be on the workgroup, or you yourself would like to be involved, please send contact information and some background materials to Eli Reinharz at [eli.reinharz@noaa.gov](mailto:eli.reinharz@noaa.gov).

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