



MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 13-15, 2015 ♦ Silver Spring, MD

Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel
 8777 Georgia Ave
 Elm I & II Meeting Room, 4th Floor
 Silver Spring, MD, 20910

MEETING ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

Decisions on the following:

- Approval of new project work on Coastal Resiliency
- Recommendations on the draft 5-year Strategic Plan for Aquaculture
- Recommendation on sunseting the Recreational Fisheries Working Group, after completion of final task.
- Approval of draft report on the retrospective analysis of recovery actions and factors that lead to success for species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Informational Updates on the following:

- Progress on he retrospective analysis of recovery actions and factors that lead to success for species listed under the Endangered Species Act (review draft report)
- Budget Outlook
- Recreational Fishing Policy Implementation
- Recreational fishery related economic surveys.

Sub-Committee Work on the Following Ongoing Projects:

- Species Recovery Project, Protected Resources Subcommittee
 - Focus on Task 2 (partnerships); refinements to draft report on Task 1, retrospective analysis
- Aquaculture Projects, Commerce Subcommittee
 - Continue work on mock permit project for offshore aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico
- Strategic Planning, Budget, and Program Management
 - Develop work plan for Coastal Resiliency questions

AGENDA

| Day 1 – Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – Elm I & II Meeting Room | | | |
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| Time | Min. | Subject | Presenter |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | 30 | Welcome, Introductions, & Agenda Review | Keith Rizzardi , Chair Jennifer Lukens , Director, Office of Policy Eileen Sobeck , Assistant Administrator for Fisheries |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | 30 | Coastal Resiliency – A NOAA Priority Climate preparedness and resilience is a key priority of the Obama Administration that is echoed in both the Dept. of Commerce and NOAA strategic priorities. | Holly Bamford , PhD, Assistant Administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service performing duties of the Ass't Sec. for Conservation and Management |

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| | | Dr. Bamford will highlight NOAA's priority of building the nation's resilience to changing climate and other stressors to coastal ecosystems and communities. | |
| 9:30 – 10:10 | 40 | <p>Coastal Resiliency – New Topic (Background and Action)</p> <p>NOAA Fisheries science, monitoring, modeling capabilities, and management programs have significant roles in advancing these resilience themes. However, NOAA Fisheries would like to look at how we can better connect our resource management and habitat conservation programs to support the social and economic resilience needs of our fishing communities.</p> <p><i>ACTION: NOAA Fisheries would like MAFAC's advice on how we can best meet fishing community needs with respect to resources, habitat, and socio-economic resiliency. This meeting's presentations are kicking off this new topic. If MAFAC agrees, a work plan will be organized.</i></p> | <p>Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries</p> <p>Keith Rizzardi, Chair</p> <p>Jennifer Lukens, Director, Office of Policy</p> |
| 10:10 – 10:20 | 10 | Break | |
| 10:20 – 11:50 | 90 | <p>Coastal Resiliency –Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Literature Review of Fishery Management Approaches in a Changing Climate 2. Assessing the Vulnerability of Marine Fish and Shellfish Species to a Changing Climate 3. Social indicators of coastal community vulnerability and fishery dependence 4. Habitat conservation in support of coastal and community resiliency, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Habitat Strategy • NOAA Habitat Blueprint • Coastal Resiliency Grants | <p>Wendy Morrison, PhD, Fisheries Ecologist, ERT Inc. Contractor, in support of Domestic Fisheries Division</p> <p>Lisa Colburn, PhD, Social Scientist, Northeast Fisheries Science Center</p> <p>Pat Montanio, Director, Office of Habitat Conservation</p> |
| 11:50 – 1:05 | 75 | Lunch | |
| 1:05 – 2:15 | 70 | <p>Coastal Resiliency –Presentations, continued</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sea Grant Efforts in Support of Resilient Communities and Economies | <p>Nikola Garber, PhD, Acting Director, National Sea Grant College Program</p> |

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| | | <p>6. Investigating climate change impacts on Atlantic fish stock distributions and potential harvest re-allocations</p> <p>7. Managing fisheries in a changing environment through strategic planning</p> | <p>Patrick Campfield, Director of Fisheries Science, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission</p> <p>Rick Robins, Chair, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council</p> |
| 2:15 - 3:15 | 60 | <p>MAFAC Discussion – Coastal Resilience</p> <p><i>Questions to Consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does resilience mean to you? • Can you share insights or relevant studies, research, or efforts that you are aware of? • Which issues are a priority or resonate for your region and its communities? • Would you phrase the questions on the Discussion Paper a different way? | Keith Rizzardi , Chair |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | 15 | Break | |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | 60 | <p>Species Recovery</p> <p>Species in the Spotlight - Update will be provided on the Species in the Spotlight campaign, its goals, and its connections with the MAFAC's Recovery Project. Two of the eight species highlighted are also the focus of the recovery project, the Hawaiian monk seal and white abalone.</p> <p>MAFAC Species Recovery Project Members will present a draft report on Task 1 of the Project, a retrospective analysis of recovery actions and factors that lead to success, for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project member will report on their interviews and insights. • A summary and overview will be provided by Julie. • Time permitting, input will be sought on second task, which addresses partnerships. <p>ACTION: <i>Discuss and comment on the preliminary draft findings and recommendations on the retrospective analysis of ESA recovery actions. Project goal is to identify characteristics that may increase the likelihood of recovery action success and help inform development of future recovery actions. Discuss/seek input from MAFAC on the second task, identifying partnerships to improve recovery success.</i></p> | <p>Donna Wieting, Director, Office of Protected Resources, Headquarters</p> <p>Julie Morris, Protected Resources Subcommittee Chair</p> <p>Ted Ames Terri Lei Beideman Heather Brandon Columbus Brown Paul Clampitt Pam Yochem</p> |
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| 4:30 – 5:00 | 30 | NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy (Update and Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an update on the release of the final NCSS. • Present the implementation strategy and progress for development of Regional Action Plans. <p><i>ACTION: Input on best venues or communication tools to use to encourage stakeholder and partner engagement in the development of Regional Actions Plans is welcome from MAFAC members at the meeting and afterward.</i></p> | Roger Griffis , Climate Change Coordinator, NOAA Fisheries |
| 5:00 – 5:10 | | Wrap up and Adjourn | Keith Rizzardi , Chair |
| 5:20 - ? | | “No Host” Reception for Members retiring from MAFAC | Sheraton Silver Spring - Lounge |

