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(Telephonically)

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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4 MR. DiLERNIA: Committee, can we come
to order, please.

6(Pause.)

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. The order of
business that I had for today -- we're convening as
a full committee -- is I'd like first to go to Dr.
Billyø and he can report out to us from
Aquaculture, the Aquaculture Working Group; I would
then like to go to Protected Resources; third, NRC
Report; fourth, the 2020 Vision document. Do we
have the videotape, Laurel, of the --

15 MS. BRYANT: We have a DVD, and we'll
pull in the TV afterwards, because it can go up
there.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: On the Sustainable
Fisheries Leadership Awards Program that took place
in June.

21 From there, I'd like to go to our
meeting calendar and discuss our winter dates and
our summer '07 location. Then if we have any

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additional new business, we'll take it at that
time. 2

3 So first off is Aquaculture, and I'll
turn to my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Billy.
Tom. 5

6 MR. BILLY: We had first a briefing
from Mike, and it was based on the work that has
been done over the last year, in particular by Mike
and his staff, by a large variety of contacts and
visits and interfaces within NOAA and outside NOAA,
with the various stakeholder groups that are
interested in Aquaculture.

13 That led to the drafting of the ten-
year plan for the NOAA Marine Aquaculture Program,
which was highlighted, and led then to the Commerce
Subcommittee and others interested in this area to
consider all that, and based on that, to make some
recommendations. We've handed out what is a draft
letter that has been prepared that captures the
feelings of the Committee in terms of acknowledging
the role that Aquaculture can play, and more
importantly perhaps, encouraging Bill Hogarth and

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NOAA and the Department of Commerce to very actively pursue the further development of Aquaculture within a certain framework that has been identified.

5 What we're interested in doing is, we've been through this draft letter and made some edits this morning, but we wanted to be able to share it with the full Committee, and hopefully with any further input from the full Committee at this time, we would agree that the letter would be formalized and forwarded over your signature and mine to Dr. Hogarth for his consideration and follow-up to NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

14 I know there's two pages, so for those of you who haven't been directly involved today, it might be fair just to take a couple minutes and let everyone kind of quickly look through it, and then we can answer any questions that people have, or comments or recommendations they'd like to make.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir. Yes, I'd like to take a moment or two to read it, and let other Committee members who haven't been

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involved in the drafting to please take a moment or two to review it. Once we look back up, perhaps we can start if there are any questions.

4(Pause.)

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. I see most folks have looked up from their papers. Are there any questions about this letter before, I guess, I ask for a motion? Pete, question?

9 MR. LEIPZIG: Yeah. I'm assuming this is what you meant on item -- bullet item number two dealing with funding, that it should involve new funding, as opposed to reprogramming existing funding.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Dr. Billy.

15 MR. RAYBURN: If that's the case, it'd be nice to clarify that.

17 MR. BILLY: The third bullet was an attempt to indicate that either new funding or funding that would not compromise any of the other critical programs of NOAA Fisheries. I don't think anyone's prepared to sit and say every single thing we've done is critically important. So it was --

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1 MR. RAYBURN: I bet there's somebody
that would defend every one of 'em, but I won't go
there.

4 MR. BILLY: There's also the reluctance
on the part of some to limit it only to new
funding. There are other sources outside NOAA, as
well, within the Department or a number of
possibilities. So this was an attempt to reflect
that framework.

10 MR. RAYBURN: I don't know if anyone
else wants to add anything?

12 MR. BILLY: We welcome new funds.

13 MR. FORSTER: I think the fourth bullet
makes pretty much the same--

15 MR. BILLY: That language was added to
capture what I just said.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Mr. Rayburn.

18 MR. RAYBURN: It seemed like when we
discussed this in committee, the letter was going
to be to the Secretary, and now it's Dr. Hogarth.
What was the rationale in the drafting of it to
change it?

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: I'm sorry. Could you
repea~~t~~ your question, Mr. Rayburn?

3 MR. RAYBURN: I'm sorry. Yes. As I
recalla~~d~~, in the discussion in committee, the letter
was to~~e~~ be directed to the Secretary of Commerce.
And so~~e~~ I was curious as to why the change of
addressee to Dr. Hogarth rather than the Secretary.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Dr. Billy.

9 MR. BILLY: It was for several reasons.
One wa~~s~~ an acknowledgment that Dr. Hogarth in fact
couldn't be here, and to be perhaps fair to him, it
was a~~n~~ chance for him to have the first look at
this~~1~~ and to take action and make decisions
consis~~t~~ent with the recommendations of MAFAC. It's
not 15 it could end up being, then, a letter from
Dr. Hogarth through the administrator of NOAA to
the Se~~c~~retary or whatever.

18 Also, there was some concern about the
time 18 it takes to get those kinds of letters through
the sy~~st~~em, and that we could be assured that this
would 19 go very directly to Dr. Hogarth. So those
were 20 two considerations that came up subsequent to

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our discussion this morning.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: I have a housekeeping
item right now. I see our court reporter here is
looking to names. Is everyone sitting properly
behind their names? Do we have the proper
assignments? Could you please check?

7 MS. BRYANT: Just make sure, so we know
who's saying what.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Be sure each person is
sitting at their correct name, so that -- I mean,
I'm sitting behind Laurel's name right now, but
clearly there's a difference between Laurel and I.

13(Pause.)

14 MS. BRYANT: Ralph, in previous times
with MAFAC -- this morning, earlier, when you kind
of -- I wasn't quite certain what was going on, but
I think for a variety of reasons that Tom has
outlined, the Committee has always done it where
it's from the Committee to the administrator and
the under-secretary saying, this is our advice.
This is the advisory body of external constituent
stakeholder expertise, and that that's helpful.

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Then that allows, then, Bill and the undersecretary to acknowledge, here's some advice we're getting externally, but they don't have to, you know, put it forward, and then that gets more complicated in time. So it's the precedent that's been set, and it's always worked.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Rayburn.

8 MR. RAYBURN: I only bring that up -- and I certainly appreciate that fact. I think it should be noted, though, that in the discussion, we felt like that this should be elevated to the highest level within the Department, and that the process of a letter going to Dr. Hogarth only as an administrative process, and not the level that we feel by the subcommittee that this item should be addressed.

17 MR. BILLY: And that is exactly what we talked about. So that's a good idea.

19 MS. BRYANT: And we will. I mean, that's the way it does work, and then gets forwarded on from Bill and the under-secretary. I'll work with Kate on that.

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: Dr. Billy, would you
like to offer this letter in the form of a motion
at this time?

4 MR. BILLY: Yes. I make a motion that
the Committee accept the draft letter, and request
that it be signed by those indicated, and forwarded
to Dr Hogarth as soon as possible.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Do we have a second?

9 MR. RAYBURN: Second.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Seconded by Mr. Rayburn.

11 Discussion on the letter. And I also
understand there's some members of the public here
concerned with Aquaculture that would like to make
some comments. And so I'd like to have those
comments made prior to a vote being taken. Is
there any discussion on the part of Committee
members regarding this letter? Yes, sir?

18 MR. SCHWAAB: I just wonder -- you
know, I talked a little bit with Michael about this
informally, and I didn't have the chance to sit in
on your discussions, but it seems to me that one
thing that would be very important would be

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supporting in some way the development of regulatory best practices, if you would. I wondered if you would entertain an addition in that third recommendation that would go something like: "Work with states and other regulatory authorities in development and dissemination of best practices in Aquaculture regulation to ensure consistent, efficient and effective management of systems in an environmentally safe manner."

10 MR. DiLERNIA: That's the whole amendment?

12 MR. SCHWAAB: That's what I'm suggesting is essentially adding a very specific bullet that really kind of got to the idea of consistent best practices that would be of --

16 MS. BRYANT: Do you want me to type that in big print so everybody can look at it?

18 MR. SCHWAAB: Please.

19 MS. O'MALLEY: I can do that.

20 MS. BRYANT: Thanks, Rachel.

21 MR. SCHWAAB: If you can read my writing.

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1 MS. BRYANT: Why don't you give that to
Racheł, and then we can put it up there in big
print, and everybody can read it. Then I can type
it, too.

5(Pause.)

6 MR. FORSTER: Mr. Chair?

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. John -- Mr.
Forster.

9 MR. FORSTER: While he's doing that,
the last sentence in the second paragraph,
basically doesn't say it in so many words, but it
may be that's where the change needs to come,
because that's clearly the intent of what's driving
this

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Last sentence, second
paragraph?

17 MR. FORSTER: Second paragraph, yes.
"However, the Committee recognizes that there are
environment and associated" -- well, --

20 MR. RUBINO: Eric, you see what John's
saying?

22 MR. SCHWAAB: Yeah. And my focus was

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not so much on the environmentally safe manner, although that's important, as it was on the specific activity of developing a set of best practices that could be kind of shared around. My question to Michael was, if I was in a state that wasn't -- didn't have an effective Aquaculture program, but we wanted one, who would we look to as a model so that we didn't have to reinvent the wheel?

10 MR. FORSTER: That's a fair point. I just wanted to --

12 MR. DiLERNIA: It's being typed. You're offering as a friendly amendment to the letter?

15 MR. SCHWAAB: Correct.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: So it'll take a moment or two before we can see that.

18 While that's being typed, is there any other discussion, to speed things along while that amendment to the letter -- proposed amendment -- is being typed? Mr. Dewey?

22 MR. DEWEY: On the second page, the

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paragraph that begins halfway down, "If the United States ..." -- I know how challenging it is writing a letter by committee, but if I could offer a friendly amendment here?

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, again, you're offering it actually to the proposer, the maker of the motion. So it's Dr. Billy you're offering it to. 8

9 MR. DEWEY: Trying to think of a way to potentially strengthen the letter and keep it targeted where we intended. I might offer that it should read, "If NOAA" -- instead of "If the United States" -- "does not" -- and then I would insert "adopt and implement these recommendations" -- "the nation will" --

16 MR. DiLERNIA: So you're suggesting --

17 MR. DEWEY: I mean, we're trying to focus on what we're recommending in our letter, and I just thought that might be a way to strengthen our point.

21 MS. BRYANT: Does not develop, but adopt?

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1 MR. DEWEY: If NOAA does not adopt and
implement these recommendations, the nation will.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, I have a question
to your proposed -- my -- my question is, I guess,
to our specialists -- our Aquaculture specialists.
How much of Aquaculture in the country is also
housed in or resides in the Department of
Agriculture, which is separate from the Department
of Commerce? If there is a component that's in
Ag., should we specifically restrict it to NOAA?
That's my question. I don't know who wants to
offer an answer to that.

13 MR. DEWEY: Well, in response, I mean,
the recommendations we're making I think are
directed largely at NOAA. I mean, that's our
charge as MAFAC, isn't it?

17 MR. DiLERNIA: So you have that offer
as a friendly amendment.

19 Dr. Billy.

20 MR. BILLY: Thank you. Michael, if you
agree to react to that?

22 MR. RUBINO: That's fine with me. I

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don't see any --

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Maker of the motion --
or seconder of the motion, is that acceptable?

4 MR. RAYBURN: Absolutely.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: So it should read now,
"If NOAA does not develop --

7 MR. RUBINO: Does not adopt and
implement --

9 MS. BRYANT: And implement.

10 MR. RUBINO: -- these
recommendations, --

12 MS. BRYANT: These recommendations.

13 MR. RUBINO: -- the nation will -- so
you'd be deleting "develop domestic Aquaculture
production."

16 MR. DiLERNIA: NOAA does not --

17 MR. RUBINO: -- adopt and implement
these recommendations --

19 MS. BRYANT: Comma, the nation will
continue to lose -- yeah.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Again, Dr. Billy,
acceptable?

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1 MR. BILLY: Yes.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Seconder?

3 MR. RAYBURN: Yes.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes. Okay. So we have
a friendly amendment accepted.

6 MS. BRYANT: You're making the changes
to the actual document?

8 MS. O'MALLEY: I am.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: And we still have to
return to Mr. Schwaab's friendly amendment. It was
a bit more lengthy. That's why we chose the
projector.

13 MR. BILLY: Is this a separate bullet,
Eric?

15 MR. SCHWAAB: What I'm proposing is a
separate bullet under "Launch a Broad Marine
Aquaculture Development Initiative." So it would
be a sub-bullet under that, a new sub-bullet under
that

20 MR. BILLY: It'd be the third sub-
bullet?

22 MR. SCHWAAB: Yes.

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1 MR. BILLY: Okay.

2(Pause.)

3 MR. RUBINO: This would be -- it'd be
under4the second sub-bullet, wouldn't it? It'd be
under5"Provide Substantially Increased Budget
Resources," and then you've got a bunch of bullets
under7there.

8 MR. SCHWAAB: Yeah. Actually, I
thought about it there, but then I kind of -- it
could0go either place -- so I don't care.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: If we offer it as a
friendly amendment, we could just have the maker
and the seconder accept, and we can proceed. If
not, ~~then~~ Eric, it depends on how you -- if it's
not accepted as a friendly amendment, we'll have to
have ~~a~~ motion to amend, and go through that.

17 MR. BILLY: It's acceptable to me.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: I'm going to stick to
Robert0's Rules on this kind of stuff.

20 MR. BILLY: It's acceptable.

21 MR. RAYBURN: Fine.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, sir, it's

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acceptable. Secunder, it's acceptable?

2 MR. RAYBURN: (Nods.)

3 MR. DiLERNIA: So a second motion --
secunder has been -- Mr. Rayburn --

5 MR. RAYBURN: Okay. Yes.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: So this is now a third
sub-bullet. It was offered as a friendly
amendment. There was no second. So to be clear,
now, this is the third sub-bullet on the "Launch a
Broad Marine Aquaculture Development"; correct?

11 MR. SCHWAAB: Yes.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Are there any
other discussions? Mr. Rayburn. And Mr. Roberts,
you're next.

15 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah, a question on that
amendment to the author of that language. Eric, do
you include in states the Coastal Management
Program, or is this just -- or you just envisioning
that to be the fisheries agencies within the state?

20 MR. SCHWAAB: No. I'm talking about
broadly the --

22 MR. RAYBURN: Broad state --

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1 MR. SCHWAAB: -- all of the authorities
that have the regu- --

3 MR. RAYBURN: Aquaculture plays a role
in the state. Okay.

5 MR. SCHWAAB: Yes.

6 MR. RAYBURN: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Roberts.

8 MR. ROBERTS: That answers my question,
sir. 9

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

11 Is there any other discussion on the
motion on the part of the Committee? Mr. Rayburn.

13 MR. RAYBURN: And it's intended that
this~~14~~- the action on this bullet would be
accomplished by SHANOAA (ph), the Aquaculture
Office? Is that --

17 MR. SCHWAAB: As a part of this
development initiative.

19 MR. RUBINO: So should it be marine
Aquaculture regulation, as opposed to just
Aquaculture? I guess it doesn't matter.

22 MR. SCHWAAB: I'm not married to this

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language.

2 MR. BALSIGER: You are now.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, you are.

4(Laughter)

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, Dr. Balsiger.
You are married to it.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: This is the
part where "forever hold your peace" comes in.

9(Laughter.)

10 MR. RAYBURN: Can we have it annulled
maybe?

12(Pause.)

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Friendly
amendments have been accepted, so there's no reason
for a vote, other than to vote on the full letter.
Is there any other discussion on the full letter on
the part of the Committee before I go to the
audience?

19(No responses.)

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Seeing none, would you
care to make some comments? You've asked for --
could you please introduce yourself.

