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The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee met in the North Terrace Room in the Don CeSar Beach Resort, 3400 Gulf Boulevard, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, at 8:00 a.m., Tom Billy, Acting Chair, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

TOM J. BILLY, International Food Safety Consulting
 RANDY CATES, Cates International
 JOHN P. CONNELLY, National Fisheries Institute
 BILL DEWEY, Taylor Shellfish
 CHRIS DORSETT, The Ocean Conservancy
 JOHN FORSTER, Forster Consulting
 ROBERT FLETCHER, Sportfishing Association of California
 JIM L. GILMORE, At-Sea Processors Association
 DR. WILLIAM T. HOGARTH, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
 CATHERINE L. FOY, Aleutians East Borough
 STEVE JONER, Makah Fisheries Management
 DOROTHY M. LOWMAN, Natural Resource Consultant
 HEATHER D. MCCARTY, Heather McCarty and Associates
 MARY BETH NICKELL-TOOLEY, Small Pelagics Group of New England
 RALPH RAYBURN, Texas Sea-Grant College Program
 TOM RAFTICAN, United Anglers of Southern California
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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:12 a.m.

MR. RAFTICAN: Good morning.

MR. FLETCHER: Good morning.

MR. RAFTICAN: All right. Thanks Bob.

MR. FLETCHER: He's our, he's our representative. Our good morning man.

MR. RAFTICAN: Well, I could bang the gavel a couple of times but I'm not sure it's going to get us anywhere. We formed a committee to take a look at Charter, MAFAC Charter Re-authorization.

And we, we've got a biannual authorization. And we're at that point right now. There's a copy of our existing Charter behind Tab 2 in your briefing book. And we've got an unusual opportunity, in that there are a lot of changes going on at this time. You know, not only within MAFAC but, you know, within the administration. And it might be a good time to look at different ways of -- or different ways of re-authorizing the Charter.

I've asked Mark to see if he can dig up some copies of the, our original Charters. And

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1 I'd like to get those out.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: We'll get them in an
3 email next week.

4 MR. RAFTICAN: Yes. Yes. We'll get
5 them electronically and take a look at them. And
6 give us a little bit of background of, you know,
7 where we have come from. So that as we look to
8 re-authorize, next time that we're, you know, we
9 might be able to incorporate some of the things
10 that some of our history, in case we got any
11 changes that might be necessary.

12 We're here without a lot of the
13 documents that we need as a basis of making
14 decisions. So, I'd like to kind of open up the
15 discussion. My feeling was, we'll take a look,
16 get a quick discussion on this. Get the
17 information. And let's put together a package for
18 New York. If that, if everybody's comfortable
19 with that.

20 Any comments on where we're going with
21 the Charter? Bob.

22 MR. FLETCHER: I think I just reflect a
23 lot of the comments through Heather when we first
24 discussed this issue and that is, that there are

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1 things in this Charter that don't reflect reality.

2 And I think we want to make it as current and as
3 focused on how we operate, as we can. So those
4 changes or suggestions, I think will make this
5 document more of that kind of document.

6 MR. RAFTICAN: I think we're right on
7 target with that. And it gives us an opportunity
8 to come and make that presentation, you know, look
9 at it, make the changes and then come forward and,
10 in New York.

11 Tom.

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I think it's
13 critically important that the Charter continue to
14 reflect that this committee advises the Secretary,
15 which isn't the case right now. At least, not
16 often. But I think that kind of level of
17 visibility and responsibility better assures the
18 continued existence of this Advisory Committee
19 which I think is important to NOAA fisheries.

20 Given that, I think we should
21 reconsider the current arrangement where the
22 Undersecretary is the Chair. And the Assistant
23 Administrator for Fisheries is the Vice-chair. If
24 it remains that way, then it's my view that like

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1 it was in the beginning, in the first few meetings
2 the Vice-chair, the Chair or the Undersecretary
3 should be sitting at the head of the table running
4 the meeting. And that was the case. And NOAA,
5 and the committee should think about some effort
6 to make that happen with the next Undersecretary,
7 whoever that is.

8 As an alternative, another option would
9 be, to have the Chair elected from the committee.

10 And our communication, in terms of our report and
11 so forth, goes directly to the Secretary with
12 copies to the Undersecretary and the Assistant
13 Administrator for fisheries, whoever they are.

14 So that in the end, we're reporting
15 directly to the Secretary as the Charter
16 indicates. Maybe that would make us more
17 effective and get better results right now.

18 MR. RAFTICAN: Okay. Randy.

19 MR. CATES: I agree with what you are
20 saying but I have a question. I think,
21 ultimately, we want to write it in a way where we
22 report to the Secretary of Commerce. But could we
23 write it in a way where the Undersecretary has a
24 choice to be the Chair? And if he chooses not to,

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1 then we elect that person? In other, in other
2 words, we'd like you at the table but if you
3 choose not to be, then we're going to elect
4 somebody in your place. But ultimately we're
5 reporting to the Secretary of Commerce.

6 MR. RAFTICAN: I think having the
7 previous documents will make looking at that a lot
8 easier. You know, you've got administrative
9 provisions in the current Charter that kind of lay
10 out the direction that this is going. It will be
11 good to look at the others and see if there's been
12 any change there. I think that, you know, we've
13 talked informally around that everybody's kind of
14 on the same page on this. Let's see if we can
15 find a vehicle that already exists to get us
16 there. And if not, I think we've got to send a,
17 make sure that we got a list of everybody involved
18 here.

19 And let's convene, maybe a conference
20 call on this, sometime further down the line.
21 We'll you know, Tom I like the way you stated
22 things. I think we're, you know, again, these are
23 things that should be up for the entire review of
24 the committee. And maybe a vote should, a motion

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1 and a vote on it.

2 You know, I think, like I said, I think
3 we're all moving in the same direction on this
4 thing. Let me see if we can find documents that
5 lay out a ground work on it that's been there
6 already. It will be easier to go back, if we've,
7 if we've got an existing Charter from before that
8 gets us there. Instead of trying to reinvent the
9 wheel.

10 Mark, did you have a --

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. Just to the point
12 about even changing the Charter versus changing
13 the procedures that MAFAC uses. It could be two
14 separate entities. In other words, I understand
15 the interest in changing the chairmanship to be
16 more reflective of reality. But at the same time,
17 if the issue is to be more in tune with the
18 Secretary or with the Vice Admiral, or the Deputy
19 Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmospheres, there
20 could be changes in procedures that following up
21 every MAFAC meeting, we schedule a debriefing for
22 the Deputy Undersecretary. Where it could be a
23 phone briefing or it could be a face-to-face
24 briefing of the committee, the liaison person, so

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1 that, that might help solve the issue that you're
2 concerned about without trying to torque the
3 Charter.

4 You could change the Charter as well.
5 I'm just suggesting that there are certain things
6 you can do, right now, without changing the
7 Charter to improve the connections if you find
8 there to be some room for improvement. And some
9 of the other things that you want to accomplish
10 may only be accomplished by changing the Charter.

11 Just keep in mind, that you have a couple of
12 different avenues of how you'd like to, how you
13 can solve some of the issues that are of concern
14 to you.

15 MR. RAFTICAN: Mark, I think that --
16 Bob.

17 MR. FLETCHER: Well, one reality is
18 that the Undersecretary is never running this
19 meeting. And so I think that needs to change in
20 the Charter. And I think the Charter needs to
21 reflect the fact that the AA for Fisheries is
22 running the meeting. And that the Vice-chair
23 should be the person elected by the appointed
24 members to be the Vice-chair. And that's what

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1 Tony DiLernia position is.

2 And now that I've said that, there's
3 language in this Charter that will allow us as
4 Mark described, to do things to more directly
5 bring in the Undersecretary and the Secretary by
6 procedures that don't take changes in the Charter.

7 We are advising the Secretary of Commerce, as it
8 says right here and it says, we're advising him
9 through the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries
10 and the Undersecretary. So we want to establish a
11 procedure that stipulates that there will be some
12 kind of a debriefing that, once a year or
13 whenever, by the Assistant Administrator for
14 Fisheries and the Vice-chair for the
15 Undersecretary and/or the Secretary as
16 appropriate, then there's a procedure that's been
17 established to get that message across.

18 But I think the reality is that, Bill
19 and whoever replaces him, is the one that's the
20 kind of the nominal chairman of these meetings.
21 And that's what this should reflect.

22 MR. RAFTICAN: Randy.

23 MR. CATES: I agree with what he is
24 saying but I go one little step further. I think

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1 we shouldn't wait and it says right here, "The
2 committee will advise the Secretary of Commerce,
3 and the Secretary, in all living marine resources,
4 matters that are responsible to the Department of
5 Commerce." I view that as, when we get done with
6 this meeting, we should have somebody from MAFAC
7 advise the Secretary of Commerce. It's pure and
8 simple. Request a meeting. This is what went on.

9 If he chooses to turn us down, let him turn us
10 down. But it's, it says, you know, right under
11 objectives and duties. I think that's, it's in
12 our Charter, already. I mean, we need to --

13 MR. RAFTICAN: I think it's good going
14 back and looking at the document that, on our
15 guidelines. On our rules. And I would agree with
16 you.

17 DR. HOLLIDAY:: Just this, to that
18 point?-

19 MR. RAFTICAN: Yes.

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Just for point of
21 information, you know, Laurel's briefed me that,
22 you know, after every meeting, after you go
23 through the minutes, we generate a MAFAC report
24 under the FACA guidelines. And that's formally

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1 transmitted up the chain to the Department and to,
2 through NOAA. So there's a written record of what
3 occurred at the meeting. And in form of a MAFAC
4 report that's provided to the Secretary and to the
5 Undersecretary. So I just -- I'm not saying it's
6 good, bad or indifferent. It's just for your
7 information.

8 MR. RAFTICAN: I'm hearing, you know,
9 we're all trying to get to the same place. It's
10 about relevance. It's about how we raise what
11 we're doing. And actually, if we do a good job of
12 it, we could make Bill, and Bill's successor's job
13 easier. I mean, you know, we're working along
14 those lines. How do we get him additional or her
15 additional help?

16 But again, I -- before we start
17 changing the Charter, I'd like to take a look at
18 the past ones, and again, see what the history is,
19 if there is another avenue that's better. Is
20 everybody fairly comfortable if we do a conference
21 call committee meeting? I'm going to say, halfway
22 between now and New York. April or May. Does --

23 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

24 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

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1 MR. RAFTICAN: Any comments from the --

2 DR. HOGARTH: Well, I -- you know,
3 having worked around the Secretary for a long
4 time, it's very difficult to get on the
5 Secretary's schedule for committee things, period.

6 You know, even things that you think you ought to
7 be able to schedule for. And so, you could try,
8 but in fact, you get on his schedule, there's no
9 telling when it would be and half the time it
10 comes with the a very short notice. And if you
11 are out of town, it will, it's going to be
12 difficult.

13 And so, you know, I tell you, I think,
14 the goal ought to be the, really the Admiral.
15 And the Admiral has meetings with the Deputy on a
16 regular basis. And we send things to the
17 Secretary for him, that would go, I mean, we send
18 the whole thing to the -- briefing booklets. But
19 I'm just saying, getting to the Secretary, I know,
20 I also waited four days, four different
21 appointments and he wanted the meeting. It took
22 four different appointments, before he got there.

23 So it was four days a week that you were sort of
24 on hold, you know, alert to get that. So --

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1 MR. RAFTICAN: Randy.

2 MR. CATES: Bill, I have, I mean no
3 disrespect by this, but that doesn't change our
4 objectives or our duty. I think that we have
5 rules to live by. And I look at this as, if we
6 request a meeting with the Undersecretary, the
7 Secretary of Commerce could advise him, it's his
8 choice whether to meet with us or appoint the
9 Admiral to represent him in his place. But we
10 shouldn't, because of the scheduling thing, we
11 shouldn't devalue the committee, MAFAC's
12 existence.

13 I mean, I deal with a lot, with a lot
14 of different boards, where who we are supposed to
15 report to can't be there for whatever reason, and
16 then he appoints his representative. That's who
17 we advise in his place.

18 MR. RAFTICAN: A suggestion.

19 MR. RAYBURN: I think the, isn't NOAA's
20 Science Advisory Board, that's a fairly new, last
21 two to three years, it seems like. Maybe in that,
22 I guess they're a FACA group too. I wondered, I'd
23 like to see a copy of their Charter and see how
24 they, how they have operated because I just sense,

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1 and maybe it's just a group that I know of, when
2 they meet, it seems like it's something that NOAA
3 really, the Administrator really pays attention
4 to. Maybe it's just his interest but something
5 like that might be something for us to look to, as
6 we, as we try to revise our own.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: All right. And in
8 discussions yesterday with Tom, we, in addition to
9 looking to past MAFAC Charters, we're going to
10 provide you with the Science Advisory Board and
11 the MPA Advisory Board Charters. But they are
12 relative to MAFAC, they are more recent vintage.
13 And their Charters were drawn off of MAFAC's to --

14 PARTICIPANT: Oh, is that right? So
15 we're in a circle.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: But they do have
17 different Chairperson -- in one case, it's a, the
18 Chair's appointed by the Vice Admiral to serve as
19 the Chair. The other committee, the Chair is
20 elected by the membership.

21 So there are three different ways for
22 three different FACA committees. But you'll have
23 that in front of you to look at and you can
24 discuss your pros and cons, of how you would like

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1 to go forward.

2 MR. RAFTICAN: Any other questions? Or
3 discussion right now? I'd like to adjourn this
4 meeting until a conference call and I'll send out
5 a time to request dates. And we'll try to give a
6 window and again, this is some time probably April
7 or May, so that we are ready to run in with the
8 document, proposed document for New York.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: And I'll just offer, in
10 the meantime, if any questions come to you over
11 the course of time that you'd like information on,
12 just give us a ring or an email and we'll get the
13 information out to the full subgroup to - make
14 sure you have the facts that you need in front of
15 you.

16 MR. RAFTICAN: Bill.

17 MR. DEWEY: The comment I raise
18 yesterday, just a couple of minor amendments to
19 the Charter to incorporate the aquaculture and --

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: We've got those in the
21 notes.

22 MR. DEWEY: Okay. Thank you.

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. We'll be happy to
24 get them.

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1 MR. RAFTICAN: Anything else if you
2 want to get it to me in advance, we'll put
3 together a listerv so that everybody knows
4 everything that's going on. And talk again in
5 April.

6 (Whereupon, the above entitled matter went off the
7 record at 10:29 a.m. and
8 reconvened at 10:38 a.m.)

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Let's convene the
10 Vision 2020 Working Group.

11 These are the revised document.
12 Unfortunately the red line didn't print out. But
13 we have a couple of laptops here that have the red
14 lines. So we'll try to walk people through where
15 the changes were made. And we'll see if these are
16 the suggested ones that we agreed to yesterday.
17 And if the wording is as you desired. Does that
18 sound like a plan?

19 So Mary Hope, could I indulge you to
20 help us walk through these -- could you come --

21 MS. KATSOUROS: Sure. Yes.

22 DR. HOLLIDAY: Can you sit next to Mary
23 Hope.

24 So we have, we're going to work you

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1 through it as we use the attachment yesterday
2 where we annotated, where we want to make changes
3 for each of the different reviewers. I think that
4 might be the most effective way to try to work,
5 walk through this.

6 So, under general and reviewer 7, we
7 were going to make changes to page and let me just
8 look and bring this up, on page -- I'm looking at
9 the first red line remarks. Is that --

10 MS. KATSOUROS: Right. And there were
11 -- we took out the --

12 MS. SHEA: We removed the words
13 "economic status".

14 MS. KATSOUROS: After the
15 discussions we had yesterday, we thought that
16 there was a consensus that we remove the words
17 "economic status" to --

18 PARTICIPANT: Page number --

19 MR. CATES: Could you let us know what
20 you --

21 MS. KATSOUROS: That is on page, of
22 this document --

23 MS. SHEA: It was in two spots. Let me
24 pull my notes.

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1 MR. DEWEY: Seven and nine. Seven and,
2 seven and twelve were two places it was supposed
3 to be.

4 MS. KATSOUROS: Seven and twelve, let's
5 see. Can we have just two minutes to get
6 organized?

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Sure.

8 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay. Why don't you --

9 MS. SHEA: Well, I think we're fine. I
10 believe it was pages 7 and 12 that "economic
11 status" was removed from.

12 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

13 MR. DEWEY: On the bottom of 7, Roman
14 Numeral I, used to have, "And economic status"
15 after the end of that sentence? And that's going
16 to go --

17 MS. SHEA: So that's another change.

18 MR. DEWEY: Another change?

19 PARTICIPANT: Right?

20 MR. DEWEY: Yes.

21 PARTICIPANT: Correct.

22 MR. DEWEY: So the change in the title
23 of that section --

24 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

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1 MR. DEWEY: -- in the economic status
2 and then on --

3 MS. KATSOUROS: We received comments
4 okay -- let me add, and we received comments
5 during the meeting from various members that were,
6 some changes that were not always discussed but we
7 incorporated them in the document before we
8 started doing the red lines. So, I apologize for
9 that. And then, when we took the sheets, we
10 started doing the red lines. But we had already,
11 but the general one had already been completed.
12 So we didn't go back and red line it.

13 MS. McCARTY: Okay. As long as you
14 explain it out to everybody.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay. So I do
16 apologize.

17 MS. SHEA: Well, I could make copies of
18 what was given to me if you all would like to see
19 them.

20 MS. KATSOUROS: But that would be so
21 much more copying.

22 MS. SHEA: Well, I agree but I don't,
23 I don't know what a solution is.

24 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well, I'm going to

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1 project the red line up on the screen.

2 MS. SHEA: That's okay.

3 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

4 DR. HOLLIDAY: Thanks Bill.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: And again, there have
6 been other comments made on the report that were
7 mostly, as I saw them, really editorial words and
8 they are from different members. They did not
9 change at all the context. It just made it a
10 little bit smoother. And those we did not red
11 line.

12 And we have everyone's comments but,
13 you know, to make copies of them, I think, would
14 be a lot of work. And little value. Because then
15 you would going through -- I don't think there
16 would be anything in there that you all would
17 disagree to. Perhaps that's a better way of
18 saying it. Or anything of controversy.

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: So Mary Hope, I'm not
20 sure that we are going to be able to track the --
21 using Appendix 2, as the way to find these things
22 because they are not numbered. Like reviewer 7,
23 unless we knew where to find them, so it might be
24 more, look at the red lines --

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1 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- from the beginning to
3 the end and see, as we do, we can cross off of --

4 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

5 MR. HOLIDAY: -- different comments. I
6 mean, if you have a better suggestion, I'm open to
7 it. I'm just trying to make the best use of --

8 MS. KATSOUROS: Right.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- the time here.

10 MR. RAYBURN: Everybody kind of knows
11 what their issue was --

12 MS. KATSOUROS: So under, the red line
13 commercial there was the one about the
14 infrastructure.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'm trying to find this
16 first.

