

**Annotated Agenda
MAFAC
November 10-12, 2009
Silver Spring, MD**

1. Agenda item Title of Discussion: NOAA's Marine Recreational Engagement Initiative

2. Discussion Leader/Presenter: Gordon Colvin, Interim Senior Policy Advisor for
Marine Recreational Fisheries

Eric Schwaab, Chair, Recreational Fisheries Working
Group

3. Objective/Purpose:

- a. Inform the Working Group about the Engagement Initiative;
- b. Provide feedback on current issues of interest to the recreational fishing community - MRIP, catch shares, the Ocean Policy Task Force Report, and marine spatial planning.
- c. Clarify and articulate MAFAC role in support of the initiative;
- d. Define Work Group roles and responsibilities;
- e. Identify key recreational constituents (beyond the work group) to involve in the Initiative;
- f. Recommend agenda topics for consideration at the Summit
- g. Discuss Recreational Fishing Summit logistics - timing, venue, meeting organization, etc.

4. Background/Synopsis: On September 2, 2009, Under Secretary Lubchenco announced the NOAA Marine Recreational Engagement Initiative to "take a fresh look" at NOAA's relationship with the recreational fishing community. See:
http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090902_recfishing.html

Key components of the initiative include:

- Creation of a new position of Senior Policy Advisor to the AA for Fisheries (recruitment now in progress—Gordon Colvin serving as Interim Policy Advisor);
- Assignment of NOAA's Director of External Affairs, Andy Winer, to work closely with NOAA Fisheries on the initiative;
- NOAA Fisheries to identify coordinators within each Region, Science Center and HQ Office to work with the policy advisor;
- NOAA Fisheries will organize and convene a Recreational Fishing Summit to identify issues of concern to the constituency and to work collaboratively on possible solutions;
- Appropriate follow-up actions from the Summit will be organized, including a series of regional or issue-specific round tables, to continue to work toward solutions to the issues of concern;
- NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee tasked to organize and provide authoritative and comprehensive national policy advice from marine recreational

stakeholders.

5. Options: N/A

6. Preferred Recommendation:

- a. The Working Group will establish both a process and timeline for a) gathering and incorporating input from recreational fishing constituents, and b) providing NOAA recommendations on Recreational Fishing Summit content and logistics.
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Record of Decision:

Decision, Next Step(s) and/or Action:

Assigned to:

Due Date: