

**Annotated Agenda: NOAA Strategic Planning**  
*MAFAC, Annapolis, Maryland*  
*October 19-21, 2010*

- 1. Title of Discussion:** Status of Final NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP)
- 2. Discussion Presenters:** Paul Doremus, Director of Strategic Planning  
NOAA Office of Program Planning and Integration (PPI)
- 3. Objective/Purpose:** Informational

Purpose of this presentation is update MAFAC on the status of the Final NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan, and how the comments from MAFAC and the public were addressed in the final plan.

**4. Background/Synopsis:** Following the June-July 2010 meeting, the MAFAC Strategic Planning, Budget, and Program Management Subcommittee met through email and teleconference to discuss comments and potential recommendations on the NGSP to submit to PPI. As tasked by MAFAC, to initiate and assist the discussion, staff prepared a side-by-side comparison of the trends, findings and recommendations of MAFAC's *Vision 2020* report to the findings, long term goals, objectives, and 'evidence of progress' (measurable outcomes) discussed in the draft NGSP.

From this, the Subcommittee developed a final set of recommendations and sent it to the full committee for consideration. MAFAC met by teleconference (properly noticed in the *Federal Register*) on August 12, 2010 and approved a set of findings and comments to be signed by the Chair, Tom Billy, for submission to PPI. The final comments were signed, dated, and provided to PPI on August 16. ([Click here for the comments.](#))

MAFAC's five findings included:

- (1) Support for the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation and Resilient Communities long term goals, but noted that they could be strengthened to better include important linkages to living marine resource issues and needs.
- (2) Identified the importance of the themes of safe seafood as an important food source for the American public and worldwide, and of aquaculture for expanding seafood sources (food security), and that these could be better embraced throughout the NGSP, including by adding a new objective focused directly on aquaculture.
- (3) Support for additional financial and personnel resources to support all of NOAA's work related to fisheries and living marine resources.
- (4) The importance of NOAA to improve and strengthen strategic partnerships and communications with groups such as MAFAC, as "completely essential and critical to NOAA's success."
- (5) Recognizing the 25 specific recommendations in *Vision 2020* as good examples of how MAFAC expects NOAA to *implement* the NGSP, and that in some cases the recommendations lend themselves well as "evidence of progress" under appropriate objectives in the Plan.

**Other resources:**

[Click here](#) for the webpage for NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan, with all supporting materials.

**5. Options listed from 1 to n:**

**6. Preferred Recommendation:**

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Record of Decision:

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

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