17 Yes. The red line on page 7.

18 MR. RAYBURN: Depends on if you have --

19 MS. McCARTY: I can't hear you down
20 here. I can't hear you.

21 MR. FLETCHER: Speak up.

22 MS. McCARTY: I can't hear you.

23 MR. RAYBURN: We were just trying to
24 get him the -- it's not red lines there but that's

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1 the first of the --

2 MR. DORSETT: There should be a red
3 line under number 1.

4 MR. RAYBURN: The deletion there of
5 that -- maybe have to, have to change now or do
6 you need that on --

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, there should be but
8 it's not, it's not there. That would explain not
9 all of the changes got in the red line --

10 MS. KATSOUROS: Red line.

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

12 MS. McCARTY: What's the next one?

13 MS. KATSOUROS: All right. The next
14 one under commercial fisheries, the comment was on
15 page 2 of the reviewers comments. And it was
16 about the importance of involving communities and
17 community infrastructure. And we made the change
18 to page 12.

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

20 MS. SHEA: 13 maybe.

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: So the comment
22 originated, I guess, from Dewey's comment, loss of
23 infrastructure, pressure from the environmental
24 community for restrictions on commercial fishing,

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1 loss of access to working waterfronts to be added
2 as an issue. Is that, this is this is where we
3 responded to inserting that as an additional --

4 MS. KATSOUROS: Right.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- bullet into the text.

6 So the highlighted text, if it's too far away for
7 you to read, such factors include, well, "Various
8 factors both natural and human related effect the
9 status of fish stocks and their environment. Such
10 factors included environmental changes, pressure
11 from the environmental community for restrictions
12 on commercial fishing and loss of access to the
13 working waterfront necessary to successfully
14 conduct commercial fishing processing and the
15 distribution in the urban areas."

16 So, two questions, is this, is this the
17 thought that wanted to get included and we put it
18 in the right place?

19 DR. HOGARTH: Chris --

20 MR. RAYBURN: Chris had a question.

21 MR. DORSETT: I had don't have a
22 problem with this and where it is except for this
23 statement of, "Pressure from the environmental
24 community for restrictions on commercial fishing,"

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1 is one of the problems that we identified for
2 optimizing yields. I mean, there are a lot of
3 people in the conservation community who are
4 trying to ensure that we're optimizing yields.
5 So, I don't think this statement should be in
6 there. I don't have a problem with the other
7 ones.

8 MR. DEWEY: And I would support that to
9 be consistent with my comments yesterday. That
10 wasn't one that I was highlighting. I was mostly
11 trying to call out the loss of infrastructure, the
12 process, the distribution and so on.

13 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay. So we will
14 delete that clause.

15 MR. CATES: I would like to comment
16 that I believe in the way that that was stated, it
17 would be very true. Where commercial fishing - is
18 probably the major restriction or loss of ability
19 to, of yields is from the environmental community
20 for restrictions. It remains the, it is number
21 one issue.

22 MS. McCARTY: I agree with Randy. I
23 think that there's places where that's true.
24 Other than Hawaii. And I think that the

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1 environmental community is totally not coherent in
2 that way. There's parts of the environmental
3 community that's fishing friendly. And parts of
4 the environmental community that isn't. So --

5 MR. DORSETT: I could name some
6 examples where recreational fisherman are trying
7 to do the same thing for commercial fisheries so
8 if you want to put that in there as well. Say,
9 "Some environmental and recreational fishing
10 interests," and let's be fair, in terms of who we
11 are identifying here.

12 MS. McCARTY: Yes. That would be --

13 PARTICIPANT: That's definitely true in
14 Alaska.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Is that list not
16 exhaustive? Is it only those two? Or is it just
17 various pressure from different groups? What's
18 the genesis of the comment we are trying to
19 convey? The --

20 MR. RAFTICAN: No. There's state
21 agencies that are also involved. There are --

22 MR. RAYBURN: Could you just say,
23 "Restrictions on commercial fishing," and not
24 pressure type of words coming from --

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1 MS. McCARTY: Yes. Societal pressures.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well, I would advise not
3 to try to -- let's not try to go down a path of
4 wordsmithing but I mean, we can do this quick
5 change. That's an exception though. If the
6 notion is that we don't want to single out any one
7 entity, we can go and fix that. If there's a list
8 of entities that we want to file, we can fix that
9 as well. But I -- to go and start, you know,
10 let's try this, let's try that wordsmithing, we
11 don't have, I don't think we'll have enough time
12 to actually go down that path. But I'll take the
13 exception for this, this one change because we
14 already started. See the highlighted text, if we
15 just left it as, "Pressure for restrictions on
16 commercial fishing and loss of access to the
17 working waterfront." And striking, "From the
18 environmental community," does that generate the
19 sense of the committee --

20 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- that we're worried
22 about the pressure, less than who the pressure's
23 coming from?

24 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Is that -- the more
3 important aspect of it?

4 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: And so, could we rule on
6 just striking this highlighted section and then --

7 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- be consistent with
9 the committee's wishes?

10 MS. McCARTY: I think so.

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: Nodding of heads --okay.

12

13 MS. KATSOUROS: So then, we're going to
14 leave it there.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Are we ready for
16 the next line?

17 MS. KATSOUROS: Now, under --

18 MR. DEWEY: To your point, if I could
19 please?

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

21 MR. DEWEY: Getting into the background
22 support but also part of the fishing process is
23 talking about what our preferred state is. And
24 our Proposed Actions. It should be under Topic

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1 14. And I'm just wondering if, if that preferred
2 state statement should include this context of,
3 that we maintained our, our coastal infrastructure
4 to address this problem that we called out.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: So, it's in this section
6 that's highlighted on the screen that we're
7 talking about now. Topic 14. Preferred State.

8 MR. DEWEY: It may be an added sentence
9 that our, "Our coastal commercial fishing industry
10 should have been maintained, for process of
11 distribution of these fisheries." Or something
12 like that.

13 DR. HOLLIDAY: What do people think
14 about that, that suggestion?

15 MS. McCARTY: Good.

16 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

17 MS. McCARTY: Good.

18 MR. DEWEY: And I, you know, I, again,
19 then under Proposed Actions, I don't know if we
20 need to identify something to actually make that
21 happen or not.

22 Just following down through this theme
23 here. You know, we identified the problem in the
24 background --

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1 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

2 MR. DEWEY: -- we've identified what
3 we'd like it to look like in 2020.

4 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

5 MR. DEWEY: Are there Proposed Actions
6 that we need to try to call out that would
7 actually result in makings of that infrastructure?

8 MS. McCARTY: I think yes, but probably
9 not right now. My thought is that down the road,
10 we should probably do a lot more work on the
11 Proposed Actions. But I'm not sure we can do it
12 here. I mean, we're short on Proposed Actions
13 through the whole document because it wasn't
14 really what we were doing, when we were putting it
15 together. As a matter, we were just trying to
16 imagine the end state. Isn't that right? I don't
17 know whether we could take each one of these and
18 take the time to talk about the actions now. I
19 don't know, it's just a logistical thing.

20 MR. DEWEY: Well, it seemed like -- and
21 I don't disagree with that. But as I was just
22 trying to call on my theme through, of the
23 Proposed Actions here we have, "Provide incentives
24 for increased retention in use of under utilized

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1 species, etc." And in a way, "Incentives, for
2 increased retention of this infrastructure." I
3 mean, you're almost adding that infrastructure
4 into that sentence. And --

5 MS. McCARTY: Sure --

6 MR. DEWEY: -- to make it work.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: So, a generic proposed
8 action with regard to exploring means to conserve
9 --

10 MR. DEWEY: Incentives to preserve
11 that.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: How do people feel about
13 that change to the proposed action?

14 Okay. I have another comment here if
15 it, if you're willing to let us try to create that
16 word without embarrassing me by typing in front of
17 you.

18 (Laughter.)

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'd much prefer that.

20 PARTICIPANT: That's fine.

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: So I have that comment.

22 And I'll make that happen in section 5, Proposed
23 Actions. Okay. And that's in a generic way. Is
24 everybody okay?

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1 MR. DEWEY: I agree. Thank you very
2 much for --

3 DR. HOLLIDAY: Everybody else okay with
4 this one?

5 We can go to the next one?

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Go to the next one.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Somebody give me an idea
8 of where I am next?

9 (Laughter.)

10 MS. KATSOUROS: Now we are going to
11 page 19. And this would include the recreational
12 comments. From reviewer 7.

13 MS. McCARTY: 19 in the new document?

14 MS. SHEA: Correct.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. So this is under
16 proposed, this is under, "Proposed Actions to
17 accomplish the Preferred State."

18 PARTICIPANT: Issue 1?

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: Right. It's under Issue
20 1, "Recreational fishing, impact on fisherman, on
21 stocks, that's increasing, demand is increasing,
22 continue to request an increase in the number of
23 fish allocated."

24 "The proposed action in dealing with

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1 this increased demand is to continue to promote
2 catch and release fisheries, B," letter C, letter
3 D, letter E. And then we added F. Is that -- and
4 the notion was we were trying to capture the
5 thought of improving the quality of information on
6 the sector. Including the specific addition of
7 the registry which was the statutory requirement
8 on that.

9 Tom.

10 MR. RAFTICAN: I think that the other
11 comments that we also had yesterday, and actually
12 they are also on page 19, excuse me, page 8 of the
13 reviewer document, that would fit into page 19,
14 the comment, area 5, may, "Sustainable management
15 of recreational fisheries will only be successful
16 if full support and investment of salt water
17 anglers." Would incorporate that and then, also
18 in addition, to that last line there, a little
19 further down was, this is on page 8, paragraph, 1,
20 2, 3, background for this is, "NOAA is planning
21 future management decisions. Plans should," and I
22 think you could nicely slip in, "Plan on
23 implementing a variety of programs to enhance the
24 conservation ethic of recreational anglers." And

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1 just slide that in.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: My notes, I thought we
3 had it in, and we were going to include, these,
4 those two points, the bullet points in the
5 conclusion section --

6 MR. RAFTICAN: Oh, okay.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: I don't know if we did
8 that or not.

9 MS. KATSOUROS: That, I don't think we
10 did.

11 MR. RAFTICAN: Okay. As long as they
12 are included, I just want the proposal slide in to
13 either.

14 PARTICIPANT: Which --

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Let me confirm that we
16 didn't include these two on page 8 --

17 MS. KATSOUROS: No, I don't think we
18 did.

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- on highlighted issue
20 points of --

21 MR. RAFTICAN: Thanks Mark.

22 DR. HOLLIDAY: So, before we, any
23 comments to that in particular, Chris?

24 MR. DORSETT: This is on another topic

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1 but related to page 8.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Let me just try
3 to clear this one issue. Is it on, where we take
4 these two -- go ahead Vince.

5 MR. O'SHEA: Yes, I was an advocate,
6 and thanks Tom for picking it up. I was an
7 advocate for actually the three sentences. So,
8 "The anglers are conservationists first and
9 foremost." It seemed -- and we did say
10 conclusion. But I'm thinking that may just fit
11 right into the current state of the issue, that
12 statement. So, that would take care of the first
13 sentence.

14 And then I think the -- and I and I
15 don't care whether you put in the, right after
16 that, the enhancing part, and then the conclusion
17 part, of the proposed action. In fact, actually,
18 I guess the the proposed action would be,
19 "Enhancing that ethic and then sustainable
20 management of fisheries." That would be the the
21 proposed action, I think, for the Preferred State
22 of the issue. That we want --

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: And so, you're proposing
24 an alternative to including these two statements

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1 in the conclusion section --

2 MR. O'SHEA: Yes, since we don't have -
3 -

4 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- by placing, by
5 placing the first one up on the description of the
6 current situation. And by the latter, including
7 that in the proposed --

8 MR. O'SHEA: The last, the last two is
9 the Preferred State of the issue. I think that's
10 where we want to end up. That we're enhancing the
11 conversation ethic and that sustainable fisheries
12 will only work if direct community buys into it.

13 MR. RAFTICAN: As long as it gets in
14 there --

15 MR. O'SHEA: And again, I'll put my
16 pitch in, that that's that's strategic thinking.
17 Rather than say, catch and bag one, that's in
18 everything else. Is pretty impressed with that
19 comment. Thanks.

20 MS. McCARTY: Mark.

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

22 MS. McCARTY: I have in my notes, in
23 the general recommendations, which I think of as
24 kind of the executive summary.

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

2 MS. McCARTY: That we agreed that the
3 statement that is number 1 under commercial
4 fisheries, "Achieve and maintains sustainable
5 levels of stocks," be added to the recreational
6 fisheries. I just -- to this point that we were
7 talking about. That's what I have in my notes.

8 MR. DORSETT: And that was going to be
9 my comment, as well.

10 PARTICIPANT: And we're fine with that.

11 MS. McCARTY: Since we're working in
12 recreational fisheries.

13 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. But that, that's
14 in addition to what Vince and Tom were just
15 suggesting. Right?

16 MR. O'SHEA: Right.

17 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

18 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'm a little slow. I
19 just want to catch up to make sure we've captured
20 -- we're going to insert on page 18, in section 3,
21 the idea behind the couple of sentences that
22 begin, "Anglers are, first and foremost,
23 sustainable management. Will only be successful
24 with full support."

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1 The second thing we were going to do is
2 to take the statement and turn it into an action
3 on page -- did I lose my place -- I guess it's,
4 no, now it's on -- the action is on 19, has
5 another another idea that, "Implementing a variety
6 of programs to enhance the conservation ethic," is
7 one of the actions that needs to take place.

8 MR. O'SHEA: Yes. And --

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: Did I capture that?

10 MR. O'SHEA: And and also, I mean, I
11 would take that whole sentence. It also talks
12 about improving the overall atmosphere involving
13 fishery management. Which I think is critical.

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Thank you. And
15 Heather back to this general and Chris, the
16 general principle of adding something to the
17 recreational section that's in the commercial
18 section. Correct?

19 MS. McCARTY: The very first point was
20 what I have in my notes. I don't know who said
21 that.

22 MR. DORSETT: Page 8.

23 MS. McCARTY: Yes. Commercial
24 fisheries, Roman Numeral I.

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: Page 8 of the this one?

2 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

3 DR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you. And it's the
4 first --

5 MR. DORSETT: You can just copy that
6 and paste --

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Roman Numeral I?

8 MR. DORSETT: Yes.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: So we're proposing to,
10 we propose to do this and something like that.
11 That you, maintain sustainable levels in stocks
12 commercial and recreational and you don't --
13 Heather is that where -- satisfied that --

14 MS. McCARTY: Yes, that comment does.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Everybody --

16 DR. ROBERTS: Are you --

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- pardon?

18 DR. ROBERTS: Are you ready for one
19 more suggestion?

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: To this specific --

21 DR. ROBERTS: On F and G. Back where
22 we were on 19.

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well, yes, I just want
24 to clear --

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- people, you need to
3 at least nod your head that you're awake and it's
4 okay. So that I can --

5 (Laughter.)

6 -- and that's good. Yes. This is
7 good. We're cruising now. Okay.

8 And Ken wants to go back for a moment
9 to page 19. And then I'll come back to you Bob.
10 So we're down at F and G.

11 PARTICIPANT: F and G.

12 DR. ROBERTS: My only suggestion there
13 is that, if we're adding those, giving what NOAA
14 fisheries is doing in terms of -- we heard about
15 the emphasis they are putting on the registry and
16 data, recreational data, and I would rather had
17 those two tucked at the bottom as an afterthought.

18 I would rather put those first and second.
19 Because that fishery service is really going to be
20 focusing in on. As opposed to the more generic
21 promoting catch and release which I'm not sure the
22 fishery service does a lot of. But --

23 PARTICIPANT: No.

24 DR. ROBERTS: -- but F and G belong up

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1 near the front.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. So the
3 suggestion was to move these two, the sub-
4 components, after G towards the top of the
5 Proposed Actions. To give them more prominence
6 and relative priority. Is that okay with the
7 group as a recommendation?

8 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: And I would try to do
10 that now but I will comment that it's a --

11 Thank you. Where to next?

12 MS. KATSOUROS: Aquaculture.

13 DR. HOLLIDAY: Aquaculture, we're done
14 with recreation?

15 PARTICIPANT: For the time being.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

17 MS. KATSOUROS: And would your comment
18 7, go to the page 23?

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: So we deleted the
20 specific reference to the EEZ and made it generic
21 to marine aquaculture, is the emphasis for this
22 proposed action? Is that all the comments, what
23 people thought we were attempting to do with this
24 particular comment?

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1 Point me to which, where the review
2 document this comment came from. What page was it
3 on?

4 MS. KATSOUROS: 19.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Reviewer -- oh. 19 is
6 the reviewer document. Okay.

7 MS. McCARTY: Could you talk louder
8 than that?

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: I apologize. I'll do my
10 best. I was asking where the comment originated
11 just so I could check my notes. In the
12 stakeholder review document, where was this
13 reference or it was just a comment on the fly, I
14 guess.

15 MS. McCARTY: And this is under --

16 MR. DEWEY: I think it was a comment I
17 made yesterday during discussions --

18 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Thank you. Okay.
19 Mary Hope and Michele, is that what's next on the
20 --

21 MS. SHEA: We're on the top of page 23.
22 We added in a bullet point regarding regional
23 pilot projects.

24 MS. KATSOUROS: And the need to get

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1 commercial fisherman involved with, we're trying
2 to take from 4 and then the discussions.

3 MR. CATES: Could you, could you repeat
4 that?

5 MS. SHEA: We added a bullet point on
6 the top of page 23, in the revised MAFAC Vision
7 2020 document.

8 MR. DEWEY: So this is trying to get a
9 --

10 PARTICIPANT: Right.

11 MR. DEWEY: -- Randy's comment about
12 the --

13 MS. KATSOUROS: Right.

14 PARTICIPANTS: (Off mic comments.)

15 MS. McCARTY: There were two points in
16 that comment. The first point was, "The original
17 pilot programs will promote diversification of the
18 commercial fishing industry by encouraging
19 commercial fishing investment in aquaculture."

20 And the second point was, "There needs
21 to be a funding program for commercial fisherman
22 to allow commercial fisherman to invest in
23 aquaculture." That was the second point.

24 MR. DEWEY: And that tried to be

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1 captured actually in the bottom of 22, where that
2 changed to that bullet.