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1 MS. BRYANT: And state your name for
the record.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: State your name for the
record.

5 MS. MOSNESS: My name is Anne Mosness.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Could you spell that,
please.

8 MS. MOSNESS: Yes. Anne with an "e" --
Mosness, M-o-s-n-e-s-s. I work for the Institute
for Agriculture and Trade Policy. But I just
returned from a summer in Bristol Bay, Alaska,
where I worked for one of the major seafood
companies as an operations manager. That follows
28 years of running a fishing boat in Alaska and
Washington State.

16 So when Dr. Rubino and other people
have mentioned the stakeholders who are not part of
the process, I think I speak for them. I speak for
the commercial fishing families, and I represent
the voice of some of the NGOs that I've worked with
for half a dozen years, as they have looked at this
development of the offshore Aquaculture

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legislation.

2 I think, obviously, there's momentum
here.3 My comments are probably not going to add to
your knowledge of this. But I want to still
express to you the impacts offshore Aquaculture
would have on fishing families, because you're in a
state7that has had salmon farming for quite some
time.8 So we see the impact here in Washington.

9 There were 613,000 non-native fish that
escaped in four years into our waters. There was a
die-off 11 days ago of 100,000 fish in two of the
fish1farms in Washington. There was such a decline
in the commercial fishing -- the salmon industry
that1licenses in the region where I just came from,
Bristol Bay, plummeted from \$300,000 in 1995 to
less1than \$25,000 in value six years later. There
were1three suicides that I know of in the winter of
20021because the farm fish flooded the marketplace.

19 You can all talk about, well, there's
going0to be winners and losers in this. You know,
some2people aren't going to be able to compete.
They2ll have to do niche marketing. Well, I've

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just come from where the natives are never going to do niche marketing. If they can't sell their wild fish - 42 million sockeye came back to Bristol Bay - and if they can't find markets for those fish because the farm fish industry is basically flooding the markets, and then the momentum of federal agencies pushing corporate feed lot food production and displacing family fishing businesses, there's a sense of hopelessness. The only way things turned around in 2003 was when the Cullerans (ph) lawsuit allowed consumers to differentiate farm salmon and wild salmon in the marketplace.

14 But I don't know what's going to happen to those families that depend on black cod, or halibut, or any of the other wild fish that should be in the markets that could be lost in the marketplace because all this momentum is pushing feed lot production of fish.

20 Another time when I was impacted emotionally was at a United Nations World Food Summit in Rome, when the Chileans came to speak

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about taking of the mackerel and the small fish from their coastlines, and why that was affecting their marine food chain, but it was also affecting their human population. I've met with these Chileans several times since then. They're seeing the destruction of their small boat fishing fleet.

7 I don't see how we can assume that raising carnivores is going to lead to a protein gain.⁹

10 Now, we've addressed some of these questions at different times to NOAA. I was told when I spoke with the NOAA Science Advisory Board last August to present questions to NOAA, that they would answer. The questions have been sent to NOAA. I know that other people have presented questions and asked NOAA to look at the environmental impacts or the economic impacts, or whether there's a protein loss or a protein gain from the production of carnivores. We're not getting answers. I would like to submit again my letter for your records here of the questions that were asked.

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1 So the stakeholders that I have been
talking with are never going to come on board this
as long as we just see promotional material and
people coming, committed as they are, flying in on
tax dollars to attend a lot of meetings to present
information, but only some of us independent people
are trying to say, let's have some independent
research. Let's slow the process down. Let's look
at those people who are impacted who cannot come
out and talk to you. Let's look at the impacts on
family fishing businesses. Why should that be --
why should they be replaced by corporate feed lots?

13 It's very worrisome that this
legislation appears to allow foreign fishing
activities in our EEZ. We'd like to see the
language of it changing. I would certainly urge
caution here before just saying that you fully
support something that I don't think we've really
looked beyond the surface of. So those are
comments I'd like to offer to you.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, ma'am.

22 MS. MOSNESS: Thank you.

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: Understand that by submitting this letter to us, you're submitting this letter to the Committee. It simply becomes a matter of the Committee's -- the minutes of the Committee. You're not directly submitting it to NOAA.6 In order for this letter to be submitted to NOAA,7it would have to take an action of the Committee to recommend that it be forwarded to NOAA.9 Should that occur, I would -- as chairman, I wouldn't ask the Committee to act on it at this time1without having had opportunities to review it and to debate it. So on behalf of the Committee, I'll1accept it.

14 Dr. Balsiger, our chairman, is asking for some time. So Dr. Balsiger.

16 MR. BALSIGER: Just to suggest that I think7it's important you give it to the Committee, but if you do submit it to the Fisheries Service, NOAA1Fisheries, you will get an answer. You may not agree with all the answers, but when we enter1-- if you send a letter to Dr. Hogarth, it'll get in a control system, and you will get an

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answer. So if you didn't get an answer last time,
and it got lost, we've set up some new functions in
Silver Spring to keep track of letters.

4 MS. MOSNESS: May I submit it to you
both?

6 MR. BALSIGER: You could. If it came
in through the U.S. Mail system, it for sure would
enter the system.

9 MS. MOSNESS: The other thing I'd like
to say is you're also in a state where two of our
congresspeople have asked for the environmental
impact statement on offshore Aquaculture before
going forward. I think that's what's really
important is that we have experience in Washington
with open cage farming, and people are very
displeased with the impacts of it. So I hate to
see this rushed into taking it three miles off our
coastline.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: I've accepted your
letter on the part of the Committee. Do I have
your permission to copy it and give it to all

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Committee members?

2 MS. MOSNESS: Absolutely.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you.

4 MS. MOSNESS: Thank you very much.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Make sure the staff does
that, please.

7 MS. MOSNESS: And I'm certainly
available if anybody has --

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Committee members, this
is for your information and for your information
only. Should you choose to discuss it or act on it
at a later date, please make sure that you include
it as an agenda item for a future meeting.

14 Dr. Billy.

15 MR. BILLY: I'd like to call for the
vote unless there's any other comments.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

18 All those in favor of the letter as
presented and amended, please say "aye."

20 MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS VOICES: Aye.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Any opposed?

22 (No audible responses.)

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: Let the record show that
it passed unopposed. Thank you.

3 Is there any more to your report, sir,
Dr. Billy?

5 MR. BILLY: No.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you.

7 Okay. Next, Protected Resources. Mr.
Fletcher.

9 MR. FLETCHER: Thank you.

10 We received a presentation by Sam Rauch
a couple of days ago. The subcommittee, which was
composed of Mary Beth and Catherine and I, felt
that we didn't have enough information based on
that presentation in order to make an informed
decision about where MAFAC should go relative to
the ESA. So we met with Sam, had an opportunity to
try to get a more detailed picture of what the
Agency might like to get from us. As a result of
that, the subcommittee has put together a
recommendation to the Committee. If MAFAC agrees,
then the subcommittee will take on the
responsibility of receiving and getting educated on

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some of the issues that the Agency thinks are cogent to a better understanding and appreciation of the ESA and its consequences.

4 In light of the fact there's probably no legislation, this approach is probably what is going to be happening. So MAFAC should request that NMFS provide the subcommittee with any appropriate documents on current ESA issues so that the subcommittee may stay informed and provide advice on ways to improve regulations, policy or agency emphasis, and the ESA issues should become an agenda item on the January meeting of MAFAC.

13 So that's our recommendation to the Committee.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: My question is, you're recommending that ESA be an agenda item for the next meeting, or you're asking for this information should ESA become?

19 MR. FLETCHER: Our understanding, based on our meeting with Sam, is that there's going to be more interest in seeing the Agency focus on other than legislative approaches in light of

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what's going on. So there may be a push for more regulation or a modification of policies in the area of the ESA. So if in fact it appears that that's going to be the case, then the next meeting would be an appropriate time to have on the agenda a discussion that may result in the subcommittee providing the full committee with some recommendations that would go on to the Agency.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. I understand that 10 It's just that the way I read the second item, 11 at this point, I see that ESA should be an agenda item. And we're not requesting it.

13 MR. FLETCHER: No. I'm just saying we would be prepared to respond if NMFS chose to request our advice.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Very good.

17 Committee members -- so are you offering this as a motion?

19 MR. FLETCHER: Just so that the Committee gives the subcommittee the direction to do this. So, yeah, I'll make the motion.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Do we have a second?

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1 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Second.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Second by Mary Beth
Tooley.

4 Do we have any discussions on this
motion? So it's clear, what we're asking for is to
keep the subcommittee advised, and should there be
a need, the subcommittee will be prepared -- and
should there be a need, then perhaps we would have
it as an agenda item for the next meeting.

10 Ms. McCarty.

11 MS. McCARTY: I -- what you just said
doesn't sound a lot like what you had written down.
It sounds like what you're saying, that MAFAC
should take it up. But that's not what you're
saying?

16 MR. FLETCHER: Maybe I phrased it
poorly. I apologize. I'm just saying that, based
on our discussions with Sam, it may very well
become an issue that they would like to have our
advice on in the near future, perhaps by the first
of next year. So in that event, we would suggest
that we consider it an agenda item to discuss it.

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1 MS. McCARTY: Okay.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Schwaab.

3 MR. SCHWAAB: I guess I can just see
this many appropriate documents on current issues"
as being a very extensive collection of data.

6 MR. FLETCHER: Well, we had the meeting
with Sam, and he said that he would provide us with
what he thought might give us the best summary of
some of the issues that we may be involved in. So
I'm not married to the language, as you said, Eric.
I was just trying to characterize his comments.

12 MR. SCHWAAB: I noticed the chairman
didn't get out his shotgun in your case.

14 MR. BALSIGER: There's no motion on the
floor yet. It's altogether different.

16(Laughter.)

17 MR. DiLERNIA: So you're offering this
as a motion. We do know -- it is -- and we have a
second. So perhaps we should amend this to read,
"Provide subcommittee with any --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Relevant.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: -- with any documents

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2 MS. BRYANT: Deems appropriate.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: -- deems appropriate" --
or --4 "of any documents NOAA deems appropriate."
I'm offering that as an amendment to your motion,
sir -6 friendly.

7 MR. FLETCHER: I love it.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you. Secunder
accepted. Thank you.

10 Are there any other -- Mr. Rayburn?

11 MR. RAYBURN: It does say in the last
that 12 ESA should be on the agenda item at the
January meeting of MAFAC.

14 MR. FLETCHER: What year?

15 MR. RAYBURN: Oh, that's true.

16 (Laughter.)

17 If appropriate or something like that.
I would just -- same amendment, Mr. Chair. I think
if it's appropriate, perhaps, but not just direct
it be on there.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: If appropriate, ESA
should --

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1 MR. RAYBURN: I mean, if there's
something going on, I think that's -- if that's
what the subcommittee is interested in, only if
it's appropriate.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Ms. Tooley?

6 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Well, I think, at
a minimum, the subcommittee should meet in January.
If we're going to put some time and effort into
reviewing all the material, the subcommittee should
meet in January, and they should at least provide a
report to the full Committee, and that would need
to be an agenda item. So it's our intention to be
in communication with Sam, to spend some time
reviewing some documentation on ESA and what the
issues and challenges are. If we're going to put
in that time between now and January, then I would
appreciate it if it was on the agenda for at least
a report on our --

19 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So you're not
accepting the friendly amendment?

21 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Correct.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Please strike it.

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That got taken off that board until people say
"yes" to it. I'm sorry, sir.

3 Mr. Rayburn, now.

4 MR. RAYBURN: This is a parliamentary
inquiry, then. The thing on the agenda would be
nothing more than the subcommittee meet as part of
our agenda. It wouldn't necessarily have to be a
presentation on this item to the full Committee; is
that correct?

10 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: That's correct.
Yeah

12 MR. RAYBURN: Okay. If the
subcommittee wants to meet, that's great.

14 MS. O'MALLEY: So make that number
three the subcommittee --

16 MR. FLETCHER: No, I think ESA should
be a subcommittee agenda item on the January 7th
meeting. It may turn out that we'll need to have a
discussion of the full Committee of those -- of
some issues that we need to address.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So we don't need
any -- you made the motion, and you're amending

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your own motion. Accepted. Okay. So that's the new motion.

3 Ms. McCarty?

4 MS. McCARTY: That's what I was going to say. I think, if I could, I don't know what's going on, but if --

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Nor do I.

8 MS. McCARTY: -- if there's enough going on that the subcommittee wants to talk about it, then we should kind of know what's going on as a full Committee, I think.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Do you want to know now?

13 MS. McCARTY: Sure.

14 MR. FLETCHER: You want to get on the subcommittee?

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Seriously, --

17 MS. McCARTY: Yeah, I actually do want to know now.

19 MR. DiLERNIA: Right now.

20 MS. McCARTY: Well, as soon as --

21 MR. DiLERNIA: So I'm going to ask Mr. Rauch to speak for a moment. Can you answer Ms.

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McCarty's question?

2 MR. RAUCH: Can you restate the question?

4 MR. DiLERNIA: What is going on?

5 MS. McCARTY: I can't remember how this got on the agenda here, but there must've been a reason for it. I'm not entirely sure that we had enough detail in your presentation, which I think was two slides --

10 MR. RAUCH: No, it was four slides.

11 MS. McCARTY: Sorry, four.

12 MR. RAUCH: And a title slide.

13 MS. McCARTY: I mean, there's obviously something going on. So what's going on?

15 MR. RAUCH: Right. So what is going on is the legislative effort is dying out, and there's a new Secretary of Interior, and they're -- Interior, who is our co-manager, is very interested in looking to see whether regulatory or administrative changes can be made, given that there won't be any legislative changes made, in order to solve -- well, in order to generally

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improve implementation. I mean, there's not a specific problem that you can identify. There's many specific problems, depending on your perspective. But in general, to look at an overhaul of the way we are -- or at least a comprehensive review of the way we're implementing it to see whether changes need to be made.

8 And so NOAA will be participating as the co-manager in this effort. It may or may not lead to any regulatory or policy changes. But this is something -- we are going to be engaging with Interior as the co-manager, and this is something that we presented to MAFAC as an action we were undertaking, and wanting to know whether MAFAC wanted to be involved. But there is not a single specific problem that we've identified this of; but rather, it is -- there is a myriad of problems out there depending on your perspective, that are potential items that the agencies could be dealing with

21 MR. DiLERNIA: To that point, and then Dr. Balsiger.

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1 MS. McCARTY: To that point, and Dr. Balsiger might want to add to this, I don't know, ESA's a huge problem in my area, and I think maybe in other places, as well. If it's something major like this that may be happening to ESA implementation, I think it would be a good idea for MAFAC to be participating in that to some extent, and at least have the information to take out to the stakeholders that we sort of represent here. So that'd be my thought, and I think, therefore, that it should be on the agenda, period, for the next meeting.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Dr. Balsiger.

14 MR. BALSIGER: I was just going to offer if Sam's statements are still slightly too vague-- and I hope I don't get in trouble with this-- but for example, Mr. Fletcher pointed out problems with endangered species eating too many sturgeon. So there may be different ways to deal with these predator interactions without changing the law. So that might be one example of things that we might be looking at.

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1 MR. RAUCH: Exactly. If I could?

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Please.

3 MR. RAUCH: The reason it is vague is because we don't want to overly narrow the scope of inquiry, because it is not that narrow. What the two departments are looking at is not just predator interactions. But that is one of a great many things --

9 MS. KATSOUROS: What about marine mammals eating endangered species?

11 MR. RAUCH: That was -- that is the predator interaction issue. But there's also -- you know, vaguely stated, there was listing issues, science issues, dealing with jeopardy standards and the way we go about doing that, and workability issues, permitting issues.

