

**NERA Regional Summary Report**  
**Key Elements**  
(as outlined by NAST)  
**Draft Framework**  
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**Executive Summary**

- \* Findings and Recommendations

**Introduction**

- \* The Region and the Regional Process
- \* The Nation and the National Assessment Process
- \* Goals of this Report

**The Region: Past, Present, and Future**

- \*Description of the region (including socio-economics)
- \*Current Stresses and Likely Futures Without Climate Change
- \*Regional Historical Perspective (climate and socioeconomic) (general)
- \*Potential Futures (climate and socioeconomic) (general)
- \*Choice of topics/sectors for this assessment (what, why, how)

**Consequences, Challenges, and Opportunities**

*For each key issue/sector include:*

- \*Current Status and Stresses
  - \*Role/Impact of Climate Variability and Change (past and future)  
potential environmental, economic, and societal impacts
  - \*Response/Coping/Adaptation Options
  - \* Information and Research Needs
- Repeat above elements for each key sector/issue

**Planning for the 21st Century (Where do we go from here?)**

- \*What Activities Are Important for this Region?
- \*Summary of Information and Research Needs

**Appendices (suggested/optional)**

- \*Partners and Participants
- \*Assessment Approach and Methodology
- \*Communication, Outreach, and Education Efforts
- \*Lessons Learned from this Assessment Effort
- \*National Assessment Boilerplate