3 Where the addition of, "As well as the
4 U.S. commercial fishing families --

5 MR. FORSTER: Well, I feel that funding
6 is getting too focused. I think we need some way
7 to find ways that the commercial fisherman
8 families can benefit from the development. It's
9 not fair to be -- funding is not being very
10 helpful. These are, these are million dollar
11 investments. And to people, it's not going to
12 happen. If somehow they can participate in the
13 million dollar investment, for example, by having
14 some advantageous rights to permits. Maybe a two
15 year window in which they have preferential rights
16 to get permits. And they do a deal with a
17 corporation and they can become a part of that.
18 So I would broaden it rather than by limiting the
19 finance. And just say that, We should look to
20 find a way to, they can benefit from and
21 participate in." And then their funding can be
22 part of that, would be my suggestion.

23 MS. McCARTY: Sounds good to me.

24 MR. CATES: Yes, there's one part of

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1 this that I'm not sure reflects reality. It talks
2 about the developmental economic policies
3 encouraging environmentalists, it's on the bottom
4 of page 22. And it says, "For example, making
5 resources a fishery finance programming." That's
6 already true. But we need to, I mean, this
7 implies like that's not available to us today.
8 And actually it is.

9 MS. McCARTY: You're talking about, in
10 addition to that, there needs to be funding made
11 available. Is that what you mean?

12 MS. KATSOUROS: For making other
13 funding mechanisms in addition to?

14 MR. CATES: I think, I think John's
15 point plays into this is, while the fisheries
16 finance program is great, it only allows the rich
17 to get richer. It doesn't allow the down and
18 dirty fisherman to really apply, get a loan from
19 them, at the scale you are going to need to, in an
20 aquaculture venture. Because you have to be a
21 hundred percent capitalized. And it's just not
22 going to benefit the actual fisherman with making
23 that leap into aquaculture. It's great if you are
24 going to go buy a vessel. And start a business.

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1 But if you are going to go and try to get 8
2 million dollars to go start an aquaculture farm,
3 you got to be fully capitalized.

4 So, somehow we got to, we got to create
5 a mechanism that allows that fisherman to make
6 that leap. I don't have the answer to how to do
7 that. But --

8 MR. FORSTER: And I don't either but I
9 just think as a concept we should try and include
10 it. But we need to think about it. I mean, one
11 example I thought, as an example would be, if
12 fishing communities were given some sort of
13 preferential right to obtain permits with a time
14 limit and a sunset clause and all that stuff,
15 which would allow them, as a community, to go to a
16 business, go to an industry participant already
17 and do a deal. And say, you know, "We've got
18 these rights to some permits. And we can do a
19 deal with you. You come in here and provide the
20 capital and the expertise. And we participate in
21 it, in some way as a community." And that may be
22 a completely ludicrous thought. And it may be all
23 kinds of problems with it. But the principle is
24 to find ways in which they can participate and

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1 benefit from, without having to go and borrow a
2 whole ton of money. Because it's going to be
3 really difficult.

4 MR. DEWEY: To this, to this point, you
5 know, a thought that crossed my mind with the
6 discussion yesterday, is, if there is somehow, you
7 know, fishing co-op, a fisherman can form a
8 cooperative --

9 MR. FORSTER: Yes.

10 MR. DEWEY: -- to participate. I know,
11 Taylor's have a black pearl farm in Fiji. And
12 because of the Native American, or Native Fijian
13 rights to the waters there, in order to gain
14 permission to be able to farm there, you have to
15 incorporate their interests. So we made them a
16 partial partner in our company down there. And
17 the whole community benefits from the profits from
18 the pearl farm.

19 CHAIRMAN BILLY: To this point, the Ag
20 cooperative, Ag cooperative authority is available
21 to the fisheries. There used to be a lot of
22 fishery cooperatives. So that -- I think that
23 authority, to formally establish cooperatives,
24 exists. And as NOAA used to, NOAA fisheries used

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1 to do that. To assist in that. I assume it's not
2 changed. I don't know if that helps anything but
3 --

4 MR. FORSTER: Well, it would help a lot
5 if by establishing cooperatives, they are then
6 given some preferential basis on which to get
7 permits early on. Because that's the property
8 right. That's -- any, any company that's looking
9 at that right now, is looking at a million
10 dollars, year and a half and down to the end of
11 it. So that's what they would bring. They would
12 bring a solid bit of equity up front. And now
13 you've got something to deal with. And now they
14 can participate in the business.

15 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Does the capital
16 construction fund, does that still exist?

17 MS. KATSOUROS: Yes. But you would
18 have to modify it, in order to -- it's the
19 companies that have put in money and it was, you
20 know, it was looked at for vessels. Now, they can
21 do it for other facilities, aquaculture, at that
22 time, was not considered. So it would need some
23 modification. And there is quite a bit of money
24 in there.

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1 MR. RAFTICAN: Nothing that has to be
2 put down but I just wanted to say, what if, what
3 these guys are talking about is so incredibly
4 important. We're talking about the bottom,
5 building broad based support. And you're giving
6 people a stake in it. And if you want big
7 business to handle it, they are certainly are good
8 questions. But the thing is, if you want broad
9 based support from the fishing community, you'd
10 better, you know, give them a program where
11 they've got a stake in the game. And this stuff's
12 got to get in there.

13 MS. KATSOUROS: But I think we need to
14 read then, in my humble opinion, I think we need
15 to, you know, add this into the background, you
16 know, there's some hesitancy by some parts of the
17 commercial industry. And then we put it in to the
18 report, stating that even commercial fishery, you
19 know, sector involved in and then under Proposed
20 Actions, I think the, you know, there needs to be
21 some redrafting. So that there's a flow - that,
22 you know, we build the case.

23 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

24 MS. KATSOUROS: And I don't think that,

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1 you know, I think we need to sit down and actually
2 build the case.

3 We can send that back to, you know, I
4 doubt if we'll have it done by the time of, we
5 might but, it would be hard -- because you really
6 do need to build the case. You know, you need to
7 say -- and then you could say that these, "There
8 are funding mechanisms out there that may need to
9 be modified." Like the Capital Construction Fund.

10 In order to provide. And that has quite a bit of
11 money in there. And being that we have too many
12 vessels, I don't think many people are ready to
13 make the investment and buy another, you know --

14 MS. McCARTY: But what -- and yes, I
15 agree with all that, Mary Hope. What John is
16 talking about is actually more of a statutory
17 element, in addition to, the funding element.
18 You're talking about a statutory element that
19 either commits or requires an, essentially a ROFR,
20 a right of first refusal. Or even in an almost
21 like a LAPP, in a sense. The idea of a property
22 right or a privilege that would be given or
23 offered to the commercial fishing community or
24 just to a community. I mean, it's a big deal.

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1 Like Tom said. It's a very big deal. It would be
2 a policy statement of some import.

3 MR. FORSTER: And the principle's
4 established through the ITQ systems and those
5 sorts of things, and it should almost be a
6 declining value basis, use it or lose it. They
7 can't just sit on it. But in some way to reflect
8 the idea that their, they need to be part of this
9 industry. You want to get on it and move it
10 ahead. You can be part of it by actually sort of
11 being, really, the start of the whole thing. By
12 going out and getting a permit and developing a
13 plan and bringing the business partners in.

14 MS. KATSOUROS: So you want to set
15 aside --

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: Excuse me, excuse me,
17 Randy has a hand up --

18 MS. KATSOUROS: Oh, sorry.

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- and I'm going to
20 follow that up with a proposal that we move
21 forward on this action. And then we'll see if we
22 have a way to go.

23 Randy, could you speak your point?

24 MR. CATES: The way to do this to have

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1 real benefit is for the commercial fisherman, is
2 knowledge, number one, and a lease. You can
3 provide -- fisherman already have the knowledge.
4 You can provide assistance in obtaining a lease.
5 And the way you would do that is several ways.
6 One is, if you could, if NOAA could provide
7 assistance in obtaining the lease. Most
8 commercial fisherman don't understand how to go
9 through that process. We still allow a
10 corporation or companies to do their track. But
11 the commercial fisherman has some assistance in
12 that.

13 And the second part would be, I don't
14 know how a bill is written, but in the State of
15 Hawaii, once you obtain the lease, you have a time
16 limit to implement your plan. And if you're a
17 commercial fisherman, that time limit would be
18 longer to implement your plan than say a
19 corporation. So that, it gives you the ability to
20 go make your deal. To go get that investment.
21 Because it will come to you.

22 But a corporation, you know, in the
23 State of Hawaii, you have twelve months. You get
24 your lease. In twelve months if you're not in

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1 business, they can take it away. That wouldn't be
2 fair to a commercial fisherman trying to find
3 finances.

4 So I would propose a way to do it is,
5 assistance in obtaining the lease and extra time
6 in implementing your business versus the
7 traditional company.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: So, hearing what I've
9 heard, I'm not going to propose the specific
10 words. But for this action bullet, my comment to
11 modify this is, "Include, explore options to
12 promote community and fisherman entry. Including
13 specific access privileges, cooperatives,
14 etcetera, either by legislative or regulatory
15 changes."

16 And second, for the same bullet, to
17 modify the comment about financing, "To go make a
18 point to go beyond financing available through
19 NMFS financial assistance tools."

20 And now to carry out this comment we
21 have to link it back to the current situation to
22 build the case in support of this this finding, of
23 recommendation. Is that the sense of what we want
24 this --

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1 PARTICIPANT: Right.

2 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

3 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- bullet to be changed
4 at, changed to? Are there any objections? So, I
5 think we've got this one.

6 The next, the next bullet down talks
7 about regional pilot projects. And I'm not sure
8 that captured the emphasis on the regional aspect
9 of it or the pilot project aspect of it. Because
10 it was, it did mix regional pilots along with
11 fishing families. So I wanted to get some
12 feedback. Was this capturing the comment that we
13 were looking for yesterday? It's at the bottom of
14 the screen up on the --

15 MR. DORSETT: I think we captured it.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: So everybody okay with
17 this? Is this clear and the direction we wanted
18 it to capture the thought?

19 MR. FORSTER: Just this one comment.
20 The pilot program is referred to also in the next
21 section. And in the context of the PEIS. And
22 together, I think, we've captured what we've
23 talking about.

24 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

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1 DR. HOGARTH: We may have some words on
2 --

3 MS. SHEA: The next one is at the
4 bottom of 23 and top of 24. And they're coming
5 from pages 24 to 28 in Appendix 1.

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: Heather, I think it was
7 your comment yesterday on something to the effect
8 that, in the process of considering aquaculture
9 policy choices, we should include the specific
10 factors mentioned under Programmatic EIS, but not
11 necessarily use the term PEIS?

12 MS. McCARTY: Right. That was my
13 thought. And just to incorporate -- and I didn't
14 even say all of them. But just so you see how the
15 conversation about -- what we wanted to include in
16 that section. You can show that we've taken in to
17 consideration some of those major groups comments.

18 Because there isn't anything like that in the
19 document now.

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

21 MS. McCARTY: That was my point.

22 DR. HOLLIDAY: Tom.

23 MR. RAFTICAN: Yes. There, the last
24 two bullet points on explaining aquaculture

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1 operations, "Commercial aquaculture facility
2 should not be permitted in marine sanctuaries,
3 parks, essential fish habitat, or the fragile and
4 protected areas." I don't remember that
5 discussion. Does anybody else?

6 MR. DEWEY: That was, as I recall that
7 was a bullet specifically from one of the
8 commenters.

9 PARTICIPANT: It was.

10 MR. DEWEY: It looks like it's just
11 been dropped in.

12 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

13 MR. DEWEY: And I don't know that we we
14 talked about it.

15 MR. RAFTICAN: I don't, I disagree with
16 --

17 MS. McCARTY: Well, I mean --

18 MR. RAFTICAN: Yes. I mean, I don't
19 remember the general discussion about
20 incorporating those comments.

21 MR. DEWEY: I didn't hear any general
22 or specific discussion on it. I think that's
23 something that should be reviewed before it gets
24 dropped in there.

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1 MS. McCARTY: I agree with that by the
2 way. When I -- it was my comment about including
3 the reviewer's comments somehow in the document.
4 But not, we did not have a discussion about each
5 individual bullet point at the time.

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: So in response to that,
7 if I deleted this, would anybody have heartburn?
8 These two highlighted comments.

9 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Probably it would lead
10 to heartburn.

11 MS. KATSOUROS: Heartburn.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: That's fine. I just
13 wanted to the do what the subcommittee wants to
14 do.

15 MR. DEWEY: I believe the bullet above
16 that, as well. Is another one that maybe was cut
17 and pasted without discussion.

18 MS. McCARTY: Well a number of these
19 were. We didn't discuss any of them.

20 MR. DEWEY: Well we discussed the PEIS,
21 incorporated in --

22 MS. McCARTY: Right. But we didn't
23 discuss the points that were made by that one
24 either.

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1 MR. DEWEY: No, no. I agree. So I
2 think that the next bullet up also should be
3 deleted.

4 MS. McCARTY: Which one are you talking
5 about?

6 MR. DEWEY: Just, "Aquaculture
7 facilities should be placed in constructive ways
8 to avoid direct habitat impacts and disturbance to
9 wildlife."

10 MR. CATES: I agree. That's, that's
11 just opening a door for a complete stoppage.

12 MS. McCARTY: Well, that's going to be
13 in the bill. Stuff like that's all going to be in
14 the bill.

15 MR. DEWEY: I understand that. But I
16 don't know if it incorporates here or --

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: Keep this highlighted or
18 reject it? What's the preference?

19 MR. CATES: I vote for rejecting the
20 one above. It's too vague.

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: You're giving rationales
22 now. I just needed to know accept or reject.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Delete it.

24 PARTICIPANT: Delete it.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Where?

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: The highlighted one
3 that's on the screen.

4 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes, delete it.

5 MR. FORSTER: Going back to the next
6 one below, can be, I mean, I would personally
7 rather take them out right now --

8 MR. DEWEY: Those three. The bottom
9 three. He's already deleted the bottom two. And
10 I'm proposing he delete that next one up, as well.

11 MR. FORSTER: But it could be amended
12 just by putting the word "significant" in there.
13 So, so, "To construct it in ways that avoid
14 significant direct habitat." I mean, that is the
15 whole basis of the environmental -- might be
16 better without more discussion to leave it up, I
17 suggest.

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Delete.

19 DR. HOGARTH: Going back to the
20 finance, I was looking through the --

21 DR. HOLLIDAY: Bill, can we hold off on
22 the financial just for a second? I apologize. I
23 just want to make sure I get these things
24 accurate. If you don't have too much -- so,

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1 Bill, you're, we'll do -- you're thought was other
2 ones. Bullets are also subject to --

3 MR. DEWEY: I was saying that the
4 bottom three bullets on page 23 were all cut and
5 pasted in from a commenter that we haven't
6 discussed --

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: So those are the three.
8 We've already taken care of those three. Is that
9 correct?

10 MR. DEWEY: Yes.

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

12 I'm sorry, Bill. I didn't mean to --

13 DR. HOGARTH: That's fine. I was just
14 about to say, I was looking for words I saw
15 yesterday in the omnibus bill. And take care of
16 individual fishing corporate loans. Because we
17 hadn't been able to give loans to individual
18 fishing quota. And the Fishing Finance Program
19 account now says, the amended bill, all it's
20 language is out of NOAA, "To obligate funds for
21 individual fishing quota, loans, and traditional
22 direct loans." So if it goes past the aquaculture
23 bill, it will do the same thing for aquaculture,
24 aquaculture in here. So there's a mechanism that

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1 will be very straightforward if you get the bill.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: That's if you get the
3 bill. Right?

4 DR. HOGARTH: Yes.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Good point. Randy.

6 MR. CATES: On the same section, but
7 on the next page, page 24.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Are we leaving
9 this PEIS or are we going to refine that? We're
10 going to get a new copy correct? A new page?

11 MS. McCARTY: No.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: Randy. You're going to
13 a page --

14 MR. CATES: One quick, there is a
15 question on EIS, right after research.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: Understood. But were we
17 going to, on page 23, the two bullets talking
18 about Programmatic EISs. Were you directing us to
19 revise the wording to eliminate the PEIS aspect
20 and just talk about general considerations for
21 reviewer projects or do you want to continue to
22 emphasis the Programmatic Environmental Impact
23 Statement?

24 MR. CATES: I don't have an issue.

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. Please.

2 MS. McCARTY: I'm sorry. I didn't know
3 you were nodding at me. When I made the original
4 comment, I said, and I'm looking on page 19 of the
5 comments from the reviewers, and I think I should
6 have looked at this before when we were presented
7 with this. But I didn't get around to it yet.
8 What I said was, add those instead, but without
9 adding the specific reference to a PEIS or an EIS.

10 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.

11 MS. McCARTY: That's what I originally
12 said. Just to clarify.

13 DR. HOLLIDAY: And I'm trying to
14 determine --

15 MS. McCARTY: As far as I'm concerned,
16 we can take out the reference that EIS. But
17 whatever anybody else wants to do is fine. And I
18 guess, if you look at that paragraph on page 19 of
19 the comments, that I have highlighted, it's a
20 little different from what was included in here.
21 And I may not have been very clear in my comment.
22 But my intent was to add those concerns to our
23 document, but not necessarily the reference to the
24 EIS.

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: So we'll reword this
2 comment without the PEIS reference. We're going
3 back to page 19 of the reviewer comments.

4 MS. McCARTY: Correct.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Will satisfy this --

6 MS. McCARTY: Which will be the second
7 paragraph up from the bottom.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

9 MS. McCARTY: It starts, "The PEIS
10 shall be additional and prior," etcetera --

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: Right.

12 MS. McCARTY: -- but just the
13 eliminates of that paragraph.

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: I got it. Thank you.
15 Okay.

16 Randy, I'm sorry. We're now going on
17 to page 24.

18 MR. CATES: The top two bullet points I
19 think should also be deleted. I don't remember
20 having discussion on, page 24.

21 MR. FORSTER: Mark, I think you need to
22 go back up.

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: We've done that.

24 MR. FORSTER: You deleted something

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1 else.

2 MR. CATES: Well, It probably came up
3 on the 23rd.

4 MR. FORSTER: It's on top of, it's 23
5 now. It's on the bottom of 23.

6 MR. CATES: I see.

7 MR. FORSTER: Yes. There you go, those
8 last two on that one.

9 MR. CATES: It's labeled as, "A new
10 aquaculture program shall not conflict with or
11 impede upon local use of marine waters." Well
12 that's just going to eliminate any ability to do
13 it. Because everybody is going to say that we
14 have use of those waters.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: So, it sounds like these
16 two bullets also got added as the other three did.
17 Now that they're appearing in front of us, we
18 recognize they should be removed. Is that what
19 I'm hearing?

20 MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

21 MS. McCARTY: Mark, if you then add in
22 the paragraph that I was referring to earlier --

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

24 MS. McCARTY: -- there are references

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1 to those same kinds of things in that paragraph.
2 And so what I would like the rest of the committee
3 to do is look at that paragraph and say right now,
4 if you're going to ask for that to be deleted, as
5 well. Because then, operatively, you've deleted
6 any reference to the consent of this reviewer.
7 Which is fine with me. I'm just saying that if
8 that's what you are going to do, let's do it now
9 instead of go through another iteration of this.