17 MS. BRYANT: That's great.

18 MR. RAUCH: But it is very broad, and potentially expansive. Potentially it could become too expansive actually to be a workable administrative initiative.

22 MS. KATSOUROS: Has the Agency defined

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"jeopardy"?

2 MR. RAUCH: Yes. There's been a
"jeopardy" definition since 1986.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Do we have any other
discussion on the motion? Mr. Dewey?

6 MR. DEWEY: I just would like to
underscore Heather's comments, as well. Our
industry has got issues with ESA as we grapple with
federal Army Corps permits and consultations, and,
you know, if there's efficiencies through
programmatic consultations that can be gained,
which is something we're trying to do with NOAA,
just general issues relating to implementation of
the ESA. Definitely interested in staying abreast
of any dialogue going on with Interior and
discussions that may be looking at improving
implementation of ESA.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

19 May I remind you and all the other
Committee members that -- well, for yourself as a
new Committee member, sir -- that please feel free
to volunteer which committees you would like to

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serveion -- the subcommittees -- and we'll be happy
to accommodate you, sir.

3 MR. DEWEY: I would like to have my
name added to that subcommittee.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

6 Madam, also, please, be sure to let us
know where you would --

8 MS. BRYANT: I've got that on the
agenda.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Very good.

11 MS. BRYANT: So what we'll do is get
that on there.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Is there any other
discussion on this motion?

15(No audible responses.)

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Seeing none, I'd call
the question. All those in favor of the motion,
please respond by saying "aye."

19 MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS VOICES: Aye.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Opposed?

21(No audible responses.)

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Please let the record

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show that the motion passed without opposition.

2 Okay. Moving right along. Item number
three; National Research Council's Report on the
Marine Recreational Fisheries Survey. Mr.
Fletcher, that also was assigned to your
subcommittee.

7 MR. FLETCHER: Working group.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: How about that? Your
working group. Do you have a report for us, sir?

10 MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. It's on the
board. We had an opportunity to discuss it, and
what we chose to do was to identify a series of
principles that we thought were important when
taking on any kind of response to the NRC report
and all of the deficiencies outlined in that report
with the current MRFSS system. So the working
group recommends that MAFAC select the chair of the
working group of its designee to attend the
September 6th through the 8th meeting in Denver
where we heard they would begin that process of
responding to the NRC report. The meeting is
designed to, among other things, answer the

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following question: What will it take to regain the trust of the recreational fishing community with regard to recreational data collection?

4 The working group suggests that MAFAC representative work from the following principles:

6 Number one, maintain regional flexibility and recreational fisheries data systems based on available tools in each region.

9 Number two, answer the question, what do we need to accomplish -- what do we need this data system to accomplish?

12 Number three, consider some key changes to the MRFSS. And I know there are those that believe you should just throw MRFSS out and do something else. But we chose to go on the approach that if you gut all those offensive parts of MRFSS and rebuild it -- you can call it what you want, MRFSS or whatever -- so suggest some key changes, eliminate or significantly restrict the random dialing element, increase the angler intercepts, survey anglers at a higher rate, recognize that angler registration alone cannot fix

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the MRFSS problem, and make sure the state agency involved in the solution is a must.

3 Working together, NMFS and the states must decide on the level and precision of the data needed for current management and the timeliness of the results.

7 New funds are essential, and NMFS should review current expenditures on commercial and recreational fishing data programs to determine if any reallocation of existing funds is warranted. Also, requiring for-hire operators to submit daily catch and effort reports, that should be mandatory. The basic precept should be, unless anglers believe that the survey is well-designed and implemented, they're unlikely to participate. No credibility, no cooperation.

17 So that's just a quick cut at some thoughts on going into that meeting. But the key is that we need to have somebody, and I'm suggesting myself, attend that meeting in September in Denver.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

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Excellent. Thank you for your report.

2 I guess you're offering this also now
as a motion, so we can have some discussion it.

4 MR. FLETCHER: As a target. So moved.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Seconded by Mr. Schwaab.

6 MR. SCHWAAB: Actually -- I'll second
it, and then I have --

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Questions, comments?

9 MR. SCHWAAB: I'll second it with an
understanding that I'm going to make some --
recommend changes.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: It's easier as a
seconder to make the changes than if you're not the
seconder. So the second has been accepted.
Please, sir, proceed.

16 MR. SCHWAAB: Okay. Can you scroll
back up to the top? I have a number of comments.
Please bear with me. This characterization in the
second paragraph that the meeting is designed to
answer the following question, whose
characterization is that?

22 MR. FLETCHER: That was Rick Methot's.

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1 MR. SCHWAAB: I thought that the
meeting was also designed to focus on building a
better mouse trap, not just selling its credibility
to the recreational community.

5 MR. FLETCHER: Well, it's kind of
the -6 in order to answer that question, you've got
to build a better mouse trap.

8 MR. SCHWAAB: Right. So I guess I take
a little bit of issue with including that
characterization alone as the purpose of the
meeting.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Would it be nec- --
is -13is that paragraph necessary for the motion?

14 MR. FLETCHER: No.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Would you be pleased if
that paragraph were removed? I'm offering a
suggestion?

18 MR. SCHWAAB: Yeah. I guess I would
suggest that maybe that's the easiest way to deal
with that concern.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So a friendly
amendment to amend. There you go, it's gone.

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1 Next.

2 MR. SCHWAAB: Okay. So principle
number two, to answer the question, what do we need
this data to accomplish? is actually expanded on by
your sub-letter (f). I would suggest that sub-
letter (f) be moved up to expand upon principle
number two, and that we add to sub-letter (f), now
part of principle number two.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Let's add in italicese
(sic) to (f) before we move it.

11 MR. SCHWAAB: Okay. Go back to (f).
She's already moved it. Are we there now? Okay.
Never mind. Now I'm lost. Yeah, okay. Must
decide on the level of accuracy and precision.
They're not the same. And the appropriate -- I
would like to add something that speaks to scale
and the appropriate scale of application, so we
have a certain level of accuracy and precision, for
example, on a coast-wide scale, but not at a state-
by-state scale, which is one of the big problems
now. 21

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Bob, is that acceptable

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to you?

2 MR. FLETCHER: Sure.

3 MR. SCHWAAB: And in letter (g), --

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, let's make that --
let's make it text now, not proposed text, but
text.
6 Could you convert that italicese (sic).
Okay.
7

8 MS. O'MALLEY: The old (g) is now --

9 MR. SCHWAAB: Okay. I thought we had
talked, at least informally, about specifically
requesting from NOAA an assessment of the current
level of spending.

13 MR. FLETCHER: That was your idea. I
thought I'd be a little more political in the way I
phrased it.

16 MR. SCHWAAB: All right. Well, I would
recommend, perhaps not as an unfriendly amendment,
that we specifically request of NOAA an accounting
of recent expenditures as they relate to
documenting commercial landings, and separately how
much is spent to document recreational landings.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Back up, now, because

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now you're making a motion to amend. That has not been accepted as a friendly amendment.

3 MR. FLETCHER: No, it's not accepted.

4 MR. SCHWAAB: I thought I had to explain what I was asking for first.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: So do you want to -- I see what you're explaining -- I just ask that you propose the amendment so that it can be typed and projected for people to review. Then if you wish to speak to the amendment, or just speak to your motion, then we'll do that. But first I need a motion, sir.

13 MR. SCHWAAB: All right. That we would amend letter (f) to read, NMFS should be requested to provide recent expenditure history related to the collection of both commercial and recreational catch data.

18 MR. SIMPSON: Actually, it's not catch, it's landing.

20 MR. SCHWAAB: What's the better -- landings? Okay.

22 MR. FLETCHER: It's really NOAA

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Fisheries, too, instead of NMFS.

2 MR. SCHWAAB: Yeah, well, that depends
on who in NOAA Fisheries you're talking to, I
guess4

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Is that your motion?

6 MR. SCHWAAB: And that then we would
sort of integrate that with the existing letter (f)
to determine what level of new funding is needed,
and what level of reallocation might be possible.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: So your motion is to
integrate this with the current (f)?

12 MR. SCHWAAB: Yes.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Do we have a second to
the motion? Without a second, it's not going to
move anywhere. So if someone wants to second --

16 MR. ROBERTS: I'll second for
discussion.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Second for discussion.
Very good. Mr. Roberts has seconded for
discussion.

21 MR. LEIPZIG: Eric, would you entertain
the idea of tacking on, then, the -- something to

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the effect that that data that is provided is on a regional basis rather than just nationally?

3 MR. ROBERTS: That's all right with me.

4 MR. LEIPZIG: There may be significant differences, and I don't know where you're going with that, but I don't have a problem with saying data, but I just want it broke down to a way that it becomes a little bit more meaningful than on the gross level.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Where do you want to insert it into the proposed amendment?

12 MR. LEIPZIG: Landings data on a regional basis.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Provide by region recent expenditure history; is that what you're saying?

16 MR. LEIPZIG: I was actually thinking of the last line, commercial and recreational landings data on a regional basis.

19 MR. DiLERNIA: On a regional basis. Eric acceptable?

21 MR. SCHWAAB: Yes.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Mr. Roberts,

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second, acceptable, the friendly amendment to the motion?

3 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

5 Ms. Lowman, and Dr. Balsiger is next.

6 MS. LOWMAN: I just have a concern. If I just get numbers, how much you spent here for recreational and commercial, it doesn't mean much to me unless I know what are the management issues, what are the size of that fishery, and a number of others to put it in context. So I'm not sure what I'm going to know if I just know X-dollars here and X-dollars here.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Keep in mind, folks, what we're doing is we're sending -- we've agreed to send one representative from our Committee to a meeting -- a national meeting designed to address the problems that currently exist with the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey. These are basically our instructions to our representative, our liaison, as to what items they should keep -- or he should keep in mind or present

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while attending the meeting. So how much detail we're going to get from our advice to him remains to be seen also. But I have -- to speak right now, I have Dr. Balsiger and Ms. McCarty.

5 MR. BALSIGER: I was only trying to discover whether (f) was needed for Mr. Fletcher before he went to the meeting or -- or -- because I didn't memorize the whole motion, so I can't remember how this fits under two. Is this something we provide at the next meeting, or is this --

12 MR. FLETCHER: No. This would be -- in my mind, not in the proposed amenders mind, the concept is that during the process of responding to the NRC report, at some point, it would be good to understand just where the dollars fall. If it turns out that there's a significant difference in those figures, then the question arises, well, is that an appropriate expenditure in light of the value of -- the relative value of those various fishing sectors? But I didn't intend it to become -- it was just an issue that I could raise

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at this meeting.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: If I may? The point has been made, Dr. Balsiger, by some members that the level of funding that's devoted to the monitoring of the commercial catch is significant -- magnitude's higher than the level of funding that's devoted to the recreational catch. Perhaps when the value of the recreational fishery, or whatever, is considered to the value of the commercial fishery, perhaps it might be appropriate in the future to divert some of those funds from the commercial fishery to the recreational fishery.

13 MR. BALSIGER: I have no problem with this kind of disclosure. I think it's appropriate. I just wasn't sure of the timing. I wanted to clarify that.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, sir.

18 MR. BALSIGER: I think they also ought to determine how much of that's discretionary, because some of it's earmarked and has to be for either rec. or commercial. I don't think you have to put it in the motion, because I would think we'd

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be smart enough to be able to lay that out if we're talking about these things.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: So -- okay -- you would speak against the proposed amendment?

5 MR. BALSIGER: No, no. I just wanted to -- I was looking for the timing of it.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. I have Heather, Bob and -- okay -- Pete. Heather.

9 MS. McCARTY: Thank you. I was actually going to ask the same question as to what the importance of that information was to the strategy at this meeting. And I think I now understand it. Since I do understand it, I'm not sure I agree that there should be consideration given here to some sort of evidence that would lead to diverting funds away from commercial fisheries data collection to another use. I mean, I'm not sure that that's a really good message that we should send.

20 I don't want to -- I don't know a whole lot about this issue, and I don't want to disadvantage the recreational fishing community in

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any way. But I also don't want to say maybe we should divert some funds from commercial data collection to anywhere, frankly, because we don't need less, we all need more. So it's just like Aquaculture and commercial fishing, you know, it needs to be new money. So ...

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Bob.

8 MR. FLETCHER: Well, I don't necessarily feel that the proposed amendment is a bad approach to gathering information, but I don't know that it's the timing. I don't think it's the appropriate place to be putting it. I laid out -- or the Committee had laid out some general principles to kind of guide whoever, if it's me or someone, is there on behalf of MAFAC at this meeting. So that was my concern about not accepting as a friendly amendment. But just it may not be the proper place right here for it. So that's why I wasn't supportive of it.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you.

21 Mr. Leipzig.

22 MR. LEIPZIG: Yeah. I'm questioning

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what this provides in terms of guidance to Bob Fletcher going to a meeting in Denver later in the year.³ But like Dr. Balsiger says, I don't have a problem with full disclosure either and putting everything out on the table. But if we're going to do that, then as a Committee, if we're going to start looking at this, then we need to also understand what the states' involvements have been, what the landing taxes are, where the fees are coming from. It's not just federal money in terms of the data collection. And what's the use -- as Dorothy raises, what are you trying to manage for? What level of precision do you need? Where's the volume of the data? There's all sorts of other issues if you're going to start making some decisions about whether there's an appropriate level of funding in one area or not. So anyway, I'm sort of rambling, but I don't think this adds anything, any guidance to Bob going to a meeting.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Schwaab.

21 MR. SCHWAAB: Well, a couple of comments in response. One, this is every bit as

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important. Good recreational landings data is every2bit as important to the commercial sector as it is3to the recreational sector.

4 Number two, one of the reasons I raised it now is because we have this principle that says new money is needed. Well, new money might be needed, but instructing us and this group as to what level of new money is needed would be significantly enhanced by being able to compare the relatively minuscule amount currently spent on monitoring recreational landings and what I think, without knowing what the dollar figure is, is a relatively significant amount. So I think that if new money is needed, knowing what's being spent on monitoring the commercial catch would be an important piece of evidence in speaking with Congress as to what level in justifying that request.

19 The last thing for me is -- and I'm not suggesting that new money is not needed -- but I think it is important that we understand the level of attention that has been historically paid to

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this issue within the Agency now compared to some other things they might be spending their money on, and that we not entirely let the Agency off the hook in its responsibility to fix this problem by simply saying, well, somebody's got to go to Congress and get this money. The Agency hasn't put any money in the budget -- in its budget proposal, as near as I can tell, in recent years to enhance recreational catch data.

10 MR. BALSIGER: To that point, Dr. Balsiger.

12 MR. SCHWAAB: I'm going to hear a clarification.

14 MR. BALSIGER: The administration has not, of course.

16 MR. SCHWAAB: Thank you.

17 MR. BALSIGER: There's several steps up and back down.

19 MR. SCHWAAB: Gotcha. The administration has not. I stand corrected. But there's not been any request for new money for recreational landings, but at the same time that

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we've seen, for example, big new money go into buying VMS for the commercial sector. That's just one example, which I understand is one of the things that happen, necessarily or not necessarily entirely within the Agency. That's why I think -- and I'm willing to accept that the timing at which -- under which the Agency can deliver this data be left somewhat open, but that we should be asking for the data. What I heard Dr. Balsiger say is that he thought that was an entirely appropriate request.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Simpson.

