**Table # 8**

**Panel 1, Physical Threat**

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

***Answer/Notes:* Planner: Need people to buy into it and accept SLR is happening. Give people something to look @--give them consistent numbers, that things are changing. Shipyard Assoc: solid answers so that Joe the Plumber can visualize. Unless you make it condensed, sound bites, they won’t get it. People don’t really care why it’s happening, just that it is. Decision makers need to give simple guidance, not uncertainty—and don’t be afraid to make an actionable decisions—researchers won’t give it. Make it real and relate to dollar amount—how much will it cost you? Flood insurance will: $25B of fed budget is for that. Insurance is too affordable—and how does it feel to leave your house several weeks @ a time. 2012 had 900 houses with flood claims—big increase (700), and storms are more intense. Engineer—survey local conditions, then give priority on what should be done.**

***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/Notes: Low public awareness, but this audience knows it-because of repeating attendance, Gulf Stream effect is new. Most public here don’t know how Tidewater is different and more severe. ODU and City officials get it—a lot of public presentations. City infrastructure (pump stations, etc.) Willowby spit inacceptable—Haque is worse. Pictures are great. Why don’t put dial-a-storm on internet? City of Norfolk has zones on net, get people to understand what threat we face, then accept and support public measures to mitigate. Landscaping options for houses are good—raise yard, berms, etc. (Flooding in low-lying areas, what streets are going to be closed?)***

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

***Answer/Notes: KISS—keep it simple, st., Quit giving us several numbers, go to one. That will drive understanding—not multiple graphs. Pictures are great. Civic meetings don’t have a lot of attendance. 8000 letters a year in Norfolk about to keep them aware of threats.***

***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:**

*Research is out there, biggest problem is making public aware. Flood insurance going up. Never seen the city wake up like they have to flooding (been w/city since 1970!) Norfolk wants to attack in all 3 methods retreat, barrier, adapt (height!) Technology could be borrowed from European.*

*Consensus Points:*

*Takeaways/Action Items:*

*Points of dissent:*

*Miscellaneous/Interesting:*