10 DR. HOLLIDAY: My proposal, we're
11 referring to page 19 in the reviewer comment
12 document.

13 MS. McCARTY: Right.

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: The second paragraph on
15 the bottom there. It begins with the words, "The
16 PEIS shall be additional and prior to any site
17 blah, blah, blah." What we're proposing to do is
18 to start with this, start with the phrase, "In the
19 process of considering aquaculture policy choices
20 should include." And then by listing and
21 beginning with, "Cataloguing of local species and
22 habitat, identifying potential risks," and work
23 through that list as considerations in making
24 policy choices. Without the reference to

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1 Programmatic EIS.

2 MS. McCARTY: And it doesn't say,
3 "shall or will not do this or any of those
4 things." It just says, "These are the concerns.
5 These should be reviewed."

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: They should be
7 considered or --

8 MS. McCARTY: Should be considered.

9 MR. FORSTER: My only question to that
10 is it seems to be somewhat redundant. A PEIS, by
11 definition, does this stuff. I mean --

12 MS. KATSOUROS: But we're deleting
13 that, the PEIS.

14 MS. FOY: Are you saying we do not
15 trade these two terms?

16 MR. FORSTER: I think, earlier on --

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: No. The suggestion by
18 Heather was to not use the PEIS terminology. But
19 to emphasize the consideration of these factors to
20 allow the reviewers concepts to be incorporated
21 with or without that PEIS reference.

22 MR. DEWEY: Okay. I almost think I'm
23 more comfortable leaving the PEIS reference in,
24 rather than changing it to a policy consideration.

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2 MR. CATES: I would like the committee
3 just to consider just deleting it altogether.
4 Instead of taking parts and --

5 MS. McCARTY: Well, Mr. Chairman, or
6 Mark, what I'm attempting to do is, to give some
7 satisfaction to a very large group of people
8 represented by UFA, United Fisherman of Alaska,
9 who have made these comments, in good faith, with
10 the idea of trying to help guide this process. We
11 asked for public comment. We got it. We got it
12 from the largest commercial fishing group in
13 Alaska. And I think, probably one of the largest
14 ones on the West Coast. That, it's comprised of
15 80 percent of the harvested commercial fish, off
16 Alaska. It's a big deal. And it's a big deal to
17 Alaska. I, for one, am a huge proponent of
18 aquaculture, as you know. I'm just saying, in
19 order to exhibit some sensitivity to that groups
20 concerns, I think we ought to include some mention
21 of their comments. That's all. I think it's good
22 for all of us. I wouldn't be suggesting it if I
23 didn't think so.

24 So I'm sorry if I'm being too forceful

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1 on this issue. But I do think it's important down
2 the road. And I hope I can get some agreement
3 from others around the table.

4 MS. FOY: I'd like to second.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: So any further
6 comments or a thumbs up thumbs down? On
7 reworking these two bullets to include the
8 factors or the list of considerations that are
9 on page 19 in that paragraph. Include them
10 as, in the second part. But we're not going
11 to, but I wouldn't put them in the context of
12 describing them as contents of the
13 Programmatic EIS. Those are the two positions
14 proposed by Heather.

15 MR. DEWEY: I would support it if
16 it was, if they were left in as contents of a
17 PEIS.

18 DR. HOLLIDAY: Could you speak to
19 why you think the PEIS reference is important?

20 MR. DEWEY: Well, because I believe
21 that those are the types of things -- we are
22 going to be doing PEIS anyhow. And those are
23 the types of things that are included in it.

24 MS. McCARTY: I agree.

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1 MR. DEWEY: And I'm more nervous by
2 the broad general policy statement --

3 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

4 MR. DEWEY: -- then I am by the
5 fact that it would be likely be included in
6 the PEIS anyhow.

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I agree with
8 Bill's amendment.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: Heather's in
10 agreement. We're all in agreement. John.
11 Randy?

12 MR. CATES: It should be PEIS.
13 That's -- and --

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: It's a win-win.

15 MS. McCARTY: Okay. Great.
16 Thanks.

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay?

18 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay. Are final
19 one.

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: No?

21 (Laughter.)

22 MS. KATSOUROS: It is on page 28.
23 For the changes --

24 MR. FLETCHER: Pardon me.

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: Wait, wait, wait,
2 wait, wait, wait.

3 MR. FLETCHER: We missed one.

4 MS. KATSOUROS: That's --

5 MR. FLETCHER: On page 25 under,
6 "Management tools for the future." I suggest
7 that we go to reviewer number 8 on page 15.

8 MS. KATSOUROS: That's what we,
9 that's where I was going. To page 28. The
10 changes are on page 28. Reviewer 8 comments
11 on page 15 of the review document, the changes
12 we made appear on page 28 of this revised
13 text.

14 MR. FLETCHER: I was, I was on the
15 Issue Statement Number 1 that talks about
16 marine manage --

17 MS. KATSOUROS: Page 28.

18 MR. DEWEY: So it's the last bullet
19 on the bottom of page 28 is the new bullet.

20 MR. FLETCHER: Yes. Well I see
21 that now.

22 MR. RAYBURN: Thanks for agreeing--

23 MR. FLETCHER: Because you've got
24 two different places for the Preferred State

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1 of the issue in 2020. You've got one on 25.

2 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

3 MR. FLETCHER: Then another one on,
4 it's under Proposed Action. Because you got
5 proposed action twice now here too.

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well, for every
7 issue there's a Proposed State. And there's -
8 -

9 MR. FLETCHER: But see Issue
10 Statement Number 2 is tagged, "Reference in
11 technology." And what this one, 28 is really
12 focused on Marine Management Area which is
13 part of Issue Statement Number 1.

14 MR. DEWEY: So you'd like to take
15 that proposed action bullet back to page 25.

16 MR. FLETCHER: I'd like to take
17 that --

18 MR. DEWEY: Bring that proposed
19 action back to page 25 and insert it after --

20 MR. FLETCHER: Under Preferred
21 State of the issue in 2020, on Issue Statement
22 1.

23 MR. DEWEY: -- Preferred State of
24 issue, Issue Statement 1.

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1 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

2 MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 DR. ROBERTS: Question, about the
4 question. The Marine Managed Areas. To have
5 an official designation, I know we have Marine
6 Protected Areas, MPAs.

7 MR. FLETCHER: Well, in California
8 it's Marine Protected Areas. But there's a
9 federal designation called Marine Managed
10 Areas. And I think that was why they chose
11 that phrase. Because it kind of reflects the
12 federal view. Now those -- them people,
13 including Tom, that would have gone to the NRC
14 and asked them to try to lessen these two
15 different series of designations in to one
16 coherent set of definitions, but that hasn't
17 happened yet.

18 DR. ROBERTS: So the question is,
19 is should it be MPAs and MMAs? I don't know.

20 MR. FLETCHER: This is a federal
21 document which should reflect the federal
22 approach that currently exists. And don't get
23 people confused by talking about MPAs.

24 DR. ROBERTS: But MPAs are a

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1 federal terminology.

2 MR. FLETCHER: I know -- okay. I -

3 -

4 DR. ROBERTS: I'm just trying to
5 avoid the confusion we're having right now --

6 MR. FLETCHER: I know.

7 DR. ROBERTS: -- six months from
8 now.

9 MR. RAYBURN: But I think an MPA is
10 a Marine Managed Area. There are Marine
11 Managed Areas that are not MPAs.

12 MR. RAFTICAN: Right. Marine
13 Managed Area is a broader term. It
14 encompasses Marine Protected Areas.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: But it also
16 encompasses enclosed areas for fisheries.

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. So, it's
18 actually, it encompasses both. Specific
19 examples include MPAs, sanctuaries, monument
20 areas, each driven by, each driven by a
21 different federal or state statutory
22 authorities to designate that particular piece
23 of geography.

24 DR. ROBERTS: It's not just the

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1 nuances.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Right.

3 DR. ROBERTS: Okay.

4 DR. HOLLIDAY: So Bob, I've moved
5 it under issue number 1, is the content of the
6 response what we wanted to say? Or did we get
7 that that --

8 MR. FLETCHER: You have it under
9 proposed entities. Shouldn't it be under
10 Proposed Actions?

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: I was just seeing if
12 you were paying attention.

13 (Laughter.)

14 It's there.

15 Tom.

16 MR. RAFTICAN: Bob brought
17 something up. And it actually, we've kind of
18 went to NAS and asked them to do. We're
19 looking at how to manage fisheries and how to
20 manage, you got area-based management coming
21 in. You notice the problem that we're having
22 with definitions around this room. We've
23 asked NAS to look at definitions. It was
24 specifically for Marine Protected Areas

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1 because there's so many, there's many people -
2 - NAS has got a set of of they're not
3 definitions, but overall terminology.
4 California has got different terminology. You
5 get to the EU and there's some different
6 terminology there. Does it make sense that we
7 have one common language? I don't think about
8 it in terms of this document.

9 But as we go forward on this,
10 wouldn't it make sense to be able to get one
11 common language that we're all speaking on
12 this. So when we say Marine Managed Areas, we
13 know what we're talking about when we say
14 Marine Protected Areas, we know what we're a
15 little tighter down the line. But wouldn't it
16 make sense to, at least, to have some type of
17 a cross reference so that we all speak the
18 same language on this stuff.

19 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: Right. And I
21 believe there are some tools that the NOS has
22 prepared to help do that. So we'll -- I'll go
23 back as an action item for staff to explore
24 what that lexicon dictionary of terms is and

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1 see if that's applicable. And we would, and
2 share it with the committee and see how it
3 might be helpful to the document.

4 MR. RAFTICAN: Great.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: In 2003, there was
6 actually a glossary of the different terms for
7 a workshop. And they brought a Marine
8 Protected Areas workshop. And they specified
9 the differences in this glossary. And I think
10 that's probably, it was one of the first
11 workshops of this Marine Protected Area. But
12 they did produce a glossary of all these
13 different terms.

14 MR. RAFTICAN: The Marine Protected
15 Area Committee, much like MAFAC, did look at
16 something like that. And I understand that
17 they had considerable problems on that. And
18 that was kind of what, we went back to NAS
19 they said, "Yes, there are problems. We'd
20 like to look at it. Do you have a quarter of
21 a million dollars?" And I had -- two out of
22 the three things I was good on. The last one
23 was a problem.

24 MS. KATSOUROS: I think that --

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1 wasn't there's though by statutory or
2 executive, the definitions came out of those
3 different statutory or executive orders?

4 MR. RAFTICAN: NAS uses a set of
5 definitions. I'm not sure that Marine Managed
6 Area is in that. We can work on it --

7 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay.

8 MR. RAFTICAN: Congress had been
9 looking at that, later on. And then again,
10 the problem is, as you used references from
11 around the world, you're using a reference
12 from Australia. You have to be able to
13 compare and contrast to do exactly what we're
14 doing here. So we get good science out of
15 this. So that, probably enough for right now.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: Catherine.

17 MS. FOY: Hey Mark, mine's just a
18 quick one. Is that, "The area should be
19 continuously monitored." That's a nice idea.
20 But that's not financially feasible. You can
21 change that to "periodically monitored" or
22 just remove "continuously".

23 MR. O'SHEA: How about just
24 monitored?

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1 MS. FOY: That will work for me.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Strike the word
3 "continuously," okay with everyone?

4 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you. Heather,
6 and then Chris.

7 MS. McCARTY: If we are already
8 done with the ones that we have --

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'm not sure. Are
10 we done?

11 MS. McCARTY: -- because I have an
12 additional one, that, I have --

13 MS. KATSOUROS: What is -- we're
14 done from my notes.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. Okay.

16 MS. McCARTY: From my notes, there
17 was one on, the original page 8, and which is
18 now, I think still on page 8 in the new
19 version, under "Commercial fisheries", Roman
20 Numeral III. Someone made the suggestion to
21 add to that, that the regional management
22 councils should have flexibility in designing
23 the LAPP Programs. Is what I have written
24 down. But --

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: It wasn't limited to
2 LAPPS. It was -- council should be had, I
3 think, it was Bob Fletcher's comment.

4 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Should have maximum
6 flexibility or something --

7 MS. McCARTY: Something like that.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

9 MR. DORSETT: And I thought that
10 was in relation to the tools they have at
11 their disposable not the maximum flexibility.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: Right. Right. I'm
13 not reading from my notes. But there was -- my
14 thought, my recollection, it wasn't
15 specifically to LAPPS.

16 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

17 MS. FOY: I don't remember that in
18 there. Did that get incorporated?

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: I think that's
20 Heather's comment that it was, was not --

21 MS. FOY: Did you find that?

22 MS. McCARTY: It hasn't been
23 incorporated. So I was just pointing out
24 that, it was comment we agreed to incorporate,

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1 but didn't get incorporated.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. Chris.

3 MR. DORSETT: Back to page 25.
4 There was an issue that we couldn't solve at
5 the time. And that was under 5 --

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: Page 25 of the, of
7 this document.

8 MR. DORSETT: Yes.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. DORSETT: It was the statement
11 about the jurisdiction remaining under NOAA
12 fisheries, when in fact, there are additional
13 legal statutes where other entities may have
14 jurisdiction within certain areas. We didn't
15 come to any conclusion on this in our initial
16 discussions. And we said, "We'd save it to
17 here and try and work out a solution for
18 everyone."

19 In talking to a couple people,
20 there are a lot of logistical concerns with
21 how well this is being coordinated within
22 NOAA. And that's creating a lot of heartburn
23 and headache for stakeholders in the region.
24 And so my suggested solution is that, we talk

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1 more about better coordination within NOAA, as
2 well as, the area that Bob moved in here that
3 these, that these Marine Managed Areas be goal
4 based, they be monitored, cost benefits, et
5 cetera. So that would be my proposal for
6 addressing this, if people are comfortable
7 with that.

8 MS. McCARTY: Could you say that
9 again?

10 MR. FLETCHER: Give us some
11 wording.

12 MR. DORSETT: The wording, I would
13 just take this section that Bob has and the
14 first sentence we replace base management
15 with, "All the living marine resources must be
16 better coordinated within NOAA."

17 DR. ROBERTS: You want to put the
18 "And remain within NOAA," or you want to
19 strike the last --

20 MR. DORSETT: That's an issue. I
21 don't know if that's necessarily an issue we
22 have to worry about.

23 MR. CATES: I have a question.
24 We're talking about federal waters, EEZ zone.

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1 Why should NOAA give up authority on that? I
2 mean, it's in their jurisdiction.

3 MR. DORSETT: I'm not saying they
4 do give up any jurisdiction. I'm just saying
5 that, when you're looking Marine Managed Areas
6 amongst the different entities within NOAA
7 that you better coordinate your management
8 goals, strategies, et cetera. Because right
9 now you have this perceived conflict with the
10 fisheries service and sanctuary programs where
11 there are different goals for the different
12 areas. It's creating a lot of heartache and
13 headache for stakeholders.

14 MR. FLETCHER: Roger that.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: Well, you know, in
16 the -- this also, we put this there, we need
17 something in the background saying that, you
18 know, "NOAA has these different" -- so that
19 when you go to --

20 MR. DORSETT: Yes. And, you know,
21 the current situation, right now, is still,
22 it's in the progress section.

23 MS. KATSOUROS: Right.

24 MR. DORSETT: So certainly we would

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1 need --

2 MS. KATSOUROUROS: So that means, so,
3 I mean, because the document will now need to
4 be either updated to include, I mean, you
5 know.

6 MR. DORSETT: It's got to be
7 updated now because our current situation --

8 MS. KATSOUROUROS: Right.

9 MR. DORSETT: -- we don't really
10 have an information. So it shouldn't be a
11 problem.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: If I might just ask
13 a question. Because you, by making this
14 change we're really changing the emphasis of
15 the statement. We were focusing originally on
16 the conflict about over living marine
17 resources. But if we're now making this
18 generic, about better coordination of place-
19 based management in its entirety, not, it
20 should be, not just living marine resources.
21 Because you're looking - place-based
22 management for purposes of historical
23 significance and shipwrecks, for example.
24 That's place-based management within NOAA.

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1 And issues that will affect fisheries, or
2 recreation, or any other aspects, need
3 coordination. That type of place-based
4 management. Or it's -- and so, by making this
5 generic place-based management coordinated
6 within NOAA rather than place-based management
7 of living marine resources would remain under
8 the jurisdiction of NOAA fisheries, you're
9 really changing the flavor of, or the sense of
10 the comment. And I'm not sure it's it's as
11 precise or targeted if we still left in living
12 marine resources. That's where I'm, that's my
13 point. Leaving it in, as is, with living
14 marine resources is ignoring this other aspect
15 of coordination that should be approved.

16 MR. DORSETT: That's fine with me.

17 We can -- you're saying to take out, "The
18 living marine resources," and make it more
19 general to encompass the other issues that --

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: We're talking about
21 -- right. We need to have a well organized
22 integrated place-based management approach
23 under all these different statutes. Not just
24 -- the original intent was just to look at the

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1 narrow conflict between Magnuson
2 responsibilities, and sanctuaries
3 responsibilities. And this indicate some
4 preference for managing fisheries under the
5 Magnuson.

6 Now by broadening it we're still
7 linking it to LMR. And I'm suggesting perhaps
8 if you're generalizing, if that's a word,
9 parts of the statement, all the statement
10 might follow through. So you cover that range
11 of, if somebody's designating a shipwreck,
12 they have to coordinate with the other
13 elements of NOAA to develop/manage in an
14 effective way.

15 MR. DORSETT: That's a good
16 suggestion.

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: Heather.

18 MS. McCARTY: So are we still
19 trying to capture the concept of the place-
20 based management involving living marine
21 resources staying under the jurisdiction of
22 NOAA fisheries or not?

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: I think Chris is,
24 well Chris you can speak for yourself.

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1 MR. DORSETT: Trying to keep that
2 in?

3 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

4 MR. DORSETT: That's what I'm
5 trying to avoid. Although my initial reaction
6 was just to delete that. But I'm trying to
7 figure out something that might work for
8 people to address the concerns that have been
9 raised.

10 MS. McCARTY: Do you think that
11 there are other entities within NOAA that
12 should do the management place-based
13 management involving living marine resources?

14 MR. DORSETT: Yes.

15 MS. McCARTY: You do. Okay. Well,
16 the sense of the, the sense of the group
17 yesterday was, that it should remain under the
18 jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries except for the
19 marine sanctuary program under NOS. That was
20 what we had yesterday. I mean, I'm not
21 advocating for that necessarily. I'm just
22 saying that's what -- is that right? That's
23 the question.

24 MR. DORSETT: I would say that's

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1 fine with me except with the background we
2 have on this section and how skimpy it is. I
3 don't know if there are additional conflicts.
4 The sanctuary one is the one I know about.
5 Are there other ones? I can't tell from this
6 document.