13 MR. SIMPSON: Full disclosure is a good idea
14 No problem with that. It's good management to look at where you're at before you go forward.

16 Heather, you jumped way ahead by saying -- just asking this -- or having Bob say that we should do this at the meeting would constitute the next act, and that is reallocation. That's not necessarily going to follow from that.

21 MS. McCARTY: It's up there on the screen.

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1 MR. SIMPSON: Recent expenditures?

2 MS. LOWMAN: To determine reallocation.

3 MR. SIMPSON: I will go all the way to
there. It could be the other way. I mean, if you
want VMS on all the recreational boats, or if you
want real-time closure of your fisheries and
seasonal closures, you know, maybe there is a need
for that finite level of data, but I don't think
so. 9

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Ms. McCarty, you're next
on my list, and then Mr. Roberts.

12 MS. McCARTY: I was just going to
clarify what I was saying, that in the original
motion there's a reference to reallocation of
existing funds under the old (f). Eric's proposed
amendment actually doesn't refer to that
specifically. And then the chairman referred to a
possible reallocation of funds. So that's where
that was coming from.

20 I actually think the proposed amendment
is much less specific in that regard, and probably
is more appropriate. Full disclosure is fine, but

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the whole reallocation thing, maybe that does need to happen, but I'm not sure that that should be coming from MAFAC at this particular point. I could be wrong. Maybe you guys do stuff like that. I don't know. I'm new, too.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: You guys -- "us" -- you're one of us. You're as much one of us as anybody else in here.

9 MR. SIMPSON: Let me clarify -- I'm getting the point that, from this information, thou shalt -- I don't get that from this information. You might. You might not. It's different than "thou shalt" do it.

14 MS. McCARTY: Gotcha.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: I'd like to get back to my list and try to keep some order and move us along.

18 MR. SCHWAAB: Can I offer a solution to that?

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, Mr. Robert is next on the list. Do you wish to yield your time?

22 MR. ROBERTS: I yield to his --

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, sir. Thank you.
Mr. Schwaab.

3 MR. SCHWAAB: Perhaps there's a
solution, and you're going to have to guide me on
the parliamentary process.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay.

7 MR. SCHWAAB: But I would suggest
perhaps we could -- as -- the proposed amendment
might be to move that italicized section in place
of the "NMFS should" section.

11 MS. McCARTY: Well, that's what I
thought your intent was.

13 MR. SCHWAAB: That would address that
concern.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So are you making
the 16 because we're going to have to still vote on
the 17 we have a motion, and we're going to have
to 18we're going to have to accept the amendment,
and if we accept the amendment, then we'll have to
vote 20on the motion.

21 MR. SCHWAAB: So the proposed amendment
is modified to simply substitute what's under (f)

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now for what is highlighted there by Rachel.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Now, as the maker
of the motion, you can do that. I know it was
seconded for discussion purposes only by Dr.
Roberts. That's acceptable to you, sir?

6 MR. ROBERTS: Acceptable.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you. Okay. So,
Rachel, could we make that change, please.

9 MS. O'MALLEY: Yeah.

10 MR. SCHWAAB: So do we have to vote on
it? 11

12 MR. DiLERNIA: We're going to have to
vote on --

14 MS. BRYANT: -- on the whole thing.

15 MR. SCHWAAB: I thought we had to vote
on the amendment.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: First we have to vote on
the amendment.

19 MS. BRYANT: We vote on the amendment.

20(Pause.)

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So is there any
additional discussion on the amendment? Mr.

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Roberts? Dr. Roberts?

2 MR. ROBERTS: Eric, if I were trying to respond to that as somebody in an agency -- and I know this is nit-picking -- but landings -- I don't know how they can report landings expenditures to you different than effort expenditures. I think what you really mean is landings and effort data, not just landings data.

9 MR. SCHWAAB: Larry's shaking his head, so I'd say yes.

11 MR. SIMPSON: He's more technical than I am12

13 MR. ROBERTS: But I think that's your intent, if I gather where you're trying to go here, and I think if that's the intent, we need to be specific, because if I were Jim, and I get this thing passed to me on my desk, I'm going to say, well, I can't separate my expenditures from landings out of that.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. You both agree on that21 It doesn't have to be italicized because you were22 the makers and the seconders. So if you want

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to amend your own motion to amend, that's fine. We don't need to actually take that up.

3 MR. ROBERTS: That's a clarification, I guess

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Clarification. So just leave it as text.

7 Okay. All those -- any additional discussion on the amendment to the motion?

9 (No audible responses.)

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Seeing none, all those that accept the amendment, say "aye."

12 MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS VOICES: Aye.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Opposed?

14 MR. FLETCHER: No.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. It shows that the motion passes, but with opposition.

17 MR. SCHWAAB: I still have the floor for my -- I have one more point with respect to the overall --

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, now we're looking at the amended motion. Do you wish to amend it again?

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1 MR. SCHWAAB: No, we're back -- I
thought we just voted on that.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: We voted on the
amendment to the motion. Now we have to vote on
the full motion.

6 MR. SCHWAAB: Right. And I was going
through a list of concerns, and we just addressed
my second to last concern on my list.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: So you have an
additional concern. Fine. Please, go ahead.

11 MR. SCHWAAB: My apologies.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: No, go.

13 MR. SCHWAAB: Can we scroll back up to
the top, toward the top. Okay. Back down below
number two. Sorry. I don't have this document in
front of me, and it is the first time I've seen it.
Right there. We had some discussion informally
about whether the potential fix -- realm of
potential fixes included only fixes to MRFSS, or it
should include some discussion about alternatives.
I think that I heard, Bob, you say that your --
this document focuses only on fixing MRFSS, and

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does not leave the door open for possible alternatives.

3 MR. FLETCHER: No, I left the door open,⁴Eric, by way of saying one of the suggestions might⁵be that, due to the problems and the good old phrase "fatal flaw," we might need to come up with an entirely different system. My only comment was they could still call it MRFSS as long as it addressed all the issues and came up with a system that¹⁰was acceptable and credible. So it was just a matter of semantics. You can name it something else,¹²a whole different system.

13 MR. SCHWAAB: So I'll offer as a friendly amendment substituting the MRFSS with recreational data collection systems.

16 MR. FLETCHER: Sure.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: Acceptable by maker? Who ~~se~~conded the original motion?

19 MR. FLETCHER: Eric.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Eric. Okay. So it's acceptable. Okay.

22 MR. SCHWAAB: Thank you for your

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indulgence, Mr. Chairman. I'm finished.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir, for your participation.

4 Any additional discussion on the motion? I have Mr. Rayburn, I have Chris, and I have Mr. -- Dr. Roberts. Mr. Rayburn.

7 MR. RAYBURN: The question is, the participation of a MAFAC representative I assume would be contingent upon financial support to participate, that there's no obligation on the chairman to attend this meeting absent MAFAC support?

13 MR. DiLERNIA: That's -- generally, where he's going, we're paying for it. Thank you, sir. 15

16 MR. JONER: This is not an unfunded mandate.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Mr. Dorsett.

19 MR. DORSETT: Thank you. I'm struggling here a little bit with some of these specific recommendations because I haven't read that book yet, and we didn't receive any kind of

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briefing on changes that are needed. So I'm looking at, for example, (a), eliminate or significantly restrict random digit dialing, which sounds okay to me, but I really don't know one way or the other without someone providing me that information if that should be a key principle. And there are some other ones in that list, as well, I can identify. But that's my concern right now.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. To this point, and then Dr. Roberts.

11 MR. FLETCHER: Just in response, Chris, my experience with random digit dialing in our discussion was that, for the amount of time and effort and expenditure of money, it accomplishes very little, and that when California went to a different system -- California Recreational Fisheries Survey -- the only dialing they did was on surveys to named persons who already were fishing. So it didn't appear to us that there was a justifiable benefit to even continuing with that element.

22 So that was why that language was

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there; because experience just did not demonstrate that there was very much benefit for the amount of time and effort and money.

4 MR. DORSETT: I appreciate that, and I just 5- I don't know if there are other opinions out there on these kinds of issues. And without a briefing on them, I'm a little uncomfortable.

8 There's also this discussion about regional flexibility. I don't know what exactly that means.

11 MR. FLETCHER: Well, I can respond to that, 12 too. On the West Coast, all the states have ocean 13 licenses. In the Northeast, that's not the case 14 While there is an ability to access anglers through state systems in certain areas, there isn't that 15 ability. So the idea of regional flexibility, to get 16 at the problem and try to come up with a fix absent 17 that information on the number of anglers in any 18 one state, we've got to use the tools we have.

20 Go ahead, Tony.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: If I may. Mr. Dorsett, we at 22 MAFAC -- this request to have someone attend

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a September meeting, which is perhaps five or six weeks away, was new to us when we first heard the request. Otherwise, we perhaps would've scheduled a full briefing on the Natural Resource Council's report to the full Committee. So we are faced with this request to either have someone attend or participate.

8 I can say that as a recreational representative to the Committee, I did participate in the working group's discussion regarding developing a response and developing some comments, to develop this motion, and I understood it. I would say that eliminating item (a), eliminate or significantly restrict random digit dialing, is actually one of the recommendations that has been made by the NRC regarding -- in their report regarding amending or fixing the East Coast Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey, which is MRFSS.

20 I understand, at the same time, your reluctance to vote on an item that you do not fully understand. I respect you for that fully, sir.

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1 MR. DORSETT: Yes.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: My suggestion is,
because at this point we were unable to have -- and
some of us understand this fully, because we've
been at the NRC briefings, and others and you have
not. At this point in our meeting here today, my
only suggestions are to either -- if we -- we could
table this motion, although we will send a
representative anyway, or we could require a motion
to table, or we could ask you, sir, to consider
either voting no or to abstain from the vote.
Those options are available. I offer those
comments only as a means of trying to accelerate
our meeting here. But I fully understand and
respect fully, sir, your hesitation regarding
voting on something you have not been fully briefed
on. 17

18 Dr. Roberts I have next on my list, and
then I have -- I see -- Laurel's been keeping the
list for me -- Dr. Roberts.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 Bob, on (g), we're requiring for-hire.

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For-hire would include six-pack people working in state waters entirely, or the kind of people that you represent? And the reason I ask is there's thousands of people who are six-packers, and very few like yourself in comparison. And I'm wondering --

7 MR. FLETCHER: I guess it was only -- my experience has been that all for-hire operators are required to submit records of their catch. In my experience, in my area -- and that was why I phrased it that way -- and it's turned out to be a very valuable tool now that we can take the information, program it, and have it accessible to the managers -- and it was a general feeling -- and Larry may or may not agree with this -- that nationally it would be a good thing to require all for-hire operators to provide records of their catch and effort. So that was why that was where it was.

20 There was also a recommendation in the NRC report that they be treated separately, and provide the information. So --

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1 MR. ROBERTS: As long as -- you're
saying, Larry, your recollection is "for-hire"
means3--

4 MR. SIMPSON: "For-hire" is head boat,
any paying -- could be guide. It's a state of the
art term. Rather than saying "charter boat," you
say "for-hire." That could be head boat, it could
be six-pack, could be overload, could even be
guide9

10 MR. ROBERTS: Right now they respond
through a telephone poll that NMFS does. Anyway, I
would2prefer to see, Mr. Chairman, back on the
motion in general, that -- I think some people have
some1difficulty because they think this is going to
be a1statement of MAFAC policy on some of these
issues. If I'm interpreting it right, it's less
disturbing to me. To me, these -- to me, the way I
read1what we're doing here is that the Committee's
trying to give -- I think we're trying to get Bob
sensitized to some things that he ought to look
at -21

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you.

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1 MR. ROBERTS: -- very clearly when he represents MAFAC at this meeting, not represent that all for-hire people need to fill out daily catch~~4~~and effort reports, but that you look at the meeting to see what information is talked about in that particular topic.

7 MR. FLETCHER: That's kind of the way I wanted to phrase it. These are principles that I will have -- keep in mind when I'm in that meeting discussing ways --

11 MR. ROBERTS: And then when you come back to us in January and give us a report, I expect to see what the conference said about (g), (e) and (d), as opposed to me approving a motion here to send you to the meeting to say that there ought to be a hundred percent sampling of for-hire people, because that, as a statistician with some background, that kind of gives me a little bit of trouble, because statistics is -- you know, has got some merit in terms of sampling, as opposed to having to do a hundred percent survey. So I'm looking at --

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1 MR. FLETCHER: They may reject the
idea, but if this motion passes, I will go to the
meeting, and I will put these ideas on the table to
be considered by the group as they respond to the
NRC report.

6 MR. ROBERTS: And you will in turn
report back to us what the conference said about
(e) and (f) and (g) --

9 MR. FLETCHER: Right.

10 MR. ROBERTS: -- and some of these
other things. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, Dr. Roberts.
Thank you for bringing us back a little bit to
focus -- more focus as to what we're actually
doing

16 I have Tom, Dr. Billy.

17 MR. BILLY: Yeah. Just for the record,
I share the feelings that Chris Dorsett raised.
Absent either a paper that briefs me on what this
is all about, more briefing, I'd just state my
intent to abstain from voting on this.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

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1 Mr. Rayburn.

2 MR. RAYBURN: I think Dr. Roberts probably stated what I was going to say. The way I read this -- and I'd ask Rachel if you could scroll up to the top of this listing here -- we're talking about just consideration three there, consider some key -- just it's a consideration and not an advocacy for any particular position. So as Ken was saying, I assume the representative will go, make sure these items are discussed, not take an advocacy pro or con on any of 'em, bring that information back to us as an information type of situation, so we'll know what the advisory group assembled there thinks about these particular items, not necessarily MAFAC taking the position pro or con, but what they think. Then after insightful discussion, we could determine from a MAFAC position how we would go with any particular one that is being considered. Is that the intent of this motion?

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Hands are jumping up all around. Hold on one second.

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1 MR. RAYBURN: I'm finished. The
question was, is that the intent, that it's --

3 MR. DiLERNIA: I'm going to defer. I
had next on my list Dr. Balsiger. I'm going to
defer to him, and then I'll go to Mr. Fletcher, and
then Ms. McCarty.

7 MR. BALSIGER: I also was wondering
whether this was intended to represent MAFAC policy
or recommendation for policy. So that's been
clarified. Then there's people that haven't seen
the report yet. So I wonder, you might want to
consider, if Chris reads the report, he could send
an e-mail to Bob, something that catches his eye
before then. I'd hate to see lots of abstentions,
because I think the main focus of this meeting was
to make sure that MAFAC's represented at the
meeting. So we wouldn't want a lot of abstentions
and no's against it just because of these
individual items. I expect that Chris even would
want to see MAFAC represented at the main meeting.

21 MS. BRYANT: And it was a sincere
effort on NMFS' part to make certain MAFAC was

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involved, because we've got such a good cross-section.

3 MR. JONER: Could Rachel scroll up just above that so we could see where the "consider" fits in. What's the main obstruction?

(Pause)

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. It's been whispered in my ear that the second paragraph read the working group suggests that the MAFAC representative keep in mind -- not require a mandate, but consider -- or keep in mind the following principles.

13 MS. BRYANT: Yeah, the following areas of concern.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: The following areas of concern.

17 MR. JONER: I don't like that because then that puts --

19 MR. DiLERNIA: (Speaking over Mr. Joner) -- or from the following areas of concern.

21 MS. BRYANT: Yeah. It's not a principle that we're adopting. It's just an area

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of interest to consider.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Following areas of
concern. Mr. Fletcher, acceptable to you, that
friendly amendment?