| Day 2 - Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – Elm I & II Meeting Room | | | |
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| Time | Min. | Subject | Presenter |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | 15 | Report from the Assistant Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOAA and NOAA Fisheries priorities – 2016 | Eileen Sobeck , Assistant Administrator for Fisheries |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | 30 | NOAA Fisheries Budget Outlook | Paul Doremus, PhD , Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | 45 | Reports from the State Directors Meeting and Fisheries Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlook for year ahead | Robert Beal , Executive Director, Atlantic States David Donaldson , Executive Director, Gulf States Randy Fisher , Executive Director, Pacific States |
| 10:30 -10:45 | 15 | Break | |
| 10:45 -11:30 | 45 | Recreational Fishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the development of regional implementation plans and other Recreational Fisheries Initiative Activities (no action) • Cost-Earnings of Independent Marine Bait & Tackle Retail Stores • Recreational Fisheries Economic Surveys: 2014-2016 | Russ Dunn , Senior Advisor for Recreational Fisheries Cliff Hutt, PhD , Research Associate, Economics & Social Analysis Division, Office of Science and Technology Sabrina Lovell, PhD , Economist, Economics & Social Analysis |

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| | | | Division, Office of Science and Technology |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | 30 | <p>Recreational Fisheries Working Group (RFGW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the completion /conclusion of all work envisioned under the Terms of Reference for the RFGW, goals that have been met, and proposal to sunset this Working Group in the Spring 2016. <p>ACTION: <i>Decision on the sunset of the Recreational Fisheries Working Group, since outreach work to and with the recreational fishing community is now institutionalized as standard practice.</i></p> | Ken Franke , Chair, Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee |
| 12:00 – 1:15 | 75 | Lunch | |
| 1:15 – 2:30 | 75 | <p>Marine Aquaculture</p> <p>Draft Marine Aquaculture Strategic Plan, FY 2016 -2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will present and discuss the draft Strategic Plan, its develop and any major comments that were received during the public comment period. This follows up on the presentation and discussion that MAFAC had in the spring on the mission, vision, and goals for the Strategic Plan. The Commerce Subcommittee will present its findings and recommendations, based on the input of the Aquaculture Task Force (ATF) <i>Final action will be considered now, while John is in attendance via telephone.</i> Additionally, John Corbin will present an update and discuss the ATF's Mock Permit Project for the Gulf of Mexico. <p>ACTION: <i>Discuss and consider approval of the Commerce Subcommittee's findings and recommendations on the 5-Year Strategic Plan for Marine Aquaculture.</i></p> | <p>Michael Rubino, PhD, Director, Office of Aquaculture</p> <p>John Corbin, Chair, Aquaculture Subcommittee</p> <p>Bob Rheault, PhD, Aquaculture Subcommittee</p> |
| 2:30 -2:45 | 15 | Public Comment Period | |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | 15 | Break | |
| 3:00 – 5:00 (as needed) | 120 | <p style="text-align: center;">Subcommittee Meetings</p> <p>Coastal Resiliency – Elm I & II Meeting Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential Ad Hoc working group under the Strategic Planning, Budget, and Program Management Subcommittee.) | TBD |

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| | | Protected Resources – <i>Linden Boardroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Project – Next Steps | Julie Morris , Subcommittee Chair |
| | | Recreational Fisheries – <i>Chestnut Boardroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the Recreational Fisheries Working Group-completion of tasks. | Ken Franke , Subcommittee Chair |
| 5:00 | | Adjourn | |

| Day 3 - Thursday, October 15, 2015 – Elm I & II Meeting Room | | | |
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| Time | Min. | Subject | Presenter |
| 9:00 –10:30 | 90 | MAFAC Discussion and Brainstorming on Coastal Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize recommendation on coastal resiliency work Brainstorm about approaches, methods, activities and that can be undertaken to conduct the proposed work and address the questions that are posed. | Staff facilitated conversation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | 15 | Break | |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | 30 | NOAA Fisheries Communications and Outreach Updates | Rebecca Ferro , Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Fisheries Communications Office Laurel Bryant , Chief, External Affairs, Office of Communications |
| 10:15 – 12:45 | 90 | Subcommittee Reports Protected Resources – Recovery Project Recreational Fisheries – RFWG Commerce – Aquaculture Strategic Plan (if not completed Wednesday) | Julie Morris , Chair, Protected Resources Subcommittee Ken Franke , Chair, Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee Julie Bonnie , Chair, Commerce Subcommittee (for John Corbin) |
| 12:45-1:00 | 15 | Close Out: Review of Decisions, Action Items, Next Steps | Keith Rizzardi , Chair |
| 1pm | | Adjourn | |