7 MS. McCARTY: I don't know either.
8 Good point.

9 DR. HOLLIDAY: So I have the
10 suggested red line to, proposed by Chris or I
11 could accept it or reject it. What's your --
12 as is, modified? What's your preference?

13 DR. ROBERTS: There was, there was
14 --two issues. This was one speaking about --
15 and somebody brought up striking "living
16 marine resources"?

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: That was my comment.

18 MR. CATES: I think that's a good
19 one.

20 MS. McCARTY: I don't have a
21 problem with that.

22 MR. DORSETT: Can we hear that
23 again?

24 DR. HOLLIDAY: The original intent

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1 was to look at a very narrow construction of
2 the conflict between the Sanctuaries Act,
3 management of living marine resources, and
4 Magnuson Act management of living marine
5 resources. Chris's proposal to make this more
6 generic and talk about place-based management
7 without respect to NOAA fisheries taking
8 precedence under Magnuson for living marine
9 resources, suggests that that's the living
10 marine resources is the only potential area
11 for improvement of place-based management
12 within NOAA. But NOAA does place-based
13 management for other aspects that have nothing
14 to do with living marine resources. Such, if
15 designations of sanctuaries and monuments and
16 other, under other authorities that would
17 require collaboration and consultation among
18 line offices for making an appropriate policy
19 choice for place-based management.

20 And I used the example of a
21 shipwreck or some historic underwater
22 archeological site that doesn't necessarily
23 have anything to do with the living marine
24 resources directly. But fishery service and

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1 living marine resource interests are sort of a
2 stakeholder to that designation. So a place-
3 based management decision within NOAA should
4 ensure that all the different effected
5 entities responsible for ocean management are
6 well coordinated and integrated in the policy
7 choice.

8 So going down this more, Chris's
9 proposal to be a more generic statement about
10 place-based management. Improving place-based
11 management coordination within NOAA doesn't
12 only hold true for living marine resources.
13 Usually it holds true for all types of place-
14 based management decision.

15 So that was the rationale behind,
16 if you're making a generic, to just improve
17 coordination of place-based management not
18 just for LMR decisions but for all decisions
19 having to do with place-based management.

20 Bob.

21 MR. FLETCHER: I would support the
22 more generic version of the first sentence.
23 But I would then suggest that we add, "The
24 designation Marine Managed Areas involving

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1 living marine resources should be based on da,
2 da, da." So that clarifies the other part
3 that we added. It's a generic set of criteria
4 for creating Marine Managed Areas involving
5 living marine resources.

6 MS. FOY: He's talking about the
7 paragraph on page 15. The reviewer comments .

8 MR. FLETCHER: I don't think
9 there's any conflict there. I think it just
10 further defines what that language should be
11 focused on. "The designation of Marine
12 Managed Areas involving living marine
13 resources should be da, da, da." And the
14 other one is, "Place-based management within
15 NOAA needs to be better coordinated."

16 MS. McCARTY: Yes. Yes. That's --
17 I agree with you.

18 MR. RAYBURN: I was, I was going to
19 suggest to add a qualifier to it where the
20 generic statement, especially in relation to
21 the management of living marine resources or
22 something like that to highlight that's really
23 where were at. That would be, place-based
24 management in NOAA should be better

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1 coordinated especially actions involving
2 living marine resources or something like
3 that.

4 Bob's comfortable with the other.
5 He's more in to it than I am. That's really
6 where we're focused at, living marine
7 resources --

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. So, since
9 we're getting multiple options here, I'm going
10 to go to the sort of discrete choice model.

11 Right now, the proposal is to have
12 this sentence in there. And so I'll ask, do
13 people want to leave as it is or change it to
14 something else? I know the something else
15 depends, but. I've got two or three different
16 ideas competing now. And I don't know how to
17 reach consensus in the next minus three
18 minutes that we have. Because we're in to our
19 lunch break right now. So unless you're
20 willing to modify via a friendly amendment or
21 somehow change it, I'm not sure any better way
22 to proceed. Do we want to leave this? Do we
23 want to change it and to what?

24 MR. RAYBURN: We're going to make

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1 that more generic by taking "living marine
2 resources" out of the first and then add it in
3 to the substance.

4 MR. FLETCHER: That's what we did.

5 MR. RAYBURN: But it's not added.

6 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'm sorry. Someone

7 --

8 DR. ROBERTS: I move that we
9 strike, "Involving marine resources," from the
10 first bullet under section 5. Involving
11 living marine resources --

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: I'm trying to get to
13 there. Come on.

14 MR. RAYBURN: Well that's it. I
15 mean, it won't let you do it so we'll just
16 have to leave it.

17 (Laughter.)

18 DR. ROBERTS: Chris may need or Bob
19 may need something in addition --

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: And now it's Bob's.

21 MR. FLETCHER: I wanted to add,
22 "Marine Managed Areas involving living marine
23 resources are designated. They should be
24 based on da, da, da, da, da."

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: See, I hate doing
2 this. Marine Managed --

3 MR. FLETCHER: No, no, no, no, no.
4 Not there.

5 MS. FOY: No, no, no, no, no.
6 Next, next paragraph.

7 MR. FLETCHER: The next slide.

8 DR. HOLLIDAY: All right. I can't
9 type right. This is not what I wanted to be
10 doing. In the next bullet?

11 MR. FLETCHER: No. Right there.
12 "Marine Managed Areas involving living marine
13 resources are designated." Just insert that.

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, I know. All
15 right. So, is that what you want? Is that
16 what everybody wants? It's a tough crowd.
17 What do you think, Bob?

18 MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

19 DR. HOLLIDAY: Is that where we go?
20 Okay. Chris, are you good?

21 MR. DORSETT: I'm good.

22 DR. HOLLIDAY: Good over this --
23 okay? Other changes? Shoot anyone who --

24 MS. McCARTY: I'm so glad --

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1 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. So, we're
2 going to try to get back here as close as
3 possible to 1 and hear the committee and
4 subcommittee report outs. And Tom you're
5 going to chair for Tony. Correct?

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you very much.
8 Thanks everybody.

9 (Whereupon, the above entitled matter went off
10 the record at 12:05 p.m.
11 and reconvened at 1:16
12 p.m.)

13 CHAIRMAN BILLY: All right. I
14 think we're going to get started.

15 MR. O'SHEA: You don't get to use
16 those much in Juneau, do you?

17 MS. McCARTY: Yes, sunglasses?

18 MR. O'SHEA: I know a bit about
19 that.

20 CHAIRMAN BILLY: All right. We're
21 going to get started. This afternoon, to wrap
22 things up, first we're going to hear from Bill
23 Hogarth regarding this, the latest budget
24 news. Then we're going to get in to the

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1 subcommittee and working group reports. And
2 look at any outstanding action items, new
3 business, next steps, that kind of thing. And
4 then, any final words from Bill and and we'll
5 adjourn.

6 And my hope is to move through this
7 quickly. And maybe we can finish by 3 o'clock
8 or so. Something like that. At least, it's
9 the target.

10 All right so without further ado
11 let me call on Bill to share with us the
12 latest information on the budget.

13 DR. HOGARTH: Okay. We -- I'm not
14 going to be talking from the Senate omnibus
15 budget. I guess Senate has now done their
16 budget. And it will be sent back over to the
17 House. But basically, it it -- we're having a
18 little bit of difficulty now getting in to the
19 details because the Senate just did it. But I
20 can give you basically the big picture item.

21 And overall all for National Marine
22 Fisheries Service, the omnibus bill is 803.9
23 million dollars. And the President's request
24 was request was 796 million. And what we had

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1 for `07 we operated in active `07, was 775.6.

2 So it sounds great for the math.

3 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Now that's
4 specific for --

5 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. That's marine
6 fisheries. But if you look at the -- okay.
7 That's it. So you'll see -- good, you did get
8 in to it. So you'll see this is where we are.

9 So the 803.9, most of what we deal with is
10 the ORF. The PAC money is is usually
11 designated. We don't get much use of it.
12 What we ought -- we talk about is ORF and it's
13 708 million dollars.

14 MR. CATES: Bill, is this
15 finalized?

16 DR. HOGARTH: No, no. This is the
17 Senate version that's going back to the House.

18 We think it's pretty much finalized. But,
19 you know, and I'll read you some important
20 language in just a minute. But this looks
21 like it's where we are.

22 And so, the bad news, if you look
23 at the next slide that Mark has is that, the
24 omnibus is 803.9 million. Earmarks of that

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1 takes it down, is 55.5 million dollars. So he
2 takes it down to 748. And so we had an --
3 this year, 775. So it's down to 748. And
4 then if you look at the President, you know,
5 we about 47, the President requests 796. So
6 we really 47.6 under the President's request.

7 So the omnibus is really has been, you know,
8 sounds good. But they they accomplished
9 things by, you know, earmarks still. But they
10 just take it out of their budget rather than
11 add on they agree with the President's level
12 and then they took it.

13 The next slide shows that some of
14 the funded Presidential initiatives. The
15 question about number 1 is, the House version
16 said, "Magnuson-Stevens implementation
17 Alaska." And so we're not sure the details of
18 this whether they took Alaska off and gave us
19 the money to implement Magnuson everywhere.
20 But we did get some money for marine mammals
21 permit and consultation. This is through the
22 Navy work and some of the sonar, that type.

23 Now a little bit of money for
24 marine mammals stock assessment. We did get

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1 some money to keep the dolphin, the circle we
2 worked on, to work on right whales and monk
3 seals. And getting money for the sea turtle
4 and the Atlantic salmon recovery plans. So
5 they were some of the Presidential initiatives
6 that were funded in some form. We've got to
7 get through the details of how much.

8 The next is what -- some more of
9 the funding. We did get some money for LAPPS.

10 Not what we'd asked for, but some money for
11 LAPPS. The Penobscot River Habitat
12 Restoration. We thought we had lost that, so
13 we don't know how much money that we do have.

14 But that's to remove some of those small
15 dams, I mean, to remove the dams of the
16 Penobscot River.

17 The Open Rivers Initiative was one
18 with us and the interior. There's the,
19 there's the, there's some dams that are
20 sitting around that are really just blockage
21 are not doing any good. This was money
22 supposed to be several million dollars to
23 remove those dams.

24 So we got some money for stock

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1 assessment. This is continuing money for
2 stock assessment. A little bit of money for
3 the economics which we've been, I've been on
4 them about these.

5 Regional council grants, looks like
6 maybe up to 25 million. We're not positive,
7 but the House voted for 25. And so the
8 program got some, about 31 million, we think.

9 And we got a little bit of money for La
10 Jolla. A little bit of money for Hawaii it
11 looks like.

12 Let's go, the next slide is, here's
13 some of the bad things. Here's what's
14 basically been eliminated. And some of these
15 we'll have to fund, regardless. Marine mammal
16 stock assessment. We showed you earlier is
17 partially. Pacific salmon section 7,
18 consultation has been reduced. Not
19 eliminated, but reduced.

20 But the survey and monitoring for
21 the Alaskan groundfish, Alaska pollock, the
22 pollock quota this year is going down by 27
23 percent. Something like that. And we're
24 losing money to do the surveys. The halibut,

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1 sablefish. IFQ management. The Alaska crab
2 and research and the state research. And the
3 bluefish, striped bass money that's been in
4 our budgets forever seems to be going, almost
5 gone.

6 And then the Great Lakes
7 restoration. And the Open Rivers project was
8 reduced.

9 And also, the Pacific Island
10 Regional Offices and Center Operation. And
11 this was something that was a real shocker to
12 us, at the last minute, because that was
13 supposed to be in the base budget. As to
14 operate that region and center. We finally
15 got it into the base budget. So now we don't
16 know if they've just taken it out and we'll
17 have to find it over that whole 10-12 million
18 dollars of their budget to fund it or if they
19 reduced it. The details are not there yet.

20 MR. CATES: What is that?

21 DR. HOGARTH: That's the operations
22 of the regional office in Hawaii, in the
23 Science Center in Hawaii. It's been an
24 earmark for a long time. We finally got it in

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1 the base budget in, you know. But by being in
2 the base budget, it should have been able to
3 be singled out in the view. So we're not sure
4 what happened to this. This budget you're
5 talking about now is hot off, hot off the
6 press from last night's negotiation.

7 The next one is, these are earmarks
8 that are funded, but basically, I can tell
9 you, the right whale disentanglement program,
10 that's 94 thousand dollars to go buy rope.
11 It's goes to the lobster industry to buy new
12 line. It doesn't comes to us.

13 The Cook Inlet beluga whale
14 research, it looks like we get some of that
15 and the state gets some of that.

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: That's 94 --

17 DR. HOGARTH: Thousand.

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Thousand? Yes.
19 Okay.

20 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. Cook Inlet and
21 beluga research right at 53. And then some of
22 these others are, most of this money for the
23 Atlantic Pacific Ring Resource Observers goes
24 outside. The Sea Life Center is outside. The

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1 Sea Otter and Stellar Sea Lion Commission.
2 And then the Halibut and Seal Commission.
3 That's all money that goes straight through.

4 And then fisheries, Maine and New
5 Hampshire get to do their own trawl survey.
6 Then we have the shark research at Mote Lab.
7 The reef fish monitoring and research is
8 going, I think, to the University of Florida
9 and the Chesapeake. But most of the fisheries
10 management is going to, it's not clear where
11 it's going.

12 And then there's these others. But
13 this money is going straight through our
14 budget to other people. The Hawaii seafood
15 inspection work.

16 MR. JONER: What's the trawl survey
17 money --

18 DR. HOGARTH: We don't know. It
19 just says, "trawl survey," but we're not sure
20 which one that is. I've tried to read through
21 the budget. It doesn't say the words we have,
22 doesn't say.

23 The next one is continuous. The
24 horseshoe crab research goes to BPI. And then

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1 the Oregon work goes to the University of
2 Oregon. Scholar research goes to
3 Massachusetts. So most of the pelagic tagging
4 goes to Monterey. So most of these, you'll
5 see here, go out to someone. Western Pacific
6 pelagic goes to JIMAR. The Fishing Mortality
7 Education Program is going, I think that's
8 somewhere in the Gulf. And then you got
9 Louisiana Fishery Recovery Resource Center for
10 491,000.

11 MR. RAYBURN: Where's the Center
12 for Ecosystem Based Fishery Management? Is
13 that --

14 DR. HOGARTH: I can't tell so far.
15 I got the report language here, but it really
16 doesn't get that specific. It will though.
17 Because we'll get the individual pages and it
18 will tell us. Mark?

19 And then these others the habitat.
20 Massachusetts, Bronx River, Chesapeake Bay
21 Oyster Restoration, that's where most of our
22 money goes straight through.

23 And then you see at the bottom,
24 there's two disasters. 6.8 million dollars

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1 goes to the fisherman who fished in the new
2 NWHI Monument. And Massachusetts gets almost
3 14 million dollars for their ground fish
4 disaster. Total of about 55 million dollars
5 in earmarks.

6 And these really are earmarks that
7 that we do not get any use of. I don't, you
8 know, that we seem to measure. Some of the
9 Alaska may be written such that you can. But
10 that's the way they've written in the past.
11 But so, it's it's not real pretty. And then
12 on top of this we're hearing that there will
13 be, then a 1.7 percent just across the board
14 recision across the board.

15 And just real quickly so you can
16 finish this up. I just put that up, a few
17 pages about, they're building some new
18 research laboratories in Mississippi and
19 Alabama. And it's very unclear exactly where
20 that money goes. But the University of
21 Mississippi Medical Center Biotechnology
22 Research, Mississippi State University
23 Research Technology, University of Southern
24 Mississippi Innovation and Commercialization

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1 Park building and construction, Alabama State
2 University for Life Sciences building, and
3 then a laboratory and research place in
4 University of Southern Alabama and Science
5 Center for 30 million. That's been additional
6 wording there.

7 And then it does increase the NOAA
8 Corps, the number of the NOAA Corps personnel.

9 So we finally get the NOAA Corps personnel to
10 operate some of the new vessels.

11 Quickly. It does -- this says now
12 that 8 million dollars for individual fishing
13 quota loans. And then we have -- and not to
14 exceed 59 million dollars for traditional
15 direct loans of authorized for the Merchant
16 Marine Act. So I did put IFQs in to this.

17 And then it's a whole new section
18 in here that, "The Secretary of Commerce is
19 permitted to prescribe and enforce standards
20 of regulation effecting safety and health of,
21 in the context of scientific and occupational
22 diving." Is something that's been added. I'm
23 not sure, but that's just something we weren't
24 aware of. But they've added that to here.

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1 And then the Secretary to, it goes in to the
2 details of the commerce, "The Secretary of
3 Commerce provided for the compensation for the
4 monument," goes to the whole process about the
5 permits and all. And then in to the -- and
6 then there's another section here on the IUU
7 vessels that's been put in to this, to this
8 Bill that's on, it's on the Magnuson.

9 And last but not least it says --

10 MR. CONNELLY: Bill, Bill what is
11 that about the IUU? Is it funding for --

12 DR. HOGARTH: No. It just says, it
13 didn't give us any money. It just says, "The
14 Secretary shall maintain and make public a
15 list of vessels and vessel owners." It gave
16 it -- and what this did it says, "Whether or
17 not the United States is party to the
18 agreement of standards of such an
19 organization."

20 MR. CONNELLY: So is that a
21 requirement for you to develop a consolidated
22 blacklist of all the --

23 DR. HOGARTH: Yes.

24 MR. CONNELLY: -- from the

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1 blacklists?

2 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. And not, and
3 even if we're not a member of it, even if
4 we're not a member, if we have to. And it
5 says, "Take appropriate actions against any,"
6 you know --

7 MR. CONNELLY: Yes.

8 DR. HOGARTH: -- and all. And we
9 have to do regulation to implement. And then
10 it's to, it's a, we, it's a 5.8 million
11 dollars for a agreement between the
12 Administrator of NOAA and Administrator of
13 National Academy of Sciences. Which they will
14 establish the Climate Change Study Committee
15 to investigate the serious and sweeping issues
16 regarding the global climate change and make
17 recommendations. But it goes on for a little
18 bit. It goes on there.

19 And then I think, finally, it's an
20 interesting one which we saw attached but we
21 don't know what this means. It says, "The
22 Secretary of Commerce will represent the
23 United States Government in negotiating and
24 monitoring international agreements regarding

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1 fisheries, marine mammals, or sea turtles."
2 And they provided, "The Secretary of Commerce
3 shall be responsible for the development and
4 inter-departmental coordination of policies of
5 the United States with respect to
6 international negotiations and agreements
7 referred to." So that is something that we're
8 not really sure because that has been the
9 Department of State. So we have to look at
10 that. That's where we are.

11 And that we understand that by
12 tomorrow, the goal is for the Senate, this
13 Bill to be back in the House. And then for a
14 conference to be but they pretty much agreed.