5 MR. FLETCHER: I love it.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Secunder, acceptable?

7(No audible response.)

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Back to my list,
I have Ms. McCarty, and then Mr. Fletcher.
Heather, anything?

11 MS. McCARTY: Oh, absolutely. That's
way better. Because I have to admit that I
misunderstood the language originally, and thought
that it was taking an advocacy position --

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay.

16 MS. McCARTY: -- on behalf of MAFAC.
Now I see, of course, that it's not.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Very good. Thank you.

19 Bob, anything?

20 MR. FLETCHER: This whole thing --

21 MR. RUBINO: Just leave it at no.

22 MR. FLETCHER: This whole thing is --

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why don't we just eliminate all the other stuff and just say send me to Denver.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, that's what I thought we were going to say in the first place, but then that's when we started -- okay. Why don't we vote on the full motion at this point. All those in favor of the full motion, say "aye."

8 MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS VOICES: Aye.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Any opposition? Any abstentions?

11(No audible responses.)

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Very good. Why don't we take ten minutes.

14(Recess from 2:34 p.m., until 2:47 p.m.)

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Folks, can we come back to order, please.

17(Pause.)

18 MR. DiLERNIA: I thought it was going to be easy to be done before 5:00, but I -- I still -- I still have hope to be done before 5:00. We have some housekeeping items. We have the Sustainable Fisheries DVD. We can't show that just

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yet. 1 I was going to open with that for the second
half. 2 I was going to open with that, but we still
don't have the projector. So what I'd like to do
now is turn my attention to the 2020 document.
Mary Hope is -- well, I'll tell you what, we'll
postpone that. There's the TV. Okay. So while
they're setting up the -- getting ready to set up
the DVD, Jim, Laurel, who could we go to first?
Jim? 9 Dr. Balsiger.

10 MR. BALSIGER: This is -- let's see --
we launched our Sustainable Fisheries Leadership
Awards this last year. MAFAC played some role in
that 13 It was a successful ceremony. We got lots
of good accolades from our bosses downtown in
Washington, D.C. So that was positive in itself.
But 16 I think beyond that, it was good to be able to
demonstrate to the large community that we try to
serve 18 that we appreciate the cooperation and help
that we get from them. So it was a good program,
and we have video of the ceremonies.

21 This agenda item on here is mostly to
indicate that we intend to make this a continuing,

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ongoing program. We're working a little bit on exactly the logistics of it, but we want to make certain that MAFAC continues to help us select the nominees -- advertise for nominees, I guess, select nominees, help us with criteria, if necessary, and then help us go through the lists, and ultimately decide who the winners are for the awards for '07. So I think we can make this a very short thing for today. I don't think we have to have time lines and assignments right now. Although Laurel has the background on that.

12 MS. BRYANT: It will depend on the time line of this, because the last time we went out for nominations in November, and MAFAC, once we got the nominations in, we had the web page that had all of those for everybody to review and make recommendations. We have criteria, we have all of that 18

19 The two things that kind of need to be improved on in that process was we had very few MAFAC members commit to that process. I think for this next time, because we will not be meeting

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again until next February, I really -- I think I would like members to really be aware of that, and maybe at least we get some subset of MAFAC that is committed to those reviews.

5 Then also I've talked with Vince, and mentioned it a little bit to Larry and Randy, but one of the reasons that Bill also liked MAFAC's involvement is because you have the commissions already built in, so you can get a state perspective. So we really want to make certain that we get the states involved from that and with that review, so we really have those two discrete review perspectives occurring in the nomination process.

15 So I guess this is heads-up to you as we prepare to go through this the next time around, and get our legs on it again. And once Bill makes a decision on the time line, again we're probably looking at June for an event, November for nominations. But when we get that pinned down in the next month or so, I'd like to come back to the Committee via e-mail and through Tony and identify

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some folks.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah. I'd like to add to what Laurel just said also. Mom just yelled at us, but I'm going to yell at us too a little bit. I was a bit disappointed with the number of MAFAC members that participated in the selection process of this year's awardees. We were and are the selection committee. It is our responsibility to review the nominees and to make the selections.

10 MS. BRYANT: Well, to make recommendations.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, to make recommendations. The more participants the better. I know I kept putting it off, and I said, okay, I'm going to do this. It took me less than an hour -- maybe -- well, between one and two hours to do the review of all of the nominees and to make my -- put my vote in for the recommendations. A number of members did not last time. I hope that our participation will increase on the next go-around. This is the only opportunity I'll get to say this to you before we meet again. We may have those

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names in front of us before the next meeting. So, please, if that comes through, take a few minutes, click on the site. It's very simple. You have to read it - it's like voting on American Idol almost. You get to read about it and select your winner for each category.

7 Dr. Billy, you had your hand up.

8 MR. BILLY: Yeah. Just I was one of those that didn't, and I'm sorry for that. However, I'd like to write down the dates for when this is going to occur.

12 MS. BRYANT: As I said, I don't --

13 MR. BILLY: Oh, I heard what you said.

14 MS. BRYANT: November --

15 MR. BILLY: I'm making a point.

16 MS. BRYANT: Oh, okay.

17 MR. BILLY: We're busy people, and the soon as we know when all this is going to occur, we can reserve time to do these things. It's not being against it. It's an interest in being involved. Our time is difficult, too, sometimes. So we need it as soon as possible.

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: And I have a question
also for Laurel on this. I kept putting it off
because I felt I had to do it all in one sitting,
whereas if I -- can you do it, review it, in like
three5-- say I want to take a half hour of my lunch
each day at work and just --

7 MS. BRYANT: Oh, yeah. It's all posted
online, everything, for you to read.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: So you can just do a
few, and come back to it a day or two later, do a
few others?

12 MS. BRYANT: Yeah. It's just a form
that you can just download and keep, and as you
fill it out on your own -- that's all it is. It's
very casual. I will say, though, we got to do no
advertising last time. We were prevented from
going out. And when we did for the very short
period of time and the minimal amount of heads-up
that we got, we still ended up with 48 very
qualified candidates. The amount of time you
spent, I anticipated if we're successful, that will
go up significantly. But it is all online. It is

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divided by category.

2 What I'm suggesting is, working with MAFAC; maybe it's not -- maybe it's certain members only looking at one category, and some other members looking only at another category. The MAFAC under-secretary came to you and asked you to develop an awards program that NOAA would utilize to acknowledge its constituents. This is still your baby. These are lessons learned. That's merely what I'm offering here, lessons learned.

11 So as we get successful, it might be very burdensome. Maybe somebody who wants to -- really wants to read all of them. But there are six categories of awards, and one member who is not here did suggest that one of the categories, which is the special recognition award, should not come from nominees outside the Agency, but rather, should exclusively be a nomination process from within the Agency.

20 So there's a lot of things kind of turning over that you may want to and that maybe we want to put at the top of the agenda for next time,

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or that we want to have a phone conference or some kind of e-mail exchange as we prepare for it for the next round that we go through.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Mary Hope.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: I guess you heard Bill speak on the phone. He has approached Fish for the Future Foundation to do the nomination process, to, you know, post it on their website. I believe he said that on the phone when he called in on Tuesday morning. We are talking about it would still be a MAFAC¹-- you know, they would be the review and everything. But this would be that you could go out to the broader public. You could advertise. And being that the event was paid for not by the Government, it would give it some -- you know, somewhat separation. He wanted to do this similar to what the Sanctuaries does with the Sanctuary Awards, and make this a continuum that -- we have not worked out the details, but he has come to us, and we've taken it to our board to have them consider it and take an action on it. It would still be a -- you know, a MAFAC review committee,

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but it would be a -- you know, it would be Fish --
you know, Fish -- you know, NOAA working with Fish
for the Future Foundation, and then they -- what he
had envisioned, which the Government's not able to
do, is actually to publicize it, ask people to
bring in, you know, recommendations for nominees,
to have a -- to have the process seem more distant.
You know, this isn't just NOAA, you know, giving --
so -- and I don't know where those -- you know,
where that's going, but -- and but that would be
something that we would need to clarify, you know,
as we move forward.

13 MR. JONER: I guess I have a question.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. And we have the
video 5 So I have two people that want to speak.
Mr. Joner.

17 MR. JONER: I guess it's a little
unclear to me how that worked. Would you serve as
like an outside contractor for advertising this?
To me --

21 MS. KATSOUROS: No, Fish for the
Future --

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1 MR. JONER: I'm missing something here.

2 MS. KATSOUROS: All right. Fish for
the Future --

4 MR. JONER: I don't really see why it
would go outside --

6 MS. KATSOUROS: Okay. Fish for the
Future Foundation would be the -- it's like the
Sanctuaries Foundation -- would be the group that
would, you know, get the nominations, put these
nominations in whatever criteria, and then, you
know, present 'em to the review committee, which
would be MAFAC. It would be an outside group. You
could look at it, yes, as a contractor.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Staff.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: But, yeah, it would be
an outside group that does this.

17 MR. JONER: But then it would go to
MAFAC, and then from MAFAC to the Agency, or --

19 MS. KATSOUROS: MAFAC would serve as
the review -- well, you would make
recommendations -- these are the people that get
it --

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1 MR. JONER: Yeah, but then --

2 MS. KATSOUROS: -- and, you know, those
recommendations would be -- I mean, that's why I
said we haven't worked out the details, because
then somebody can't -- you know, if you have a
review -- you have to be transparent. Fish for the
Future Foundation has to be transparent. That
question of veto power -- you know, if the review
committee comes up with these things, there's no
veto power. I mean, you know, so those kinds of
things haven't -- but it was to give transparency
to -- you know, again, as I said, this was -- I --
he did bring it up during our phone conversation.
I don't know if anybody was paying attention or
not. But he has talked to us about that.

16 MR. JONER: I still -- I --

17 MR. DiLERNIA: We listen to every word
Bill says, Mary Hope.

19 Ralph. Save me here, Ralph. You're
next on the list.

21 MR. RAYBURN: I don't want to delay the
video but I would like to say a few things about

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this.1 I mean, it was a very classy activity in June when these awards were presented. It was a relatively small group of people that were there, but, wow, I mean, it was a heavyweight bunch, and I was real pleased to be a part of it and represent a little bit of MAFAC.

7 I was a little concerned. The funding on this -- I -- I'd understood that -- did the funding come from a fisheries organization?

10 MS. BRYANT: For the dinner.

11 MR. RAYBURN: For the dinner.

12 MS. BRYANT: The staffing of nominations, evaluations, the website, that's been done by fisheries, but I think there's an interest in maybe shifting that whole thing over to Fish for the Future.

17 MR. RAYBURN: Well, I guess it, you know, kind of troubled me, and I'm glad that there are fisheries that are able to fund these kinds of things. But, I mean, it seems to me like if you're going to do it, the Agency -- and the Agency wants to do it, they ought to find -- and maybe this is

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Fish for the Future or whatever -- but there needs to be an entity out there that is not regulated by the Agency that's given the money to do this kind of thing.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: But Fish for the Future Foundation gets money from a multitude of organizations. It's not just from one.

8 MR. RAYBURN: And I'm not -- I'm talking about last time. As I understood it, that was what somebody said. Whether it's true or not, 11-

12 MS. KATSOUROS: Well, last time was -- well, 13 yeah, we had some of those same issues. That 14 why we discussed it.

15 MR. RAYBURN: Good. I don't think that 16 is right to hit on the folks you regulate to fund 17 something like this, even though it's important. It's been a while back, a lot of water under 18 the bridge, but I really can't remember any kind 19 of changes in criteria that we need or evaluations or not, but --

22 MS. BRYANT: Yeah. I don't know what

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the -- yeah.

2 MR. RAYBURN: Everything seemed to -- I mean, again, it was a while.

4 MS. BRYANT: It's up there, and everybody can review them if they have any comments or thoughts for Mary Hope.

7 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah. Would you like -- review it and get you some response back by time certain?

10 MS. KATSOUROS: Actually, you know, we would -- I mean, we just started these discussions, and, you know, we need clarification, you know, on how we would go forward, you know. If you all are happy with those criteria -- I mean, we just have to have some criteria when someone says, so, you know, how did this happen? -- and then you have your criteria that you can show. It just needs to be somewhat more transparent. I think that that --

19 MR. DiLERNIA: My suggestion, Ralph, would be for MAFAC to engage in the exercise a second time, perhaps with additional participation, and then after that exercise a second time, to then

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review the process and see if you want to recommend changes to --

3 MS. BRYANT: And if there are -- do look at the criteria, because they're up online, and it's fully public and transparent. So if you want anything, then get us those recommendations.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: I see Larry back there. When I was in grade school, I used to love to be the A/V kid and get to go down the hall and get the 10 so go ahead. Push the button, on and off, that made you special, or turn the film strip dial. Remember? Every time there was a ding on the recording, you turned this film strip dial.

14(Video played.)

15 MR. DiLERNIA: Ralph.

16 MR. RAYBURN: I had one more point to make before the video. I understand that it, and maybe what you mentioned about changing that last award to be an internal kind of deal, I know when we --20

21 MS. BRYANT: That was suggested by one, but --22

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1 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah. When we talked
about this before, I think I heard Gilmore say
this, and if not, he's not here to defend himself,
but we really didn't want it to become just a
political award. When you were looking at those
candidates, I mean, what Senator Stevens did, you
know, it really was not comparable, as I recall,
with the other candidates for that position. I
would hate -- I mean, I know you've got to do that,
and it's great long-term, but, you know, there are
other folks, I think, that would be significant,
but would not be able to compete with the
congressional leadership. So I guess what I'm
saying is, there ought to be some way to either --
you know, to separate the two out so you can really
hone in on somebody that's had a lifetime career,
but not in politics, you know, and not have them
compete with a political leader like Stevens or
Gilchrist or whomever else might be out there, you
know, in the long term. How you do that, I don't
know, but that was one thing that seemed like it
came out early. We were concerned about that

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becoming that, and once you start the process, you know, you really can't get off of it. You've got a, you know, well, why didn't my chairman get the award? -- or this or that. So it's not offensive to Stevens. Obviously, he deserves it. But I'm just saying that there needs to be some way to deal with that, I think.

8 MS. BRYANT: I agree. I agree.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. Unless there's anything else, I think we'll leave that at this point.

12 Okay. 2020. Not all the members were here earlier today when the working group got together to discuss the 2020 document. What has been decided is that there are two basic questions that we're going to ask Committee members to respond to. We ask Committee members to respond within the next few days, either by handing in a written response on the sheet that's been distributed -- and if you haven't received one, see us after the meeting, and we'll give you a copy of that sheet -- you can either hand it in or you can

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communicate with us via e-mail. That e-mail is,
again? --

3 MS. KATSOUROS: And we'll have an
e-mail~~l~~ out on Monday to all the MAFAC, you know,
just ~~g~~iving the questions just as a reminder. But
it's ~~mhk~~@mk61.com

7 MR. DiLERNIA: So you're going to now
commu~~n~~icate on Monday --

9 MS. KATSOUROS: We have it -- we're
putting them in the mailing list just to remind
them~~11~~

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay.

13 MS. KATSOUROS: We have -- I have
receiv~~e~~d five so far. We'll check you off our
littl~~e~~ list -- well, the general one, so that
you'~~ll~~ have our e-mail, but then you'll start
honing in on --

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. We need responses
to the~~se~~ two questions next week, because on August
10th~~20~~we will send the synthesized version of the
respon~~s~~es to the MAFAC members for comments. By
August~~2~~ 24th -- let me go through the calendar

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first-- we'll expect folks to respond back to us by August 24th. By a week later, August 31st, we will have the proposed options for moving forward on the next steps distributed to all the Committee members.

