

# Annotated Agenda

## MAFAC meeting – May 24-May 26, 2011

### Key West, FL

**1. Title of Discussion:** National Ocean Policy Implementation – Priority Objectives

**2. Discussion Presenters:** Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

**3. Objective/Purpose:** **[Informational & Action]** This presentation will provide a status update on the National Ocean Policy (NOP) and the development of Strategic Action Plans (SAPs) for the nine priority objectives. The purpose of the presentation is to stimulate discussion about the role MAFAC can play in advising the National Ocean Council (NOC) and the Governing Coordinating Committee (GCC) in the near and long terms.

**4. Background/Synopsis:** On July 19, 2010 President Obama signed an Executive Order implementing [Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force](#). The Executive Order establishes an interagency National Ocean Council (NOC). Membership of the Council includes the Secretary of Commerce and the NOAA Administrator. The final recommendations and the Executive Order are available [online](#).

The NOC is tasked with developing Strategic Actions Plans (SAP) for the nine priority objectives which are organized as two types:

Four priority objectives to improve the way we do business:

- Ecosystem-Based Management
- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
- Improve Decisions and Inform Understanding
- Coordinate and Support

Five areas of special focus:

- Resiliency and Adaptation to Climate Change
- Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration
- Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land
- Changing Conditions in the Arctic
- Ocean, Coastal & Great Lake Observations and Infrastructure

Interagency teams are developing each SAP to identify specific and measurable near-term, mid-term, and long-term actions, with appropriate milestones, performance measures, and outcomes to meet each objective. In addition, each plan will explicitly identify key lead and participating agencies; gaps and needs in science and technology; potential resource requirements and efficiencies; and steps for integrating or coordinating current and out-year budgets.

Currently, a draft of the Strategic Action Plans are to be available for public comment on June 1, 2011. Though this material is not yet available, a copy of a draft of the Full Content Outlines has been provided to MAFAC members via email.

#### **Trigger Questions**

The following questions can be used to guide thinking about the Full Content Outlines and the draft Strategic Action Plan when it becomes available:

1. What is the importance of integrating local, regional, and national efforts?

2. What are the opportunities, obstacles, and metrics of progress relevant to each of the priority objectives?
3. Do the near-term, mid-term, and long-term actions effectively help the Nation achieve each policy objective?
4. As a whole, does each Full Content Outline address the obstacles and opportunities as identified in the National Ocean Policy?
5. Do the outcomes for each action adequately and appropriately capture the impact of the action?
6. Are the milestones useful for measuring progress toward achieving each priority objective?

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

## **6. Preferred Recommendation**

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Record of Decision:

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

Assigned to:

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