15 So it should be omnibus Bill for budget by,
16 of tomorrow night. Yes.

17 MR. FLETCHER: I saw partial
18 funding for regional councils.

19 DR. HOGARTH: Well, it's partial,
20 what the President asked for. We didn't get
21 the entire amount to, the President had asked
22 for. I believe, that's, so, if you look at
23 the old budget you'd see that the House gave
24 them 25 million. And the Senate, we don't

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1 have the list of the individual items to know
2 what the Senate gave. It looks like we have
3 money, it's just pretty much the same that was
4 in the House budget, you know, that we saw
5 yesterday.

6 MR. FLETCHER: That would be good
7 for the regional council, wouldn't it?

8 DR. HOGARTH: It depends on the
9 council and how much goes to the commissions,
10 you know. Commission money is in with the
11 council money.

12 MR. FLETCHER: It is?

13 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Randy.

15 MR. CATES: The National Marine
16 Fisheries Finance Program. I know that that
17 didn't have language in the Senate Bill. And
18 then I was told it was put back in. Do you
19 know if it was actually put in for
20 authorization?

21 DR. HOGARTH: I don't know. And
22 the other thing that's bothered me in this
23 Bill here there seems to have dropped out,
24 there was 3.8 million dollars, as I said to

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1 you this morning, in aquaculture. It's said
2 to be used for pilot projects in the Atlantic,
3 Pacific, and Gulf. That language is all gone.

4 We'll have more specifics this afternoon.
5 So, my office, right now, is doing a side-by-
6 side comparison with the House and Senate to
7 see what, you know, what difference there are
8 and to see if there is any chance of, you
9 know, getting any input.

10 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Anyone else? Any
11 questions?

12 DR. HOGARTH: But before people
13 start leaving, I want to thank everyone for
14 the gifts, the dinner, just everything, it's
15 been overwhelming to me. And I also want to
16 thank Mary Hope for the, Fish for the Future,
17 for the food last night. And we really
18 enjoyed having everyone over. And thanks.

19 (Applause.)

20 DR. HOGARTH: It's really been
21 great. I enjoyed it very much. I'll let you
22 go to work.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Thank you. Thanks
24 a lot. Okay.

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1 Now in terms of recommendations and
2 MAFAC motions. First, let me call on Jim
3 Gilmore, strategic planning.

4 MR. GILMORE: Thank you, Tom. My
5 workgroup met this morning. Dorothy, Mary
6 Beth, Heather, Chris, Mark, Eric, and me.

7 And our way forward is to have
8 MAFAC develop a ocean policy document. And
9 our principal audience for this is going to be
10 the incoming administration. And so the idea
11 will be that we will get to drafting,
12 following this meeting. The idea is we would
13 get drafts out to the full committee, get
14 feedback, and try to take final action at the
15 next meeting on a document. I think we'll be
16 at a larger policy level where the
17 wordsmithing, while important, hopefully won't
18 get us in to any contentious issues. And
19 we'll be able to resolve things through email
20 exchanges and what have you. But the idea is
21 that this workgroup will take on the principal
22 drafting responsibility. Coming back to the
23 full committee for guidance. Maybe after two
24 or three rounds we can have a document that we

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1 can get signed off on in July.

2 Obviously some things will happen.

3 Maybe not obviously some things will happen
4 in Congress. But some things. It's not out
5 of the realm of possibility that Congress
6 would actually act on an issue and require us
7 to do some changing on the fly. Something
8 like the NOAA Organic Act. And we would, you
9 know, obviously want to have the flexibility
10 between the July meeting and November to make
11 any additional changes. But the idea would be
12 that, barring changes, we'd be where we would
13 want to be in July. So that's the idea of
14 where we're, where we would be going.

15 As Mark has scrolled up here, we
16 would tier off Vision 2020 report to look for
17 near term, not this year, but near term types
18 of actions so working from, I think, it was
19 Tom's suggestion yesterday, maybe what we need
20 is a five year plan. And maybe it would be a
21 four year plan for an incoming administration
22 to be, to be looking at.

23 If you want to scroll down a little
24 bit more. Cut to that. The premise, what do

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1 we need to do to make this happen here? What
2 are the issues? And one of the starting
3 points for us would be to look at the NOAA
4 Organic Act legislation that's pending. And
5 see whether we find broad policy items there
6 that we would want to emphasize. Whether a
7 NOAA Organic Act is an act in this Congress or
8 not. Obviously that's one of the things we
9 would be developing on the fly. It might be a
10 moot point by next year. But if it was not,
11 what we want to do is, set this incoming
12 Secretary, and Undersecretary, and Assistant
13 Administrator for Fisheries on the, on the
14 path of being the principal advocate in the
15 next administration for NOAA being the lead
16 oceans agency. We want to highlight that for
17 them.

18 We will look through the current
19 agency structure to make recommendations on
20 how we coordinate the responsibilities within
21 NOAA. This goes to one of the issues that we
22 talked about, yesterday in the Vision 2020,
23 that we're getting in to place-based
24 management. What are the, what are the issues

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1 that we want to highlight? I don't think
2 we're going to resolve them, but I think we
3 need to highlight them. That whether it's
4 monument designation, or Marine Protected
5 Area, or a closed fishing area done by a
6 council, or whatever, we need to have some
7 integration within NOAA for how that is
8 handled. And then the management of living
9 marine resources within those designations.
10 We want to point to the next administration
11 that those are issues that are, that are out
12 there. That are burrs under the saddle, right
13 now, that we want to deal with.

14 On the ecosystem based approach to
15 management, it's clearly the way forward in
16 fisheries management. But we all recognize
17 that there are internal and external barriers
18 which is to say within NOAA. There are issues
19 that are precluding a smooth path to
20 developing the best ecosystem based approach
21 to management. There are also contributions
22 that agencies outside of NOAA can bring to the
23 table. And we want to highlight that to be
24 sure that, again, the incoming administration

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1 understands that we want to lay claim to some
2 other resources and expertise that's out there
3 to help us build a better picture of of the
4 ocean environment.

5 We want to look at alternatives for
6 additional funding for NOAA, I suppose that's
7 probably not an unwelcome bullet point after
8 what we just heard. There are proposals out
9 there in the Oceans 21 Bill. There is a
10 competing proposal, that Senator Stevens'
11 advanced for getting a piece of the oil and
12 gas revenues. We'd like to look at that,
13 again, to highlight for the next
14 administration that we need to be thinking
15 creatively about ways to get the funding for
16 what we want.

17 Going back again to the discussion
18 we've had earlier. Information, education,
19 making NOAA a lead voice for informing the
20 public about its accomplishments and the work
21 that scientists and managers are doing.

22 Measurement of success. We all
23 want the best ecological health for the ocean
24 and to see how that translates into economic

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1 productivity. So we want the policy
2 development to refer to things like
3 aquaculture, responsible aquaculture
4 development, LAPP programs to bring
5 socioeconomic stability to fisheries, enhance
6 recreational fisheries, etcetera, etcetera.

7 And we want to organize NOAA's
8 science leadership and data research to
9 emerging areas of integrated science and
10 climate change including ocean acidification.

11 Obviously, a huge issue out there, climate
12 change. And how do we corral that? Also to,
13 and tying back to ecosystem based management
14 to help us with our modeling and prediction,
15 predictions.

16 And I think that's it. Mark and I
17 always kept coming up with a different number
18 of bullet points. I wasn't sure if there were

19 --

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: I always have eight.

21 But I can't find it.

22 MR. GILMORE: So that's the idea.
23 That's an ambitious set of policy items to
24 highlight for an incoming Secretary. I don't

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1 envision this becoming another Vision 2020
2 document. I think it will be concise and to
3 the point as incoming administrations are
4 overrun with paper and people and all sorts of
5 people preaching to them.

6 But the idea would be to highlight
7 the fact that you have a diverse group of
8 stakeholders here with a lot to contribute.
9 And these are our thoughts on where the
10 incoming administration really needs to place
11 the emphasis and to help place MAFAC as a
12 valuable contributor to the Secretary and the
13 new Undersecretary.

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Do you want this
15 to be in the form of a motion?

16 MR. GILMORE: I guess the motion
17 would that this workgroup be empowered to move
18 forward with drafting to, I'll say, continuous
19 consultation with the full committee with the
20 purpose of coming back with a final product in
21 July.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I don't think that
23 needs to be a motion. I think that's where --
24 unless there's any objection. It's your work

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1 plan. Any comment on this? Accept the
2 report. Okay.

3 MR. RAYBURN: I assume when you say
4 ocean policy, are you relating to living
5 marine resources or is it an overall ocean
6 policy for NOAA?

7 MR. GILMORE: Well, I think that,
8 you know, the linkage starts, you know, right
9 away. I mean, when you start talking about
10 climate change and ocean acidification, what
11 have you. And it has such a direct
12 relationship that I think we want to speak
13 more broadly so that we don't inadvertently or
14 advertently have too narrow a focus to what
15 it is we want to do. Because our number one
16 principal is really to have this Secretary
17 come in fighting that, this is the lead agency
18 in the federal government on oceans issues.
19 We understand there are other agencies, many
20 other agencies, and departments that have
21 other responsibilities. But we want this
22 Secretary to be an advocate that the expertise
23 resides in that agency and when things effect
24 the oceans, might not have a legislative or

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1 regulatory authority over what gets dumped in
2 the Mississippi and ends up in the Gulf of
3 Mexico, but the science, I think it was Eric
4 who said, "But when NOAA lays the science on
5 the table, other federal agencies have to be
6 responsive to that." So.

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Other questions or
8 comments?

9 (No reply.)

10 Do we have a motion to accept the
11 report of the strategic plan subcommittee?

12 MR. RAFTICAN: Motion.

13 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Tom.
14 Second.

15 MS. McCARTY: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Any discussion? I
17 seen none. All those in favor, all those in
18 favor say, "aye."

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No reply.)

22 So moved.

23 DR. HOGARTH: I think maybe one day
24 we did this, I thought about this and I just

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1 haven't made it happen. But I think it may be
2 good to get, you know, the head of NOS and the
3 head of OAR can maybe we come to a MAFAC to
4 talk about some of these issues. I think the
5 problem is, we don't communicate as much as we
6 should between agencies, so to speak. And I
7 think, we met with OAR. It was in Boulder not
8 long ago. And it was an excellent day and a
9 half meeting, I thought. It was a lot of --
10 and so it may be good to fix a couple of these
11 issues like ocean acidification or some of the
12 sanctuary or this type of thing and just have
13 a, ask them to come for a session of question
14 and answer so we can -- I don't know where is
15 the right place to bring that up, but I
16 thought since you were talking about policy
17 and all that --

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: That's good.
19 Okay. We'll keep that in mind and follow up
20 next meeting or one of the next meetings.
21 Good. Okay. All right.

22 I'd like to move on then. The next
23 committee is the Commerce Subcommittee. And
24 I've handed out two documents. The first

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1 covers, three discussions that the
2 subcommittee had in the areas of aquaculture,
3 seafood safety and quality, and seafood
4 sustainability and certification. These, the
5 subcommittee's discussions grew out of the
6 presentations and discussions the committee
7 had over the last couple of days. I'd like
8 to, we can either consider a motion on all
9 three or do it separately, but I'd like to
10 have an initial discussion.

11 Why don't we focus first on
12 aquaculture. Our intent here was to
13 acknowledge the progress that's been made.
14 And since aquaculture is also a key component
15 of our Vision 2020 Plan, that we look forward
16 to the continued priority being placed on
17 aquaculture by the leadership of NOAA. And we
18 also wanted to signal our desire to continue
19 to be informed about progress in this area.
20 And with particular emphasis on a focus on
21 commercial scale demonstration projects which
22 came up in the discussions a day or two ago.

23 And finally, given the fact that
24 there's pending legislation and/or interest in

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1 increasing the budget, a signal that the
2 committee is willing to be of assistance in
3 some appropriate way, if that's could be
4 helpful to the leadership of NOAA in this
5 important area.

6 I don't know if the subcommittee
7 members want to add to anything to what I've
8 said on this or any questions by any of the,
9 any of the committee members. John.

10 MR. FORSTER: We also don't have
11 full information. But in light of the budget
12 report and the possibility that we just lost
13 3.8 million maybe we want to find some way to
14 urge the administration to walk the talk. And
15 which, you know, they're dedicated to
16 aquaculture, committed to aquaculture, I think
17 I heard Bill say yesterday, somehow to get a
18 message back to say, you know, "We're
19 confused, at least." And you know, "Is there
20 anything that could be done to salvage that
21 situation?" Because that would be highly
22 devastating.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Well, this
24 in a generic way, signals that, Bill just said

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1 that, it's not clear, he doesn't have enough
2 information to know if that money has really
3 disappeared, or not or if it will come back in
4 with the House, or in the joint meeting of the
5 House and Senate on the budget.

6 MR. FORSTER: If it does disappear
7 I would suggest that in some way, shape or
8 form we might want to find some additional
9 words. Because that's a big chunk out of all
10 the good speeches and things that's been made
11 about aquaculture.

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Well, we will
13 would certainly have that opportunity in July.

14 But we could do it by some other means before
15 that, if that becomes the case.

16 MR. FORSTER: Yes. Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Now Eric.

18 MR. SCHWABB: My only comment, Tom,
19 is this strikes me as a bit passive given the
20 energy that we put in to this issue and the
21 role that it plays in content of this 2020
22 document. And I think, language like, you
23 know, "We look forward to this continued
24 emphasis," could be sort of strengthened by

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1 something to the effect of, "We urge continued
2 emphasis of," you know. And we're kind of
3 put, casting ourselves in the role of, you
4 know, let us know how this worked out, in the
5 second paragraph. You know, we look forward
6 to updating progress. Is there a way that we
7 could of kind of circle a more strongly,
8 a desire to, not only see a level of
9 prioritize this, but be engaged in that
10 discussion. Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Thanks. Bill.

12 MR. DEWEY: To that point, perhaps
13 a friendly amendment would be on that next to
14 last line on the top paragraph. "The
15 committee urges continued emphasis by NOAA
16 leadership." And then on that second
17 paragraph, I'd offer a friendly amendment, as
18 well. It would read, "Much remains to be done
19 and MAFAC looks forward to continuing updates
20 on," and then I would insert, "implementation
21 of the ten year plan, in particular, on the
22 legislation," to change that sentence so that
23 it references the ten year plan.

24 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. So it would

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1 now read in the first paragraph we would
2 delete the words "look forward to this" and
3 substitute "urges continued emphasis by NOAA
4 leadership." And then in the second
5 paragraph, rather than the word "progress on"
6 and substitute the words, "the ten year plan."

7 So --

8 MR. DEWEY: It would read,
9 "Continuing updates on implementation of the
10 ten year plan."

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Implementation of.
12 Okay.

13 MR. DEWEY: In particular, on the
14 legislation.

15 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Okay.
16 Ralph.

17 MR. RAYBURN: It seems to me, we
18 would want to have Congress leadership
19 involved in it too. So not just the emphasis
20 by NOAA leadership, but by, you can say,
21 "departmental leadership or Department of
22 Commerce leadership," or something like that.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: How about
24 "Commerce/DOC"?

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1 MR. RAYBURN: However it works.
2 Just seems like the Secretary needs to be
3 there.

4 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. DOC/NOAA.

5 MR. DEWEY: NOAA/DOC.

6 MR. RAYBURN: DOC/NOAA? DOC/NOAA.

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. Yes, that's
8 fine. Okay. Any other comments? Nope.
9 Okay. Are you interested in a motion to
10 accept this as a motion?

11 MR. RAYBURN: Motion to accept.

12 MR. RAFTICAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Second. Any
14 discussion? All in favor say "aye".

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 Anyone opposed?

17 (No reply.)

18 It's approved. All right.

19 The next one is seafood safety and
20 quality. This is based on the briefing by Tim
21 Hansen and further discussion that we had at
22 the subcommittee level.

23 As you can see here, while we
24 acknowledged the progress that's been made,

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1 there's clearly continuing problems. Some
2 old. Some new. In that, we felt it might be
3 best to encourage NOAA fisheries to develop a
4 draft strategic plan. And to do it
5 cooperatively with the other responsible
6 parties.

7 Tim Hansen was here for our
8 discussion. And acknowledged that Bill had
9 already asked Tim to lead an effort to develop
10 a more focused strategic plan. So this fits
11 right in with the work you had already
12 started.

13 And then we wanted to, also, in
14 more specific terms, as there's this review
15 and plan, planning done to look at options for
16 the role that NOAA could play and the resource
17 implications of that. Recognizing that,
18 currently, it's a user fee program.
19 Apparently, with the exception of Hawaii from
20 what I saw on the earlier, where there's some
21 4 or 500 million thousand dollars for
22 something called seafood inspection.

23 But anyway, this is, the idea here
24 would be that we would expect to receive a

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1 briefing in July on the initial draft
2 strategic plan. And have a reasonable length
3 discussion on it at that time. And then have
4 the committee see where we go from there. Any
5 discussion? Tim.

6 DR. ROBERTS: Tim mentioned, and I
7 think Bill said something about it the other
8 day too, that the service was very close to
9 getting an MOU with FDA. And there was some
10 last May, if in fact that is likely not going
11 to happen, could we encourage it here, in
12 this, Bill, what's the hang up there?

13 DR. HOGARTH: Well, let me tell
14 you. This is, is sort of discouraging. We've
15 been working on this for, MOU for probably
16 three years. And we've been over it twice in
17 the last month. And Bill has done more than I
18 have. There is one the thing the attorneys
19 have gotten hung up on. The authority. It
20 should be able to be done pretty quick. And
21 they need us right now. They need us. And we
22 got 35 people we put over there to be trained
23 just so they can go do the work in China. It
24 would be nice to have a statement in here.

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1 But we're going to push it.

2 MR. RAFTICAN: Do you think you are
3 going to resolve it anyway?

4 DR. HOGARTH: We hope. And I think
5 we will. So.

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: And my thinking is
7 the strategic would go beyond that. It would
8 build on that.

9 DR. ROBERTS: I was concerned, if
10 you can't even get an MOU, how are you going
11 to get a strategic plan?

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: And I'm actually
13 going to try to help this process. I have
14 lunch with my former Deputy who is the person
15 in FDA that will sign such an agreement next
16 week, to see if I can encourage/accelerate the
17 process a little bit on NOAA's behalf. All
18 right.

19 Any other comments? Yes. Mark.

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: I just want to make
21 sure I understand the action being proposed.
22 It's -- your asking the agency to go back and
23 draft a strategic plan in cooperation with
24 these others.