6 MS. KATSOUROS: I could meet with Bill if he wants.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Again, there's been some confusion regarding what Dr. Hogarth has been asking us. It seems that he's spoken with a few different people, and we've heard a few different messages. So we'll have that clarified also between now and August 31st.

14 MS. BRYANT: And you want members to get the things to Mary Hope when, August --

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, again, --

17 MS. KATSOUROS: As soon as possible.

18 MS. BRYANT: Okay.

19 MR. DiLERNIA: As soon as possible, but the deadline for receiving comments to Mary Hope is August 10th.

22 Pete, I see your hand up.

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1 MS. KATSOUROS: I can't have a
synthesized version.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: I'm sorry?

4 MS. KATSOUROS: No, no. You can't send
it to me on August 10th and expect it to be part of
the synthesized -- you know --

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Give them a
day, then.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Mary Hope, what's our
calendar, please?

11 MS. KATSOUROS: On August 10, I -- it's
to go back to you so that you can see what we
have -- you know, we will say whatever -- I do have
a calendar with me, actually, so I -- right, that's
for it to go out. So Monday's the 31st. So by
the, you know, 2nd or 3rd, if you could have
submitted your comments to us, we'll -- you know,
so that gives us a week to put 'em together to, you
know, put 'em out.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Everyone has enough time
with that and that's good?

22 (No audible responses.)

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So then you'll
send it back out to everyone on the 10th?

3 MS. KATSOUROS: Yeah. That's all
right. I'll send 'em out on the 10th.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. After they come
out on the 10th?

7 MS. KATSOUROS: We'd ask them to take
two weeks to look at this, send us comments back so
that we receive it on the 20- -- so that we get it
back 10-

11 MS. BRYANT: Was it the 24th?

12 MS. KATSOUROS: -- -4th, right.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. This time line
will be in your e-mail.

15 MS. KATSOUROS: Yeah.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: It'll be in your e-mail
that you receive on Monday. Any other discussion
or questions? Ralph?

19 MR. RAYBURN: Mr. Chairman, the purpose
of our response to August 10th following the
compilation we get on August 10th, is that to
reflect on other people's ideas as to whether or

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not we think that's realistic, or is it to review our own -- how our own input is --

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, we need to see what everyone else is saying.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: Yeah. And was the synthesis -- is it reflective of the group's thinking, and, you know, whenever you synthesize something.

9 MR. RAYBURN: I just wasn't sure that -- you know, like one may say there's no way to save the fishery, and the other one may say it's going to be great. I mean, are we supposed to -- are we seeking --

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, the first (speaking unintelligibly fast) out while the rest of us work it out.

17 MR. RAYBURN: Excuse me?

18 MR. DiLERNIA: The first person can sit it out while the rest of us work it out.

20 MR. RAYBURN: I guess my point is, are we supposed to be checking to see whether our input is adequately addressed in the synthesized

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document, or will there be some judgment given to the input made as to what is included in the synthesized document? Are we to comment? And these are a series of questions, but are we to comment on other people's positions? It seems to me it's a fairly -- it could be, I mean, a fairly complicated process to get to a point where we would get some consensus of MAFAC as to what our vision is.

10 MS. KATSOUROS: Or convergence --

11 MR. RAYBURN: Convergence maybe.

12 MS. KATSOUROS: -- that this represents what is -- you know, a combined MAFAC -- you know, and it may be more -- you know, --

15 MR. RAYBURN: I just propose that as a challenge.

17 MS. KATSOUROS: Yeah. It would be to say, you know, this is something that MAFAC would say could be our combined -- there would be a -- and then there's some people that weren't here for the discussions. How you bring them in, you know --

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1 MR. RAYBURN: Well, yeah. It's just a
challenge, so good luck.

3 MS. KATSOUROS: -- and that also has to
be taken into account.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, we'll just -- how
they come is the response to the two questions.
That's what we're looking for is response to these
two questions.

9 Ms. Foy.

10 MS. FOY: Thank you. I can't speak for
everyone else, but I intend to restrict my comments
at this time to areas of my own personal expertise
so that I don't delve too far into the realm of
pure pipe dreams. I didn't say what's smoking in
the pipe. But the subcommittees and the work
groups, if you have a particular interest in an
area, then chances are you have probably studied
there. Perhaps we could frame our comments, and
then let the work groups of the particular areas
address their own subsections of the draft. Do you
understand what I'm saying?

22 MR. DiLERNIA: I'm sorry, no.

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1 MS. FOY: Okay. Let me rephrase that,
if I can.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: I was going to be polite
and say yes, but I don't want to get --

5 MS. FOY: If I can.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: I want to be productive.
So, please.

8 MS. FOY: The Ecosystem Approach
Subcommittee could address ecosystem areas of our
2020 Vision. The Protected Resources Subcommittee
could address protected resources interests.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. That's a new
approach. What you're suggesting is a brand new
approach now.

15 MS. FOY: I'm not suggesting that it
affects this, but I think perhaps addressing it as
an entire committee is going to become increasingly
unwieldy. So if we can as subcommittees perhaps
make recommendations, that --

20 MR. DiLERNIA: We have a working group
that's going to begin to meet and work and review
the full Committee members' -- we're -- and Dr.

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Balsiger's asked to speak, and I'll defer to him to finish my comments. The concept here is to get something from everyone, to begin to develop a strawman that can then go to the working group, and start the refinement from there. How that evolves from there remains to be seen still.

7 Jim.

8 MR. BALSIGER: That's fine. That's where I was going.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah. And where it evolves from there is -- and then, you know, do we need additional meetings and hearings, and who gets involved? That's all yet to be decided. We're asking for a living, working, breathing document. This thing'll be doing a tango by the time we get done. But that's -- we wanted to -- we need a working -- we need a straw man. We need to get started. We've discussed it. It was introduced at the last meeting. I hoped to get a little more ground going here. Perhaps if we just take some time to focus our comments by writing them down and going forward, that's another attempt at getting

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this going.

2 Ms. McCarty.

3 MS. McCARTY: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

4 Do you also anticipate at this meeting
having this group agree on the rest of the process
at all? I know you just said this was just a
beginning.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: No. No.

9 MS. McCARTY: Okay. Given that, then,
when we meet again in February, we will decide the
rest of it? Because that seems to me to be --

12 MR. DiLERNIA: No.

13 MS. McCARTY: Okay. So in between
those two times, now and then, who's going to be
making the decisions?

16 MR. DiLERNIA: We'll -- what I'd like
to do is to have another conversation with Dr.
Hogarth, and actually get some written -- probably
some written direction from Dr. Hogarth regarding
this project. Have that -- those written
directions circulated to the entire Committee, take
the comments that we have from Committee members,

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and begin to synthesize them. Send that out -- and we may have to modify it after we get out -- because some folks are going to send us in some comments, and maybe after we get some written direction from Dr. Hogarth, we may have to modify that. So we may have to go -- I see a lot of e-mail exchanges on this going back and forth.

8 The decision-making regarding how we -- once we synthesize the comments from the full Committee and we start to go forward, it's going to go to the working group, and I'm going to ask the working group to make decisions how to go forward. So I would expect the working group to make some decisions over the next couple of months, and perhaps even have the working group meet as a subcommittee sometime before the next MAFAC meeting to work on that and have some concrete material to deliver at the next MAFAC meeting.

19 MS. McCARTY: And what do you think that will be, that concrete material at that point in February? I'm just trying to get a feel for it because I just want to know -- I'm on the

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subcommittee --

2 MR. DiLERNIA: We may -- at this
point3-- at that point, we may have a draft of a --
or a ~~s~~ straw man draft of a report that we want the
full Committee to bless before we place it on our
website for public comment, and then decide if we
have to put on a road show -- and excuse the
slang8-- but to go out and get additional comments
and input before we put together our final report.
So I would like to see a draft or interim or
proposed report for full Committee review at the
next meeting, when we meet in winter of '07.

13 Suggestions or -- okay? We good with
that thinking?

15 MS. McCARTY: That's what I wanted to
know16

17 MR. DiLERNIA: All right. Okay.
Hopefully we'll be able to keep to that time line
and be able to get it done.

20 MS. McCARTY: Is it January or
February?

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, that's -- we're

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going to discuss that in the next few minutes. The
winter '07 meeting, I purposely said that.

3 Okay. So comments to Mary Hope as soon
as possible. You'll send out an e-mail.

5 MS. KATSOUROS: I will send out an
e-mail so that you can just --

7 MR. DiLERNIA: This is going to take a
lot of work. We're going to keep dumping it on
Mary Hope.

10 MS. KATSOUROS: And, you know, there's
going to be some hornets nests. I mean, we have to
be ready for it, of course, any time you do
something like this.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Pete.

15 MR. LEIPZIG: For the benefit of the
people that weren't here this morning, what I got
out of the agreement was that in spite of the
wording of question one, there are really two parts
to that. One is what you think is going to happen,
and the second part is, what would you like to see
happen. Okay? So some people are just seeing
this and it's not worded in the manner that was

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agreed to.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: And you'll reflect that
in your e-mail -- going out -- going -- e-mail.

4 MS. KATSOUROS: Right. I thought we
agreed on what would you like to say --

6 MR. DiLERNIA: A little louder, a
little louder.

8 MS. KATSOUROS: That would be the
vision. What would you like to see the fisheries
and the fishing infrastructure be in 2020? It was
not trying to project, because if you try to
project, --

13 MR. LEIPZIG: What I heard this morning
was instructions that part (a) was what you
anticipate. What do you think is going to
happen? -- whatever your stand of status quo is --
and the second part is, what would you really like
to see?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That's not
the question.

21 MR. LEIPZIG: That's not what's worded
there

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1 MR. DiLERNIA: If you remember, I was
corrected by -- at first, I -- Pete, this
morning -- I heard what you said. I said, well,
that sounds good. But I was corrected by Dr. Billy
to stick to what was on this paper. We agreed to
it at that point, and that's what I'm asking for
now, what's on the paper. Good? Thank you.

8 Okay. You good with that? You have
what you need? Hopefully the Committee has what
they need at this point.

11 Okay. I just lost my staff. Calendar
of meetings and meetings sites for our next
meeting. Right now, our next meeting -- well, why
don't we -- is Laurel out there? The week of
January 23rd was originally proposed, but it turns
out that there are other meetings that were not
considered. So the January 23rd date -- the next
meeting is scheduled -- the winter meeting is
scheduled for New Orleans.

20 MR. JONER: The 23rd, is that Oscar
Altmann (ph)?

22 MR. DiLERNIA: No. Laurel, the week of

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January 23rd, which was originally suggested, is not working.

3 MS. BRYANT: Does not, nor does the following -- the only two weeks Dr. Hogarth has is February -- the week of February 5th or the week of February 12th.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Let's take a look at the 5th first.

9 MS. McCARTY: February 5th, that's the week, I believe, of the North Pacific Council.

11 MS. BRYANT: I believe it is.

12 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Yeah, it is. It is. 13

14 MS. BRYANT: Yeah. So we couldn't do that 15

16 MS. McCARTY: So none of us would be able to come.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: So February 12th.

19 MS. BRYANT: The week of the 12th.

20 MS. McCARTY: It's still the Council meeting.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: How about if we go

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forward? Do we have a calendar?

2 MS. KATSOUROS: I have a calendar.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Please.

4 MS. KATSOUROS: Oh, no, I don't. I
take that back.

6 MS. BRYANT: I do.

7 MS. McCARTY: We have one here. What
do you want to know?

9(Pause.)

10 MR. FLETCHER: So the 30th through
February the 1st is out; right?

12 MR. DiLERNIA: The week of January --
the 20- -- okay -- I went -- the 22nd, 23rd is no
good. The following week, the 29th, was no good.
It was the week -- suggested the week of February
5th, but I understand that's North Pacific, and
that doesn't work. Week of February 12th is the
continuation of North Pacific. That doesn't work.
So rather than going later into February -- yes?

20 MS. McCARTY: Mr. Chairman, the North
Pacific Council usually ends on the Tuesday
following the Monday that it begins, a week and a

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day later. So it's the 13th? So it will be over on the afternoon of the 13th of February.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Could you find yourself to be somewhere by the 14th, the next -- could you find yourself to be in New Orleans -- go from Alaska to New Orleans in one day?

7 MS. LOWMAN: It's in Portland, so it isn't that -- I mean, I think that meeting in February's in Portland.

10 MS. BRYANT: We could start the meeting on the 14th, Wednesday, and do Wednesday, Thursday, and full day Friday, with everyone traveling back on Saturday. I just don't think it's worth getting together and trying to do two days. I think you've got to have the three.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: No, you have to have three days.

18 Mr. Roberts.

19 MR. ROBERTS: Let me caution you. If you go to the 14th, Mardi Gras is the 20th, Tuesday the 20th. There's about 65 percent of the hotel rooms in New Orleans open now. I mean, then there

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may be 100 percent. But it'll be extremely crowded on the 14th. You can try. I mean, I'm not saying you shouldn't.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Let's go into -- how about 5 January? How about the week of January 15th?

6 MS. BRYANT: Bill is -- I don't know.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Say again?

8 MR. SIMPSON: Gulf Council is the 22nd 9- week of the 22nd.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So that's the week 1 after. Okay. I'm still -- January 15th is a Monday.

13 MR. BALSIGER: I think that's the International Pacific Halibut Commission, which would 5 be three or four people.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: So the 15th is no good.

17 MS. BRYANT: We have to get less involved members, clearly. You're just --

19 MR. DiLERNIA: Let's go a week earlier, January 8th. Before I go into March, I'd like to come 2 forward to January -- January 8th.

22 MS. KATSOUROS: Does anybody have the

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calendar of events?

2 MS. BRYANT: It's in my notebook.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Someone swiped Laurel's
notebook. Whoever has it, give it back, please.

5 MS. BRYANT: Does anybody have online
connection? My computer --

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Anyone have wireless?

8 MS. BRYANT: We have wireless in here,
but -9

10 MR. BALSIGER: Doesn't work.

11 MS. KATSOUROS: It doesn't work.

12 MS. BRYANT: Oh, everybody's the same?
Okay 13 I thought it was just me.

14 MR. BALSIGER: What's happening January
8th? 15

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Week of January 8th?

17 MS. McCARTY: People are still in
Hawaii.

19(Laughter; pause.)

20 MR. DiLERNIA: The wireless, I was
told 21 doesn't work in this room. We need access to
the NOAA calendar.

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1 MS. BRYANT: I'm just going to call.

2 MR. RAYBURN: I've got a telephone
hookup. You need it?

4 MS. BRYANT: I'm going to call Gloria.

5 MR. RAYBURN: It's after hours out
there, isn't it?

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah, it is.

8 MR. BALSIGER: Gloria will still be
there.

10 MS. BRYANT: Gloria may still be there.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: God bless that woman.

12 MR. RAYBURN: I'll go and get mine if
you want me to.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Jimmy, I'll give you --
you can work your calendar, and I can work mine
out.

17 MR. BALSIGER: When's the Alaska Marine
Science Symposium?

19 MS. McCARTY: It's the week of the 22nd
and 23rd. What day is the Monday? -- whatever
that is --

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Wait a second.

