



**COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARRIOTT FRENCHMAN'S REEF HOTEL
HARBOR IV ROOM
ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
MAY 6-9, 2008**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration – Harbor IV Room

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- U.S.V.I. Government Officials
- CFMC – Eugenio Piñeiro
- NOAA Fisheries – James Balsiger, Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Separate Sessions for NMFS and Councils

- Councils Only – Harbor IV Room
- NMFS Only – Harbor III Room

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MSRA Implementation Issues

- A.
 - Discuss agency progress on NS1 guidelines concerning ACLs/AMs (G. Tromble)
- B.
 - Discuss agency progress on NEPA compliance procedures (S. Leathery)
- C.
 - Discuss agency progress on NMFS guidance regarding implementation of LAPPs (G. Tromble)
- D.
 - Discuss and review progress regarding incorporation of SSC into Council specification setting processes, and its role as peer review body, as well as those of other advisory roles (J. Boreman)
- E.
 - Discuss progress on developing 5-year research programs with SSC (J. Boreman)
- F.
 - Discuss Councils efforts to end overfishing and status of rebuilding stocks that are overfished (Each Council will address this item)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Other MSRA Implementation/Legislative Issues

G.

- Progress Report on MRIP (J. Boreman)

H.

- Coastal States Organization (CSO) perspective on HR21 (L. McGee)

I.

- Receive/discuss status of HR4087, HR5425, or any other bill relevant to Councils or NMFS (V. Brown)

J.

- Legal Update (A. Issenberg)

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

U.S. Coast Guard Report

K.

- U.S. Coast Guard Report

11:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FIELD TRIP TO ST. JOHN





THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Council Administrative Matters

- L.
 - Discuss FY09 appropriations bill and how to address its impact on Councils (G. Reisner)
- M.
 - Discuss FY09 stipends for SSC and need for a nationally consistent payment level (J. Boreman)
 - Discuss FY09 stipends for Industry Advisors (J. Boreman)
- N.
 - Discuss FY10 budget formulation activity (G. Tromble)
- O.
 - Discuss status of SOPPs in terms of agency approval and need to have a national “template” (B. Chappell)
- P.
 - Discuss upcoming 5-year grant award process (FY 2010-2014) and related procedures (G. Reisner)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Continue Council Administrative Matters

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Issues of Joint Concern/Interest NOAA/NMFS

- Q.
 - Marine Sanctuary Program (V. Brown)
- R.
 - MPAs and FAC Report (E. Piñeiro)
- S.
 - Use of performance metrics for budget allocation purposes, e.g., Councils’ FSSI scoring system (G. Tromble)
- T.
 - Discuss FY 2008 budget needs/relief for Councils (V. Brown)

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Councils Only Session (if needed)