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1 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: And then have that
3 for consideration at your next meeting. We
4 came to the table with a series of questions
5 that were being posed to MAFAC which was sort
6 of the same thing. What are the important
7 issues that are on your agenda for seafood
8 quality and safety? This was the last slide
9 that was in Tim's presentation. And so it's
10 sort of, you're throwing it back to us. We'll
11 come back with a strategic plan. It would be
12 perhaps something collaborative between now
13 and July to try to reveal what your thoughts
14 are about some of the highest priority issues
15 or ideas in the area of seafood quality and
16 safety. Because we didn't really didn't get
17 to that level of a discussion after Tim's
18 presentation.

19 And I think that would be very
20 important to hear your input up-front rather
21 than come up with a strategic plan. And then
22 give it back to you and say, "Oh, well, we
23 really think you ought to focus your energy
24 here, or there, or elsewhere." So I would

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1 propose perhaps a, somehow, maybe it's
2 imbedded in your text, implicit in your text.

3 But it would be that kind of exchange or, you
4 know, seeking of information on the responses
5 for your questions.

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Now, in response,
7 I'll speak for myself. We didn't learn enough
8 in 45 minutes of presentation to feel in a
9 position to provide that kind of input. And
10 so the idea was a more, much more detailed
11 briefing, maybe a half a day session at the
12 July meeting, a better understanding of what
13 FDA is doing. We learned nothing really about
14 the MOU, about where that stands, what the
15 states are doing.

16 The idea being that the July
17 meeting would then provide that opportunity to
18 have that dialogue as a starting point.
19 That's why we left it for options so it could
20 be sort of a starting point.

21 Now, I don't know if anyone else
22 wants to comment or not.

23 MR. DEWEY: Well, I guess, I would
24 echo your thoughts here. I mean, we had our

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1 presentation and raised a fair amount of
2 questions. Between the distinction between
3 the USDA and FDA inspections and the
4 percentages. And needing some clarity on
5 that.

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Sure.

7 MR. DEWEY: But clearly, this area
8 of seafood safety is a concern. And if there
9 are ways that a commerce inspection program
10 can enhance FDA's efforts, that to me, that
11 was a key area that I assumed would be
12 addressed by this MOA, but needing more
13 details on the MOA is important --

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: And don't get me
15 wrong. I think that there's not a lot of
16 information on the table, you know, that MAFAC
17 experts. It's just the way the motion or the
18 report reads is, you want us to go draft a
19 strategic plan. Yes, it has options, but it
20 really would be a more ideal case to draft
21 that in collaboration with MAFAC, as opposed
22 to, after the fact. So maybe it's a draft
23 strategic plan. Our ideas for a strategic
24 plan.

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1 But if the intent is to have a half
2 day session on seafood safety and quality in
3 July, which is a great idea, I don't think
4 having, you know, us completing a strategic
5 plan for consideration by you at the next
6 meeting is really the precise task that you
7 want us to undertake. If it is, that's fine.

8 I just want to make sure, when we
9 go back and next week we start talking about
10 what are we going to be doing now, we're going
11 to be drafting a strategic plan or are we
12 developing additional materials for your
13 consideration in developing a broader briefing
14 and information exchange in July?

15 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Well, a strategic
16 plan often starts with a definition of the
17 problems and the issues. And I'm not, it's
18 not clear to me what are all the problems and
19 issues are. Short term or longer term. And
20 particularly, in the context of our Vision
21 2020. So, it may not have to be a complete
22 strategic plan. For example, the aquaculture
23 people came back with a rough draft. And it
24 was incomplete. But it had enough there where

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1 we could have that dialogue and get some
2 direction. So this -- maybe the word "draft"
3 isn't clear enough, "draft strategic plan".
4 Or maybe "components of a strategic plan". Or
5 something that makes it clear, we need more
6 information and a general sense of what might
7 be possible to provide our input.

8 DR. HOGARTH: How about a
9 discussion paper on the issues --

10 CHAIRMAN BILLY: That's fine too.

11 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. I think what
12 you want is a discussion paper on the issues,
13 you know, facing seafood safety and quality.

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. That's
15 good.

16 DR. HOGARTH: And then a discussion
17 in July, you can probably then -- partial as
18 to which ones do we deal with and which ones
19 we may have to go back to somebody else. But
20 I think part of that would be FDA and
21 authority in the states. Authority, even in
22 enforcement and customs.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

24 DR. HOGARTH: That's where we have

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1 all of them, got that issue.

2 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Ken.

3 DR. ROBERTS: That would be fine
4 with me. I just don't want to lose the
5 emphasis of the last sentence there. In that
6 discussion document, instead of a status
7 report, we'd like to know what's envisioned as
8 the specific role within NOAA fisheries.

9 That, and I was disturbed the other
10 day by a couple of bullets on Tim's slide.
11 One that said, "Assistance to industry is not
12 within the mission of the agency." I mean it
13 was -- he's the one that put it up. I didn't
14 have to contrive it.

15 The second one was that, "The
16 agency had assumed the role of that FDA
17 seafood role." Well, how did that happen?
18 You know, will it be a continuing thing in the
19 future, if FDA bails out on certain things? I
20 think you could sharpen those things up for us
21 about where it's actually going to be within
22 the agency, would be helpful.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. John.

24 MR. CATES: Maybe somewhat like

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1 Tim's comment. The President has put out his
2 Food Safety Plan and his Import Safety Plan.
3 And I -- as part of this discussion in July, I
4 would like to understand how NMFS, the agency,
5 NOAA more broadly fits in that overall plan.
6 So there is a governmental plan being
7 developed and I would hate to have two parts
8 to the Government over here and then NOAA
9 starting on a track separately. I'd just like
10 to see how they fit together.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. That's why
12 we said, "In cooperation with FDA." I know
13 FDA is at the table. I don't know if NOAA
14 fisheries is.

15 MR. CATES: It just says they are,
16 I've asked, so, but maybe that's like saying,
17 "Commerce and safety," maybe not --

18 DR. HOGARTH: We have been, in my
19 book, sometimes one of the dilemmas is,
20 sometimes held in by department and not by the
21 people you know.

22 MR. CATES: That's where we're,
23 from a budget standpoint, that where we're
24 pushing for money --

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1 DR. HOGARTH: Yes.

2 MR. CATES: -- is in that area.

3 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Bob.

4 MR. FLETCHER: You know, I think
5 there's a lot more unknowns than knowns based
6 on what we've been given so far. The idea of
7 a discussion paper is a great starting point.
8 The idea that there's other things going on,
9 that we're not aware of, like what John
10 brought up, that information should be part of
11 this discussion in July.

12 Tim sounded kind of proud that one-
13 third of the seafood was inspected. Well, I
14 worry about the other two-thirds. And, are
15 the voluntary inspections only the good guys
16 getting inspected and the bad guys dodging any
17 inspection? And that two-thirds is made up of
18 a lot of bad guys or something. We don't
19 know. So those are the kind of things we need
20 to better understand. As we work down this
21 road.

22 MR. CATES: Tom, just, I think it's
23 real important. We're not going to meet for
24 another six months. And not to rehash the

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1 discussion from yesterday morning. But I
2 think it's absolutely important that we not
3 walk away from here and think that Tim's
4 program or the Seafood Inspection Program is a
5 seafood safety program. It is a quality
6 program.

7 And quality to a processor means,
8 if I'm Kroger and I want my processor to cut
9 4.6 ounce fillets in a certain shape, that's
10 that's all Tim is checking, from a quality
11 standpoint is, does this meet my customer's
12 specs? He's not going in and doing antibiotic
13 testing. He's not doing and going in and
14 doing Salmonella fillet and other stuff. It's
15 just real important that we understand that
16 isn't what Tim does when he says 33 percent.
17 He's saying, "33 percent of the stuff you buy
18 at the retail has been inspected by DOC and
19 make sure it's the cut, size, shape that a
20 retailer wants it." And not, and not the the
21 fillet Salmonella type stuff that FDA does. I
22 think that's --

23 DR. HOGARTH: Yes, this is handling
24 the stuff certainly. But it's not in --

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1 MR. CATES: Yes.

2 DR. HOGARTH: -- they have to have
3 certain standards in there, in the operation.
4 But we don't, we do not do the individual
5 test for it.

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Bill.

7 MR. DEWEY: I don't know what the
8 status of the MOA might be in, by our meeting
9 in July. I just wonder if it might be helpful
10 to have a FDA representative at that meeting
11 and talk about this --

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: That's a good
13 idea. Other comments? Anyone?

14 (No reply.)

15 Okay. So with the modification of
16 our requesting to develop a discussion paper,
17 I'd look for a motion to, on this item, the
18 seafood safety and quality.

19 MR. FLETCHER: I move.

20 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Second?

21 (No audible reply.)

22 Any further discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 All those in favor say, "aye".

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1 (Chorus of ayes.)

2 Opposed?

3 (No reply.)

4 Okay.

5 DR. HOGARTH: Thank you. John, I
6 went to call on the phone, since I've really
7 been following this budget. It's still 3.4
8 million dollars for aquaculture in there.

9 MR. FORSTER: Excellent.

10 DR. HOGARTH: 3.4 million. And
11 there's other money that there's OAR's budget
12 that's been, I think that's for some aqua
13 budget.

14 MR. FORSTER: All right. Well,
15 thank you.

16 DR. HOGARTH: It did maintain it.

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Last item.
18 There's a Commerce Subcommittee is, the
19 discussion the full committee had on seafood
20 sustainability and certification.

21 We then took -- based on that
22 discussion, talked more about this area. And
23 we wanted to acknowledge the progress that's
24 been made particularly on the FishWatch

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1 website. We wanted to signal clearly that we
2 look forward to the continued expansion of
3 FishWatch, further improvement of it. And
4 there was some suggestions made yesterday
5 which Alan noted. And further promotion of
6 FishWatch. But it -- our discussion, it
7 became clear that we weren't just talking
8 about promotion of FishWatch. And there was
9 quite a strong feeling that NOAA should
10 significantly expand educational and
11 promotional efforts on fisheries management.
12 What's being achieved in the positive sense
13 with particular emphasis on a better public
14 understanding of the national standards, ten
15 standards in sustainability, as NOAA fisheries
16 looks at it.

17 It was then felt that it would be
18 worthwhile, as we kept discussing it, we were
19 learning about new programs and the --
20 available in the U.S. and other countries.
21 And it would be worthwhile to ask NOAA to take
22 a look at the whole picture and do a review.
23 And then get some sense of what's available in
24 terms of sustainability programs. And, but

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1 our thinking was sort of a matrix, there would
2 be a list and then categories. And that would
3 sort of describe the scope and the approach
4 that's being used, what standards are being
5 applied, any information on costs or how
6 that's based, and that kind of thing.
7 Obviously, it would be what's possible. And
8 that broader picture then would be brought
9 back to NOAA, to MAFAC, as a basis for our
10 further consideration, of this area.

11 There's also some interest in the
12 possibility that there might be some role for
13 NOAA as an auditor in some capacity. And
14 there were sort of pros and the cons discussed
15 about that. But we wanted to keep that on the
16 table as an idea that we would look at some
17 more, at our next meeting.

18 So that's that's sort of the
19 discussion. And it's reflected here in this
20 item. Any comments from the committee? Yes.
21 Heather.

22 MS. McCARTY: Yes. Thank you, Mr.
23 Chairman. What is the, what is the goal of
24 that second paragraph exactly? I guess I'm

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1 not knowing why we would be so concerned about
2 NOAA auditing these programs, for example. I
3 continue to think that's a bad idea, by the
4 way. But I don't have any objection to it
5 being looked at. But what would be the goal
6 of that exercise? The review exercise. Just
7 information or --

8 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. Are the ten
9 national standards, in general use, or is it
10 more are these various programs leaning more
11 on the FAO document? Or both? How is this
12 working? How is it unfolding? And how many
13 countries are there participation in this?
14 Just paint a fuller picture, as a basis, for
15 the committee deciding whether it should pay
16 any further attention to this. And if so, in
17 what way?

18 MS. McCARTY: Okay. I understand,
19 I guess. I'm just wondering whether it's a
20 precursor to --

21 CHAIRMAN BILLY: We used the word
22 "study" originally.

23 MS. McCARTY: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN BILLY: And then we

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1 changed it to kind of "review" to soften it as
2 something less intense and more fact finding.

3 MS. McCARTY: May I just continue?

4 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. Sure. Yes.

5 MS. McCARTY: Is it not then a
6 precursor to MAFAC suggesting that NOAA create
7 their own certification program? Because we
8 sort of discarded that concept.

9 CHAIRMAN BILLY: No.

10 MS. McCARTY: Okay. I'm just
11 checking --

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: We didn't have
13 that in mind.

14 MS. McCARTY: -- because it might
15 just be sort of a relic of that discussion.
16 And I'm wondering if --

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I don't think so.

18 MS. McCARTY: -- we're not thinking
19 about doing something, recommending something
20 like that or that we need to have someone
21 undertake this exercise.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I don't think that
23 was suggested when we had our discussion at
24 all.

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1 MS. McCARTY: Okay. I was just
2 curious.

3 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. Bob.

4 MR. FLETCHER: One point that I
5 thought really was a good one was brought up
6 at the meeting by John, was that, we we also
7 are interested in knowing just how far the
8 certification programs are going, in terms of
9 determining whether or not the management is
10 adequate. And in fact, becoming an oversight
11 for NOAA fisheries and pointing the fingers
12 at, "You can do more or we're going to cancel
13 out the certification." I mean, that that was
14 a concern.

15 Another point, and this kind of
16 bridges over to the issue before, and that is,
17 I asked, "How much work had been done on
18 helping to educate the private and the public
19 as to the best way to maintain their products
20 quality?" And Jim suggested, at that point,
21 that maybe the best place for something, on
22 that, is in the FishWatch. And while
23 FishWatch is identified here, under
24 "Certification", it certainly made sense to

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1 me, that if there is something in FishWatch
2 that is expanded to encourage consideration by
3 the private recreational handler of seafood
4 quality, and here's some ways you can do it.
5 But that's another reason why people might
6 want to go to FishWatch, is to get that
7 information. So --

8 MS. McCARTY: That's a good idea.

9 MR. FLETCHER: -- those are the
10 thoughts I had.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes. Jim

12 MR. GILMORE: Tom, this is just to
13 clarify in that second paragraph. As part of
14 this review, I'd like to come back to the the
15 motion from the previous meeting about
16 encouraging meeting between the NOAA
17 leadership and the MSC since they are the
18 dominant program. To say, "Your program, this
19 voluntary program that industry engages in, to
20 some extent, does impose time commitments and
21 costs on the agency. And the condition
22 setting process, while it's improved, is still
23 not perfect." And so, I guess I, as opposed
24 to just a stand back review of the programs, I

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1 would like there to be some dialogue between
2 the principal ecolabeling group and the agency
3 to --

4 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Our assumption was
5 that that meeting has not occurred.

6 DR. HOGARTH: No. It hasn't. It's
7 occurring somewhere between -- some of the
8 people in the Alaska -- but not as a whole,
9 no. And they should. That's something I
10 didn't follow through on, basically, in time.
11 But we can get that done. We can get that
12 done.

13 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Should we add a
14 sentence in this second paragraph then?

15 MR. GILMORE: I think as long as
16 it's clear to the Agency that's what's
17 imbedded in here and --

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay.

19 DR. HOGARTH: Just let the minutes,
20 I think, of the meeting reflect that we will
21 report back to you by July.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Ralph.

23 MR. RAYBURN: Wasn't there
24 something in there, Jim, about other countries

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1 as well? I mean, as I recall there was a
2 group of countries that you listed that all
3 NMFS -- for pulling those countries together
4 and facing MSC together and come up with some
5 unity, as far as, accepting that programs of
6 sophisticated infrastructure program on
7 fisheries management as being complete. And
8 just check off that section of "adequate
9 management" on the MSC certification process.

10 Is that still kind of the idea or is it --

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Well, I think, you
12 know, to -- John and I have talked about this.

13 That we think it would be in the fisheries
14 service interest to talk to the New Zealand
15 Government and the Canadian Government that
16 appear to be having independent conversations
17 with the MSC to get a management system
18 checkoff. And that, just strategically, it
19 seems like it would be better if those three
20 governments were working together in getting a
21 deal from the MSC rather than each government
22 negotiating that separately.

23 So I guess some outreach to DFO and
24 the New Zealand fisheries.

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1 DR. HOGARTH: That's another reason
2 Canada -- but not New Zealand. In fact, I
3 think Canada, I found out -- I need to check
4 my notes, Canada was supposed to get New
5 Zealand, to get the three of us together. And
6 they haven't done it, that's all -- but they
7 took that on to do it.

8 CHAIRMAN BILLY: And that's a
9 little bit why this wording is the way it is,
10 in terms of, "And other countries to evaluate
11 approaches, scope, standards," see how folks
12 are playing this. What's going on that might
13 be instructional for NOAA and/or whether this
14 committee should do anything else.

15 DR. HOGARTH: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Heather.

17 MS. McCARTY: Yes. You might also
18 add the State of Alaska to that. Considering
19 that's one of the larger programs that's in
20 the program. Alaska. And they've been
21 through a recertification which is, was
22 extremely problematic.

23 DR. HOGARTH: And there's some
24 issues developing with the EU group, the

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1 network.

2 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Any other
3 comments? Bill.

4 MR. DEWEY: You mentioned earlier
5 in your discussion about the application of
6 the FAO guidelines for ecolabeling. I just
7 wonder if it would be a friendly amendment in
8 the second sentence of that second paragraph,
9 "In this review, considerations should be
10 given to inserting the application of FAO
11 guidelines for ecolabeling." And a new
12 sentence, "And the need for third party
13 auditors."

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Moving to -
15 -

16 MR. DEWEY: "The application of FAO
17 guidelines for ecolabeling. And the need for
18 third party."

19 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Did you get
20 that?

21 MS. KATSOUROS: -- application to
22 FAO guidelines.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: FAO guidelines for
24 ecolabeling.

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1 MR. DEWEY: For ecolabeling.

2 CHAIRMAN BILLY: "And the need for
3 third party auditors." And the rest of the
4 sentence. Okay.

5 Any other comments or suggestions
6 to any -- okay. Motion to accept this.

7 DR. ROBERTS: So moved.

8 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Second.

9 (No audible reply.)

10 Okay. All those opposed say "aye".

11 (Laughter.)

12 (Off mic comments.)

13 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I know. You guys
14 are awake.

15 All those in favor say "aye".

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 All right. Passed. Okay. Okay.