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1 THE REPORTER: I'm having a hard time
telling who's speaking.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: It's okay. And if it's
okay with me, it's okay with you. All right.
Someone's checking on the calendar for --

6 MR. JONER: The 16th is out. That's
Halibut Commission.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: January 8th, someone is
checking on that right now for us? Someone left
the room?

11 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: They went to get a
calendar, but I don't know if Laurel --

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Who went to get the
calendar, Mary Beth?

15 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: These two guys.

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Ralph?

17 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Yup.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: They both
went 19

20 MR. DiLERNIA: All right. While
they're -- while we're waiting for them to come
back with a calendar, the other item I had that was

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up for discussion was the location of summer '07.
Anyone want to make a suggestion for the location
of summer --

4 MR. FLETCHER: Mary Beth's house.

5 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Well, that'd be a
little tight since they won't rent you any cars,
and it's going to be a long walk.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Southern New England has
been suggested.

10 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Yeah. We did
discuss Rhode Island as a possibility. It wouldn't
be that far from Woods Hole, which would be a good
day trip for people. There's New Bedford Seafood
Auction that would be close by. And I can probably
figure out a way to get a tour of a processing
plant as well. So it's a possibility.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: That's a possibility. I
mean, it's -- does anyone else have any -- are
there any suggestions, other than -- I mean,
southern New England, I'm calling back home, and
they're telling me it's hot and humid. So it
doesn't necessarily --

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1 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: Well, it's not
going to -- oh, June; right?

3 MR. DiLERNIA: No, it'd be July or
August.

5 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: July/August.
Well, the weather'd be about the same as it is
here. There's a couple of different --

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: What's
wrong with Maine?

10 MS. NICKELL-TOOLEY: -- possibilities.
You could consider downtown Providence or Newport,
Rhode Island.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, southern New
England -- we've -- the Committee has recently been
to northern New England, Maine. They were there a
couple years ago. So that's why southern New
England is being suggested.

18 MS. McCARTY: You can come to Alaska
again. Everybody'd love it. Kodiak would be
great.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: I'd love to come to
Alaska again.

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1 MS. McCARTY: We have a great meeting
place in Kodiak. We really do. There's a NOAA lab
there.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: The Juneau -- I have to
tell you that the -- we ended up in Juneau last
time because of the cost of travel to Kodiak.

7 MS. BRYANT: Yeah.

8 MR. DiLERNIA: The cost of travel to
Kodiak was double -- the total cost to the
Committee -- we defaulted to Juneau in our last
meeting two years ago only because the cost to the
Committee to go to Kodiak was double what it cost
to go to Juneau. So in other words, it was maybe
20K to get us to Juneau, and it was going to be 40K
to get us to Kodiak. So we were forced to -- I'd
love to go to Kodiak, but we were forced to
alternate at Juneau -- take an alternate in Juneau.

18(Side discussion re wireless connection.)

19 MR. FLETCHER: How about Sitka?

20 MR. DiLERNIA: I have -- personally --

21 MS. BRYANT: Because New England we
were at in 2003 or 2002. Alaska, we were there in

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2004.1 So --

2 MS. McCARTY: I strongly suggest at the
summe~~B~~ meeting.

4 MS. BRYANT: Oh, yeah, this would be a
summe~~B~~ meeting.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah.

7 MS. BRYANT: But I think New England is
a place that we haven't been to for a while
compa~~re~~d to Alaska. So just in terms of fair
play,¹⁰--

11 MR. DiLERNIA: Why don't we do this:
Let's¹² look at budget. Again, our -- Dr. Hogarth is
not here. She would get some input from him. The
Intern~~at~~ional Olympic Committee can consider more
than¹⁶ one site. Why can't we?

16(Side discussion re wireless connection.)

17 MR. DiLERNIA: All right. We're off
the lo~~ca~~tion. We're back to the date of the winter
'07 me~~e~~eting. How do we look for the week of --

20 MS. BRYANT: See, we were already
ther~~e~~¹

22 MR. BALSIGER: Bill Hogarth has his

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Council Chairs Executive Directors January 10 and
11. 2

3 MR. DiLERNIA: January -- Council
Chairs -- January 10, 11 -- so the 8th is out.

5 MS. BRYANT: The 15th is International
Halibut Commission; the 22nd through 26th, Alaska
Marine Science Symposium; Gulf of Mexico Fishery
Management is also that same week. Marine
Fishes Advisory Committee was scheduled, and now
we have to move it.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: There's nothing in March
on that calendar there.

13 MR. RUBINO: The 23rd?

14 MR. DiLERNIA: March 23rd, you're
saying, Mike?

16 MR. RUBINO: Excuse me, the 26th
through 30th.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: March? Let's go to --
look at March 5th.

20 MR. JONER: March 4th through 9th if
PFMC 21

22 MR. DiLERNIA: March 12th. You good?

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1 MR. JONER: This is for New Orleans;
right?

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Pardon?

4 MR. JONER: For New Orleans?

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, sir. We're
definitely going to need a working group meeting
before then if it's March 12th.

8 March 12th, New Orleans. Dorothy?

9 MS. LOWMAN: So earlier we talked about
the end of the week of February 12th.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: Didn't work.

12 MS. LOWMAN: That was because we just
were afraid we couldn't get a hotel; right?

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes.

15 MS. LOWMAN: Yeah. But we haven't
checked.

17 MR. DiLERNIA: And the cost of the
hotels

19 MS. LOWMAN: Oh, okay.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: We're constrained by our
Government rate.

22 MS. LOWMAN: Right. Right.

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1 MR. RAYBURN: March 12th's your MRFSS
date, 2 Larry?

3 MR. SIMPSON: Ours is the 26th.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: So we should investigate
hotels? I mean, I don't live in Louisiana. I'm
going to go back to Dr. Roberts. Give me some help
here. 7 Is it an exercise in fertility (sic) to look
at the weekend before Mardi Gras?

9 MR. ROBERTS: I would encourage Laurel
to look if she wants to on the 14th, but that's the
week before Mardi Gras, and that's -- it may still
be within your budget. I don't know. Maybe a
hundred percent of the rooms will be open by then.
You're having Gulf States there -- when? -- aren't
you? 15

16 MR. SIMPSON: In October. Yes.

17 MR. ROBERTS: What kind of rate did
y'all get?

19 MR. SIMPSON: I don't remember. Do you
remember? 120, 150?

21 MS. BRYANT: I'm thinking --

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Oh, so that's February.

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So that doesn't work. There's something else on the NMFS calendar. Okay. So we're back to March 5th. 3

4 MR. FLETCHER: No, that's Pacific Council.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: March 12th. We can do March 7¹²? I don't see any opposition.

8 MR. SIMPSON: I don't remember the Gulf Council dates that far out.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Wait a minute. If we schedule ours -- can't you go around ours if we get ours on calendar now first?

13 MR. SIMPSON: Gulf Council, I don't control them.

15 MR. FLETCHER: If you meet in January, you're not going to -- you meet in January, the Gulf Council?

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, sir?

19 MR. LEIPZIG: Rather than guessing at what the calendar's going to be that far out, how about somebody just be tasked with compiling a calendar, giving council meetings, commission

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meetings, Halibut Commission meetings, --

2 MS. BRYANT: I'll send it to you.
We've got it on an internal internet, and we try to
keep all of it. That's what Jim's reading from.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: But there's nothing
scheduled -- doing it now -- looking at that
calendar, --

8 MR. LEIPZIG: Is it not scheduled, or
it just hasn't been scheduled that far out?

10 MS. BRYANT: It hasn't been entered
into our --

12 MR. BALSIGER: Hasn't been entered.

13 MR. DiLERNIA: Hasn't been entered that
far out.

15 MR. LEIPZIG: And that's what I'm
afraid of is that we're going to start playing
guessing games.

18 MS. BRYANT: The other thing I want to
throw out to you -- and I know that people are
going to glare me -- but it is maybe an option, and
I could explore it with other folks. The week of
January 10th, it looks like you've got Council

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Chairs coming into town. We've done that once before where we had kind of a combined meeting. You're at the same hotel in D.C., and it allowed some, you know, cross-pollination, some interest. Everybody was there. It was easy. It wouldn't be New Orleans, I know, but it would be doable. And considering we've got a lot on our plate with this Vision thing, and ongoing Aquaculture, possibly NRDC stuff, I mean, there's just a lot that we're going to have to follow through on. And I think March is pushing it, frankly.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Okay. So that would be -- Council Chairs is March -- January 10th.

14 MS. BRYANT: January 10th.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: So if we met 8, 9, 10, it'd only be one day of overlap.

17 MS. BRYANT: Now, you'd have to fly in probably on Sunday, if that's not too offensive to anyone, and then be ready for Monday morning meetings, which we could do. But that might be something. Then on the 10th -- I think, Bruce, you were there when we did that last one we did, and it

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worked out quite well. It was kind of nice. Everybody got to see their chairman and their executive director. I just throw it out. But it's not New Orleans.

5 MR. FLETCHER: Wait a minute. Wasn't New Orleans selected in an effort to try to bring business to the area?

8 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes.

9 MS. BRYANT: Yes.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Yes, it was. That's something we have to decide. I mean, do we want to -12

13 MR. LEIPZIG: Bob, where's all that money coming from? D.C.

15 MR. DiLERNIA: That was definitely --

16 MR. LEIPZIG: Where is New Orleans on their recovery?

18 MR. SIMPSON: Right now, about 65 percent of the downtown hotel rooms are up and available. Larry's having his Gulf States at the World Senestra (ph), which is right in the middle of the Quarter, which did not flood. The French

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Quarter did not flood. But it'll probably be close to a hundred percent by then.

3 MR. ROBERTS: But a hundred percent hotel rooms, there's still about 200,000 --

5 MR. JONER: Yeah, but, I mean, are they all going to be filled? So if we're looking at not finding rooms, then they don't need our business.

8(Laughter.)

9 I want to go to New Orleans, but --

10 MR. SIMPSON: Our meeting is set by ordinance, I guess you'd call it. But we had to change it a week just to accommodate New Orleans. I mean, it's tough.

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Why don't we perhaps investigate -- have staff investigate two sites, two times. Investigate New Orleans the week of March 7-12th, and D.C. the week of January 8th. Based on availability of hotel rooms, cost to the Committee, and availability of NOAA staff, we'll make a decision.

21 MS. BRYANT: Okay. So what am I --

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Is that acceptable to

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the Committee? You're going to look at D.C. week of January 8th.

3 MS. BRYANT: Uh-huh.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: And New Orleans the week of March 12th.

6 MS. BRYANT: Okay.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Let's look at the two, and let's see where we go from there.

9 Now, this next -- based on what we just said, this next topic might be an exercise in fertility (sic). But the winter -- or summer '07, let's get back to that discussion. Do we want to identify a site or a location at this point? The two locations I've -- well, I've heard southern New England, and someone just suggested returning to Alaska. Any preferences on the Committee's part or any discussion from the members of the Committee?

18 MS. FOY: How long ago was the meeting in Juneau?

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Two years.

21 MS. BRYANT: 2004.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Two years ago today. So

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it'll be three years since we went to Juneau.

2 MS. BRYANT: But it'll be like five or
six since you were in New England.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Southern New England,
yes. 5

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, but
if we go to D.C., then we should go to the West
Coast 8

9 MS. BRYANT: You're going to check that
off. 10 That's a Mid Atlantic --

11 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah, if you go to
D.C. 12 --

13 MS. McCARTY: I just suggested it to be
hospitable. It's not a burning desire, but I think
it'd be fun for people. It's good fishing that
time of year. 16

17 MR. DiLERNIA: And you're suggesting
Homer 18

19 MS. McCARTY: Any place -- Homer,
Sitka 20 -- I think Kodiak would be the best
because --

22 MS. BRYANT: We have a facility.

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1 MS. McCARTY: -- of the facility there.
Or Juneau, or even around Anchorage -- Girdwood
(ph) 3- I don't know.

4 MR. JONER: Chicken.

5 MS. McCARTY: Chicken.

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Chicken? That's a
place?

8 MR. JONER: Chicken, Alaska.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Why don't we do this,
then? 10 Let's look at -- let's have the staff
investigate southern -- look at the last week of --
just like here, last week of July, first week of
August. We'll investigate southern New England and
Alaska.

15 MS. McCARTY: If you fly to Juneau, you
can fly to Sitka for about the same amount, and
it's not very far from here. So it's not
expensive. If you go to anyplace like Homer or
anywhere around Anchorage, then it's Sitka to
Anchorage flight, and then probably driving from
there.

22 MS. BRYANT: Driving. That was what

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became the impediment last time.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: The rental cost, yeah.

3 MS. McCARTY: Or a bus.

4 MS. BRYANT: Well, it's just long. We
could probably do a bus if we did that.

6 MS. McCARTY: There's lots of really
cool places around Anchorage, and it's not
expensive either. But I think Kodiak's probably --
individually it would be -- I think it's about \$350
roundtrip from Juneau for me to go to Kodiak.

11 MS. FOY: From Juneau?

12 MR. DiLERNIA: I know -- again, Kodiak
was most-prohibitive last time. Okay. So we have
two areas we're going to investigate, the last week
of July, first week of August, and we'll
investigate Alaska and southern New England.

17 MS. BRYANT: Southern New England.
Uh-huh.

19 MR. DiLERNIA: And we'll confer with
Dr. Hogarth.

21 MS. BRYANT: Okay.

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Laurel, you have some

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housekeeping items for us.

2 MS. BRYANT: One, Mr. Chairman, thank
you. 3I'd like to suggest Bill Dewey -- and,
Catherine, I don't know if we need to make any kind
of formal, but we need to definitely get them on
the subcommittees. I don't know whether you
thought all about -- I know you mentioned them
earlier, and I wasn't loaded up on the right
document. So, Bill, what subcommittees were you --

10 MR. DEWEY: Yeah, Aquaculture and
the 11 what do you call it? -- the --

12 MS. BRYANT: Commerce Subcommittee is
where 13Aquaculture's being done.

14 MR. DEWEY: What about the endangered
species?

16 MS. BRYANT: That's the protected
resources one.

18 MR. DEWEY: So those two.

19 MS. BRYANT: Okay. And Catherine?

20 MS. FOY: The protected resources and
the 21ecosystem approach, please.

22 MS. BRYANT: Okay.

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1 MR. RAYBURN: What was the last one?

2 MS. FOY: Ecosystem approach.

3 MS. BRYANT: I had a couple other
things. I also wanted to go through -- can I
continue, Mr. Chairman?

6 MR. DiLERNIA: Please do.

7 MS. BRYANT: I also wanted to go
through -- because I did lose my notebook -- I was
keeping a running list of IOU items that I need to
get back. I just got some new ones added, but one
was getting copies to the Committee of the NRC
report regarding the MRFSS study. Now that that's
done and published, trying to get that.

14 I had a bottom trawl report that was
associated with the discussion on Tuesday that I
think was referenced. Am I right?

17 MS. O'MALLEY: Yeah, the UN Report.

18 MS. BRYANT: The UN Report. Okay. And
I feel like there was something else. Budget
numbers -- the budget briefing that we got didn't
add up. That's all I can remember in my head. Are
there any other IOUs that I need to --

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1 MR. DORSETT: Maybe a new one. We got
a copy of some of the presentations, the PowerPoint
slides. I find those very useful, and I keep my
notebook in my office after the meetings. So if we
could just make sure we get those.

6 MS. BRYANT: Okay. PowerPoints. Okay.
Yeah, they came in so late, I didn't get 'em, but I
will get them up. Generally how I do it is all
that members area stuff in advance, that tends to
be the template that then later on, when I get it
all done and everything's done, I migrate it over
to the public part, and it becomes part of the
archival record for this meeting. That will take
me a little bit. I'm going on vacation right when
I get back, but I will get those PowerPoints up. I
think I owe -- there's Sam's and -- I don't know if
we need Sam's, but -- I'll have to look through.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: Pete, you had your hand
up. 19

20 MR. LEIPZIG: Yeah. There was the copy
of the Palumbo-Magnuson Amendments to give you a
copy of. I don't know if you photocopied those

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or --1

2 MS. BRYANT: Yeah. I've got a couple
of copies here.

4 MR. LEIPZIG: I mean, I have 'em, but
other people may not have seen them.

6 MS. BRYANT: The amendment?

7 MR. LEIPZIG: The amendments that will
occur to the management.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: Yeah, if you could
circulate-- if that could be circulated to the full
Committee by staff.

12 MS. BRYANT: I think you could probably
go online. Am I correct? Would that be available?

14 MR. LEIPZIG: I don't know if it's
online.

16 MS. BRYANT: I've got four copies here,
and that's all I was able to get made in time.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: You can have my copy.

19 MS. BRYANT: But this is the July 20th
N-block (ph) amendment language from the --

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Well, what do we want to
do? Ralph, your hand's up.

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1 MR. RAYBURN: I have a few things
before y'all close. I'll let her finish with her
housekeeping stuff.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: What do I do with this
now? 5

6 MR. BALSIGER: It's getting late.

7 MS. BRYANT: It's gettin' late, we're
gettin' punchy. I have --

9 MR. DiLERNIA: That side of the table's
getting screwed out of their amendments.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: Shh, shh, shh.

12 MR. RAUCH: We have one generic IOU,
given the motion that was passed with protected
resources, which was to get the Protected Resources
Subcommittee the relevant documents that we talked
about in that motion, which is a task on NMFS.

17 MS. BRYANT: Got it.

18 MR. DiLERNIA: I have a question. How
many -- did anyone -- I didn't receive my travel
orders. Everyone good with their travel orders or
travel authorizations or not?

22 MS. BRYANT: Did you get -- because he

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didn't, and you didn't.

2 MR. DiLERNIA: Chris, you're making a
face.3

4 MR. DORSETT: I did.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: You have it.

6 MS. BRYANT: I know you didn't.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I got mine.

8 MS. BRYANT: And you got two.

9 MR. DiLERNIA: All right. Because I
have 10- right now I'm on my own. I'm traveling --

11 MS. BRYANT: Tony and Chris --

12 MR. FLETCHER: I thought I got 'em.
When would we have gotten 'em? I mean, were they
not mailed to me?

15 MS. BRYANT: They were faxed to you
from Selene. These are not your Sato itineraries
that you get. These are the actual travel
authorizations. I know she was certainly under the
impression she faxed them to everybody. So --

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Laurel, what's the lag
time on reimbursement after the stuff comes to your
office? What should be about the lag time?

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1 MR. BILLY: Depends on whether all the
stuff gets lost and --

3 MS. BRYANT: Generally a month, and
then if they don't push back -- it really depends
on what staff I can get.

6 MR. SCHWAAB: Now, we're paying out of
pocket for the hotel this time; right?

8 MR. DiLERNIA: That's why I'm asking
this. 9 Laurel?

10 MR. SCHWAAB: The out-of-pocket is
significantly higher this time because we're paying
for the hotel.

13 MS. BRYANT: That's going to be
reimbursed. So when we get -- when I get your
stuff 15 --

16 MR. SCHWAAB: That's why we --

17 MS. BRYANT: I need the hotel bill, and
you will get the rooms done.

19 MR. DiLERNIA: Because there's interest
on credit cards.

21 MR. SCHWAAB: It's like a thousand
dollars a person price tag there.

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1 MS. BRYANT: I understand. I'm the same way, including your lunches. So, yes, I know. I absolutely understand.

4 I will tell you the reason why. Procurement has gotten very slow. The last time, we literally had to delay the meeting a month because Procurement did not move on the contract. It just became a whole lot easier to be able to get over government rate per diem kind of hotel in here by going individually on your travel authorizations rather than trying to do a \$46,000 in bulk contract, which has gotten very, very difficult to get through Procurement. So that's why so -- get them to me.

15 I will tell you, I'm leaving on vacation on Wednesday. I will not be there. I come back on August 13th. So in getting that through, I will talk with Jim. We will make certain that we've got a staffer that is there, and I can e-mail you her name and her number so that you can get that stuff right away to her, and we can get that process going. I won't let that go,

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but I'm gone, so I won't be there to liaison it for you until I get back on the 13th.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Just so you know, my travel orders even to be able to come back to get reimbursed -- and others --

6 MS. BRYANT: Well, we got your travel orders. You've just got a copy that was faxed to you. 8I've got your travel orders and the original. I'm surprised that your fax -- or whatever -- we need to find out what happened.

11 MR. LEIPZIG: We often receive the travel claim as we're sitting here.

13 MS. BRYANT: Yes. It should be in your notebook. I hadn't gotten there yet, Pete. Travel was 15

16 MR. DiLERNIA: Not it's not in anyone's. No one has it.

18 MS. BRYANT: Travel reimbursement form, tab 19. I just hadn't gotten to there yet, but you took care of that.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: So are we sending these back via FedEx?

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1 MS. BRYANT: Next tab. Yes. Are we
done with that, then? I do want to say one other
thing about travel, if I may, before we move on,
Mr. Chairman.

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Please.

6 MS. BRYANT: I know that everybody gets
frustrated over travel. I am not an administrator.
I do not know how to do this. But I do know one
thing. You must -- you must, must, must -- always
use Sato. Every year I end up with a member or two
that I don't, and then I have to go curtsey, kiss
rings, bend around, spit three times, threaten,
whatever. I didn't make the law, but the law's
there. That is the Government-approved contractor.
If the tickets are not initially issued by Sato,
technically and legally, the Government is not
obligated to reimburse. So I have to go through a
lot of other things.

19 I know that Sato is expensive. There's
no question. And it's very frustrating. But,
Pete, I think we've worked this out before. Now
we've got it down. If you know what airline you

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want, what flight, what this, what that, and it's a lot cheaper, you still call and you go through Sato. If they push back and say, no, I can't do that, you call me, I call Sato, and I say, this is a significant savings to the Government. I don't care whether or not it is refundable.

7 The big issue is theirs are refundable, so you can change on a dime, and you still get a ticket, and nothing happens, bla bla bla. But when you're talking \$500, what's 50 bucks? So -- but that's the process that must occur. It's not that it can't be done, but it still has to be done by -- and if you want upgrades, if you want to do that, fine. Still go through Sato, and then privately go through and whatever upgrades you want on your frequent flier and on your penny, you may do. But that initial thing must go through on --

18 MR. JONER: And in order to do that, you have to book the flight far enough in advance. Sato says we'll ticket it the week before or whatever, and --

22 MR. DiLERNIA: Develop that a little

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bit more because that was one of my concerns also. I know there was even concerns about the date of this meeting at one point. So some folks I know got spouse tickets on miles and all. We have to make sure that --

6 MR. SIMPSON: You have to do it way in advance.

8 MS. BRYANT: You just have to do it in advance, and then you get it done. That's fine. And if we want to -- I think probably what I'll do with this one is turn in another list for the next meeting once we get the dates down and say, okay, Sato here are the members. These folks are going to be calling you and making their reservations. So there's always something else we learn new together in this process. But that I did want to remind folks.

18 Catherine and Bill, I know we haven't gone through this before, but all your receipts, taxi, parking, hotel -- the way the hotel bit's going to work is we're going to go through, highlight all those days. It's the hotel fee. No,

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not food, not alcohol, not Pay-Per-View. That will not be reimbursed. But your telephone and those things, those are covered. I believe you'll see that in your travel order. Put it all together in a package along with this, so at least I've got something with your name, and we can put that in a file, and I can give it to Celine with your travel authorization. She enters it into the system, and it goes somewhere else out in Suitland (ph) somewhere into a finance center, and magically you get money back.

12 MS. LOWMAN: So actually I have a question, because I got it back with my travel order attached, and I didn't real- -- I -- I thought it was done, but I had to sign it again and send it back one more time.

17 MS. BRYANT: Thank you, Dorothy. You're right. When you get it, it's for you to look at, and then Finance won't do it until they get a signed copy. So Selene generally Fed Exs it to you, not to Alaska, because we have trouble with FedEx but gets it back to you, sign it, and she

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always puts in a prepaid -- pre-postaged envelope
for you to just send right back and get it in.

So --3

4 MS. LOWMAN: But she didn't put in any
instructions, so I just thought, oh, I wonder why
she sent this envelope.

7 MS. BRYANT: Everybody else got
instructions, didn't they? Oh, well. Thank you,
Dorothy.

10 So that's it on travel for me, unless
somebody else has questions.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: Is there any new
business? I have one other item, but I'll ask
other members first, is there any new business?
Mr. Rayburn?

16 MR. RAYBURN: I'd like to propose after
our conversation with Dr. Lent the first day -- I
asked her about a venue and MAFAC to deal with
international issues. I'd like to propose that the
international issues be put under the jurisdiction
of the Ecosystems Management Subcommittee. You
know you can consider it now, and we'll make it as

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a motion. I think you can probably do it just through your executive committee, if y'all felt that was good.

4 The reason I thought that -- and I talked to Chris, who's the chairman of that subcommittee -- is right now, with Ecosystems somewhat, I guess, passed an effort, it seems like that may be a good spot to put international since so much of what they would be doing I suspect would have ecosystems connotations in a global sense. So I'd like consideration given that that be included in the charge for the Ecosystems Subcommittee, that they deal with the international.

14 I also might mention, of course, with Dr. Lent being there and Dr. Hogarth getting those significant leadership roles in international venues, it might be well to have MAFAC provide some opportunity for him to discuss issues and get some assessment from us as to what our suggestion would be. 20

21 MR. DiLERNIA: I'll take that under consideration, sir. I'd just like to poll the

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members of the Committee to see if -- because when they volunteered for the Committee, they volunteered for one type of activity. I want to make sure that those Committee members are willing to participate for a different type of activity.

6 MR. RAYBURN: However you see fit to do it. You also may want to think about other folks that may want to be included in this committee if it does have that jurisdiction.

10 MR. DiLERNIA: Perhaps renaming and reassigning the committee at this time.

12 MR. RAYBURN: Could be. I mean, I think "Ecosystems" fits, but whatever your --

14 MR. DiLERNIA: Not at this time, but before the next MAFAC meeting.

16 MR. RAYBURN: And another issue, if I could go through about two or three of these, I propose that a letter be sent to both Taylor Shellfish and the Macah Tribe expressing our appreciation for the hospitality they showed us while we were here. I'd suggest a letter. Maybe Bill can give us an appropriate person, and Steve,

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and that that be addressed and signed by a liaison,
and either Jim or Dr. Hogarth, whoever would be
appropriate, to do that.

4 MR. DiLERNIA: Without a doubt, sir.

5 MS. BRYANT: Do you want that coming
from the Committee, or do you want that coming from
the -7

8 MR. RAYBURN: It was extremely
enjoyable, both events. Thank you very much.

10 Finally, I sent up a list, sir, at our
last 11- I think following our last meeting. Laurel
indicates that they've got a list there now at
NOAA 13 So at some point in time --

14 MS. BRYANT: That'll transfer.

15 MR. RAYBURN: -- we'll need to -- I can
get you -- however you want to do it, just let me
know 17 It has, I think, been somewhat useful. But
if you've got one set up at NOAA, that's good, too.

19 So that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

20 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir. So we
do have to convert that list served that we had at
Texas 22 Aggies there and bring it over to NOAA.

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1 MR. RAYBURN: Be happy to help on that
whenever y'all are ready to do it.

3 MR. DiLERNIA: Is there any other --
Mr. Simpson.

5 MR. SIMPSON: The video, do you want it
back?6

7 MS. BRYANT: I would like to keep at
least8one copy. I do have some extra copies if
anybody wants any. But that's just for walk-away.

10 MR. SIMPSON: I'd like to have it.

11 MS. BRYANT: You're welcome to.

12 MR. DiLERNIA: I'd just like to

13 MR. JONER: I failed to mention last
night4 because there was a test fishery going on
with1the sockeye run by the Pacific Salmon
Commisssion, the only available sockeye were from
High1Tide Seafoods out of Port Angeles, and they
donated that fish. So I know only Pete and John
would9know what I'm talking about. But the fish
buyer20 High Tide, gave the fish.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: Actually, along those
same2lines, I'd like to send a thank you to Mr.

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Gilmore at Sea Processors, who was responsible for the liquid refreshments for yesterday evening. I'd like to again say to the Macah Tribe, Klakow (ph).

4 MR. JONER: Klakoh (ph).

5 MR. DiLERNIA: Klakoh -- thank you -- for your wonderful hospitality and for -- it was an awkward time for you, and for our two families to be together perhaps at that awkward time was -- I felt myself that it was a significant moment perhaps in my life. Again, I sort of joke about it, but in all seriousness, from my culture, coming from the East Coast, coming from New York City, as I joke and say, an Italian from Brooklyn to be able to participate in your cultural -- in your culture, it's an honor, sir. Thank you very much.

16 Is there any other new business before --

18 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah. In Mr. Gilmore's letter, will you indicate he can always send booze and not come, that that would be preferred.

21 MR. DiLERNIA: We can take care of that 22 Laurel's pulling on my elbow here, so I see

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there is something else.

2 MS. BRYANT: I wanted to mention the handouts from the Science Center, if you want to include those in your binders. I would be remiss as a NOAA team player to not say that.

6 Then the last thing I want to mention is I will work with Kate --

8 MR. SCHWAAB: Too late. I already sealed my box.

10 MS. BRYANT: Well, then you got to carry it on the plane, Eric.

12 I do want to mention also some marketing stuff with regard to a lot of the work that MAFAC did. I will work with Kate on this, kind of the follow-up stuff, what MAFAC did. It will always appear in Bill's weekly, which is more internal. But Rachel and I will probably get together, identify some things, perhaps in Fish News 19 So I didn't want anybody to be taken by surprise, but hopefully if we can get some things together and post it, we'll get it up.

22 I don't know how long it will take me

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to get a summary report drafted and to you.
Hopefully, I can get some rest and pull all that
together and get something drafted to you before I
leave town. That is my intention. I will not have
transcripts, though. So it's really important to
have those transcripts and be able to go through
those. But nonetheless, I will try to get
something skeletal outlined and back out to you,
hopefully by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week via
e-mail.

11 MR. DiLERNIA: Committee, thank you
very much for all of your hard work. You've asked
to do work, and you have worked. I'd like to make
a special thank you in recognition of Dr. Balsiger
for filling in for Dr. Hogarth. Thank you very
much for keeping us on the straight-and-narrow.
It's like, surprise, you're going to go to MAFAC,
and you got right up to speed with us. Thank you,
sir. I know it is additional work on your part to
be here and to keep us all on the straight-and-
narrow, and I appreciate it, sir.

22 Thank you.

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1 MR. BALSIGER: Thank all of you guys,
thank²the NMFS people that are around the edge who
worked hard to make this work, Rachel over here,
and Rachel over here, and you guys are all nice to
work with. So it was a pleasure of mine to rub
elbows with you.

7 MR. DiLERNIA: Thank you, sir.

8 That's it. We're adjourned.

9(Meeting adjourned on July 27, 2003 at
4:07 p.m.)

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