18 One other thing. We also passed
19 out a draft letter. Which we've shared with
20 Bill. Which focuses on an opportunity to
21 influence an ongoing effort by NOAA's Office
22 of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

23 Bill, I don't know if you want to
24 say anything.

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1 MR. DEWEY: Yes. I can speak to
2 it. I raised this is in the Commerce
3 Subcommittee. We didn't talk about it
4 yesterday, but amongst the material passed out
5 to us, was a paper title "The Top Ten Concepts
6 for an Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management
7 Act of 2008." And this two pager is a work
8 product from the Coastal States Organization
9 and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource
10 Management and their envisioning efforts for
11 listening sessions they've done around the
12 country over the past year. And I've tried,
13 at least through listening sessions out in the
14 west coast, to draw attention to the fact that
15 a lot of the aquaculture development
16 opportunities in marine waters are in near
17 shore state waters. And we could go a lot, a
18 long ways towards achieving Congress's goals
19 for aquaculture development if states were
20 encouraged to do some comprehensive planning
21 within the state laws, if accommodated.

22 So on number 6, finding number 6 on
23 the second page of this document, it talks
24 about each coastal state would prepare a

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1 management plan that would have measurable
2 objectives to address national priorities,
3 such as, protecting habitat and making
4 communities more resilient to coastal hazards
5 and climate change. What I, we suggested
6 through this letter is that, they consider
7 amongst those national priorities to add
8 aquaculture to the list.

9 And so that's what we had, thought
10 we recommend is a letter that would go from
11 Dr. Hogarth to Admiral Lautenbacher, copying
12 Jack Dunnigan, AA for NOS. To try to draw
13 attention to this.

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Just one
15 technical -- though I may have misunderstood
16 your question when you asked me earlier about
17 the origin of it. The actual document is a
18 product of NOS, as informed by, the listening
19 sessions and other inputs that NOS receives.
20 So it's not a product of the Coastal States
21 Organization itself.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Okay.

23 DR. HOLLIDAY: The ten principles,
24 the ten principles document is an NOS

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1 synthesis of what they have heard throughout
2 their process of developing positions on
3 reauthorization of the coastal zone
4 management.

5 MR. DEWEY: So the letter is still
6 accurate, though the way it reads, I believe
7 omitted that. Do we need to amend the letter
8 to reflect what you just said? Or -- I think
9 it still works the way it's worded.

10 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well, okay.

11 MR. DEWEY: If it needs to be
12 amended, just say so Mark.

13 DR. HOLLIDAY: No. I just -- it
14 implies as if the top ten concepts was a
15 product of both OCRM and the Coastal States as
16 their, as a joint product was how I was
17 reading it.

18 MR. DEWEY: Okay. How would you
19 suggest it be edited to be more accurate?

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: At the end of the
21 title, "As prepared by the NOAA Ocean
22 Service." So, "Was presented with the top ten
23 concepts for an integrated coastal ocean zone
24 management act of 2008, as prepared by --

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1 MR. DEWEY: NOS.

2 DR. HOLLIDAY: NOAA's Ocean
3 Service.

4 MR. DEWEY: Okay.

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Because I just
6 wouldn't want the Coastal States Organization
7 to think that that -- we were -- that was
8 their work product that we were dealing with.

9 MR. DEWEY: Thanks for that
10 clarification.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. I don't
12 think this requires approval. It's a letter
13 from you to the Admiral. Unless the committee
14 feels otherwise. Are there any objections to
15 -- any problems to this? It's a good idea.
16 You can accept --

17 DR. HOGARTH: Yes. Yes. We are
18 going to do a letter review, this memo type
19 thing that we do, internal. But it says the
20 same thing.

21 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Okay.
22 Okay. RecFish. Bob, is there anything you
23 further you need to report on or?

24 MR. FLETCHER: Only, Mr. Chairman,

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1 that the Executive Steering Committee of the
2 Marine Recreational Improvement Program will
3 be meeting again in the next several months to
4 get an update on the progress. And it might
5 be appropriate for me to provide that to, the
6 listserv for MAFAC, so that everyone is
7 informed as to the progress of that. And then
8 we'll have the item again brought up for the
9 July meeting to get us a further okay.

10 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Okay. Any
11 other questions? No. Heather.

12 MS. McCARTY: Are we at the end of
13 the business part and -- or do we have further
14 to go?

15 CHAIRMAN BILLY: We've got one more
16 item related to Vision 2020. And then we're -
17 -

18 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN BILLY: -- I'm going to
20 open for new business --

21 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: -- or other
23 points.

24 MS. McCARTY: Well, I guess I'll

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1 just ask the question now then. This report
2 that goes to the Secretary from the MAFAC
3 meeting, is that in the form of minutes or is
4 it a compilation?

5 DR. HOLLIDAY: Minutes.

6 MS. McCARTY: Minutes. And the
7 motions that were passed and so on. I'm not
8 sure that the members get that. If they do,
9 I've disregarded it in the past. I was just
10 wondering if it was sent out to the members,
11 as well, so that we also have a record of --

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: I believe it is.

13 MS. McCARTY: Is it?

14 DR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

15 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

16 Chairman Billy: I've gotten the --

17 DR. HOLLIDAY: Because for the June
18 meeting, Laurel prepared the document. And
19 that summarized the meeting and the motions.
20 It's a summary of what is in the transcription
21 and including the major issues discussed, the
22 recommendations, actions, and resolutions.
23 And that's the basis that is then transmitted
24 with a cover sheet and the other bureaucracy,

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1 up the line to --

2 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

3 DR. HOLLIDAY: -- the department.

4 MS. McCARTY: I was just going to
5 suggest that you copy the whole group with the
6 exact report that goes to the Secretary.

7 DR. HOLLIDAY: Well it is. That's
8 the, that's the document.

9 MS. McCARTY: That's the document.
10 Thank you.

11 DR. HOLLIDAY: We have letters of
12 transmittal that's, that from Bill to the
13 Secretary saying, "This is the report of
14 MAFAC." But there's nothing within that other
15 than a transmittal.

16 MS. McCARTY: Okay. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Yes. Tom.

18 MR. RAFTICAN: We have a charter,
19 today, report also.

20 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MR. RAFTICAN: Thank you. There's
23 been a MAFAC Charter Committee meeting earlier
24 this morning. Members discussed the re-

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1 authorization, potential changes to our
2 charter. And I think actually, if I can steal
3 a quote from Mr. Gilmore, he hit it pretty
4 much on the nose, where we were going was to
5 help place MAFAC as a valuable contributor to
6 the Secretary and Administrator. And I think,
7 if we were to categorize the discussions
8 around here that was probably be the end
9 results.

10 Mark agreed to ferret out some
11 MAFAC earlier charters and some other
12 background material. We will distribute that
13 to the committee electronically. And after we
14 get that around and time to digest, have a
15 conference call set for sometime late in
16 spring. We will come back from that
17 conference call and bring draft
18 recommendations to the full MAFAC in New York.

19 Any other comments from the committee?

20 (No reply.)

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Okay. The
23 next item is the Vision 2020, the final
24 document.

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1 MR. RAFTICAN: You don't need to
2 adopt that report?

3 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Your report?

4 MR. RAFTICAN: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN BILLY: I don't --

6 MR. RAFTICAN: It's the committee
7 report?

8 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Your working
9 group?

10 DR. HOLLIDAY: The working group.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

12 DR. HOLLIDAY: Do I hear a motion?
13 Second?

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

15 DR. HOLLIDAY: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: So moved.
17 Seconded. Okay. Any discussion? All those
18 in favor say "aye".

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 All those opposed.

21 (No reply.)

22 Passed. There you go. You got it.

23 Sorry. Well done. All right.

24 Vision 2020. First, I'd like to

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1 acknowledge the work that Mary Hope and her
2 assistants have done in helping this committee
3 develop what I think is a really very good
4 document. So I'd like a round of applause for
5 them.

6 (Applause.)

7 Okay. And over lunch we talked a
8 little about this. And they think by the end
9 of the month they will have the complete
10 document with, including all the reference
11 materials and the rest of it, ready to go.

12 And at that time, then my
13 suggestion is that, we formally send it to the
14 Secretary, and the Undersecretary, whoever is
15 appropriate in ocean policy, follow up group,
16 whatever that's called. And anyone else who
17 is appropriate as a next significant step.

18 DR. HOGARTH: Probably good to send
19 it to the councils too. I think --

20 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Councils. That's
21 good.

22 DR. HOGARTH: Send one to the
23 chairman of the council. Different heads of
24 councils.

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1 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. How do we
2 want to do that? A cover letter from you or -
3 - yes.

4 MR. O'SHEA: It seems to me that
5 this body exists to advise Dr. Hogarth and the
6 chain up. And I, and I think it would be more
7 appropriate for that going to the councils
8 from Dr. Hogarth or the Vice Admiral.

9 DR. HOGARTH: I think we'll tell
10 this committee that we would, we would submit
11 it to other responding commissions and to the
12 councils. And maybe to some of the state
13 directors is probably how we would do it.

14 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Now we were
15 responding to your request --

16 DR. HOGARTH: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: -- anyway.

18 MS. KATSOUROS: I'll make certain
19 that I have a draft formed by the --

20 DR. HOGARTH: I think you submitted
21 something and we'll, then we'll take care of
22 it.

23 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay.

24 DR. HOGARTH: Make sure it gets

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1 distribution -- it should, yes.

2 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Do we need
3 to do anything more as a committee then, other
4 than get it completed? And you'll follow up
5 on that.

6 DR. HOGARTH: All you need to do is
7 submit it. When you finish with it. And you
8 give it to us. That's it.

9 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Heather.

10 MS. McCARTY: Do we need to adopt
11 it in its amended form by a motion or?

12 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Should we do that?

13 MS. McCARTY: We haven't even seen
14 it.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: You've approved it
16 once.

17 MS. McCARTY: Right.

18 MS. KATSOUROS: This will be the
19 second time of approval.

20 MS. McCARTY: Right. It's being
21 added to, as per the discussions.

22 MS. KATSOUROS: Correct.

23 MS. McCARTY: So it's it's slightly
24 different in some ways. But bot much.

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1 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Do I hear a
2 specific motion?

3 MS. McCARTY: I move that MAFAC
4 adopt Vision 2020 as their vision of the
5 future for U.S. fisheries.

6 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Second.

7 (No reply.)

8 Discussion. Okay. Seen none.

9 All those in favor say "aye".

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 Any opposed.

12 (No reply.)

13 Passed. Thanks.

14 MS. KATSOUROS: And it was a
15 pleasure working with MAFAC in producing this
16 document. And working before a holiday. We
17 enjoyed it --

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Ralph.

19 MR. RAYBURN: I mean, until it
20 becomes formal, I guess, I guess the one
21 thought I had was, you know, there was some
22 back and forth. And folks saw it. But, I
23 mean, what happens if they discovered that
24 there was an editorial --

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1 CHAIRMAN BILLY: We'll fix it in
2 July.

3 MR. RAYBURN: Okay. That's fine.
4 No, no. That's fine.

5 CHAIRMAN BILLY: At some point you
6 got to --

7 MR. RAYBURN: Sometimes you've got
8 to shut it off. No, I appreciate that.
9 Trust.

10 MS. McCARTY: I should just say
11 that the committee worked on this and put in
12 all of the changes that were recommended by
13 the full group. As far as we know. I mean,
14 we all had notes. And we were real
15 persnickety about it. And I don't think we
16 screwed it up. That's all.

17 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. I think
18 we've dealt with the action items. Are there
19 any other action items that anyone can think
20 of? I mean, we've talked already about the
21 meeting in July and the location.

22 DR. HOGARTH: I want to bring up a
23 point to that. And just so you can think
24 about it. You know, the meeting is in July,

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1 the election is in November. You normally
2 meet again in December. Which is fine. You
3 know, there would be a lot of flux as far as
4 December is concerned. You know, I don't
5 know, maybe, probably December meeting or it's
6 not, but you won't know a lot about what's
7 what. But you can continue to work. I don't
8 know if it's better to meet right after the
9 election so that you know who it is. And if
10 it's the things you want to get in to the
11 process, you would have a better chance, you
12 know, time to do it. So you just want to
13 think, do you want to do it in November and do
14 it or do you want to do it in December. I
15 think is the only thing just --

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Well the
17 transition team will be in place, whoever it
18 is, in December.

19 DR. HOGARTH: But it will be --

20 CHAIRMAN BILLY: We could invite
21 them.

22 DR. HOGARTH: November the 9th,
23 they'll be in place.

24 CHAIRMAN BILLY: That's right.

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1 DR. HOGARTH: So from my
2 prospective, it will probably be better off to
3 meet in December, at the meeting. And maybe
4 someone will come by.

5 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay.

6 DR. HOGARTH: And that might be --

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: So -- yes.

8 MR. RAFTICAN: Just a suggestion is
9 that, you know, Randy had talked about meeting
10 in Hawaii.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: He did?

12 MR. RAFTICAN: I don't know, the
13 only way I think you can get a transition team
14 to go anywhere is just maybe --

15 (Laughter.)

16 DR. HOGARTH: Little piece of
17 advice. I'm still explaining, as I leave the
18 door, I leave the building, a MAFAC meeting in
19 Puerto Rico in 2000 to a, to a good Senator
20 from Oklahoma.

21 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes.

22 DR. HOGARTH: You travel to Puerto
23 Rico, Hawaii, or Alaska, you should supposed
24 to, two-three years after, explain who went

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1 and why they went. So maybe there isn't much,
2 if you that want to do that.

3 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Back in `96, when
4 I was named Administrator of FSIS, I held a
5 meeting in Solomon's Island, you know, on the
6 eastern shore. And somehow it got mixed up.
7 And they thought I had called a meeting of all
8 the senior staff in the Solomon Islands in the
9 South Pacific. You should have seen the
10 letters I got bombarded with. For years. So
11 I sympathize with that.

12 DR. HOGARTH: No. I just think it
13 probably would be better to meet in Washington
14 for that time frame. There will be a lot of
15 stuff going on and --

16 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Is there --

17 DR. HOGARTH: -- it may get --

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: -- does everyone
19 agree with that?

20 DR. HOLLIDAY: No, I have -- can
21 you guys meet in Texas?

22 MR. RAYBURN: Not in, not in
23 December. We won't be there. If I could,
24 there was some mention yesterday or the day

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1 before from Tony about a carry over of this
2 class of `02 or something like that. And I
3 didn't know whether that was going to happen.

4 It would be helpful though, at any rate, if
5 there could be a, you know, an announcement
6 for nominations and stuff like that. Because
7 there's going to be a fairly substantial
8 representation that will leave the MAFAC after
9 October next year. I mean, we talked about it
10 in July. But the process seemed like for
11 nominations and stuff might, just keep it on
12 the burner, you know, so there is a good
13 transition. You'd be leaving folks like
14 Gilmore, you know, are going to go. I don't
15 know how you fill that void. So -- and Tony.

16 DR. HOLLIDAY: It's not my
17 decision.

18 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes, but you would

19 --

20 DR. HOGARTH: Let's discuss this.
21 Mark and I have not discussed this. Let me do
22 that with him. And we'll, we will, before I
23 leave, put something down on --

24 MR. RAYBURN: And I'm not,

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1 understand, I'm not pushing for, other than,
2 it seems like under the current
3 administration, it would be helpful to go
4 ahead and get the MAFAC appointments made
5 before you have, because you're having such,
6 so many people that are scheduled to, terms
7 expire, have that done before, you know,
8 before you have the change in administration.

9 DR. HOGARTH: We need to talk. I
10 have --

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: A third each time.

12 DR. HOGARTH: A third each time.
13 We need to --

14 MR. FLETCHER: You know, we
15 identified ten slots that are going to be gone
16 after October. And we had said, "Only seven
17 of those should be replaced. And three
18 depending on who puts their name in, should be
19 given one extra year on MAFAC." So we don't
20 have a ten person change. If that's what
21 we're going to do, then the three that are
22 identified to stay on, should be then sooner
23 rather than later. So that you know who those
24 other seven are, that are going off. And you

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1 may want to replace them with someone from a
2 similar industry rather than not know that.
3 So I mean, it's important that this one
4 element be determined soon. So that when you
5 go after nominations, you're only going after
6 the seven that will be going out.

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: So we'll take that
8 in to consideration in discussions. Okay.

9 Any other business? That's
10 Dorothy.

11 MS. LOWMAN: Well, it was really
12 nice that we gave Laurel the plaque. But some
13 of us were talking later and we thought it
14 would also be nice to get her a gift. So
15 Heather and I went out at noon. And we got
16 her one of the tiles made by Carol's
17 significant other. So, we just wanted to let
18 you know we're going to send it, you know,
19 hopefully with someone who's going back to
20 D.C. Because she's already left. And we're
21 going to, you know, on behalf of MAFAC.

22 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Thank you for
23 doing that.

24 MS. McCARTY: So you can look at

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1 it. It's right over here.

2 MS. LOWMAN: You can look at it.
3 It's right over here.

4 MS. McCARTY: Several people
5 contributed. But because it's a big deal so -
6 -

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Okay. Any other
8 business?

9 MR. RAYBURN: Somebody going to say
10 goodbye to Bill?

11 DR. HOGARTH: You've said that many
12 times. Thanks.

13 MR. RAYBURN: Absolutely,
14 absolutely Bill. I mean, you're a jewel. And
15 our nation has been well served. I won't say
16 it right, but our nation has been well served
17 with you presence throughout your career. And
18 I appreciate, personally, the opportunity to
19 serve on MAFAC. And it wouldn't have happened
20 unless -- because of your reinvigorating this
21 outfit. And I think it's been successful
22 because of you. And I know they'll never
23 replace you. But I hope there's someone that
24 can carry on and keep the momentum going. And

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1 I wish you well. And I hope you being in the
2 Gulf makes us closer neighbors and that I'll
3 paths will cross even more than they have in
4 the past. But thank you very much for your
5 service and your friendship.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN BILLY: You have the final
8 word.

9 DR. HOGARTH: Just thank you very
10 much. Great group to work with. And it's
11 just so many good things about fisheries and
12 so many talented associated fisheries
13 existing. Great to deal with. And I think
14 we've got so much potential. And I just hope
15 we reach that potential. And have the
16 opportunity. But thank you all for doing
17 this. You don't get paid for doing it. And I
18 know all of you have other jobs and all that.
19 But it's more significant, you take the time
20 to do it. Thanks.

21 MR. CATES: Can you be nominated to
22 sit on MAFAC now?

23 DR. HOGARTH: Yes.

24 (Laughter.)

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1 MS. LOWMAN: I'm sorry. But
2 there's somebody else who's sort of leaving
3 our -- and she's been a great assistant.
4 Well, she's not leaving NOAA. But I
5 understand she's no longer going to be not
6 answering those frantic calls about, "I can't
7 figure out how to deal with this travel
8 agency." And so I think that we should also
9 recognize the immense amount of support that
10 Tywana has been to this group.

11 CHAIRMAN BILLY: Yes, absolutely.
12 Thank you, Tywana.

13 (Applause.)

14 And Mark for his input, as well. I
15 thought this was really a very good meeting.
16 They did a lot of --

17 (Applause.)

18 All right. This meeting is
19 adjourned.

20 (Whereupon, the above entitled
21 matter was concluded at 2:49 p.m.)
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