

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting – May 22 - May 24, 2012
Seattle, WA

1. Title of Discussion: Working Waterways & Emerging Challenges and Opportunities

2. Presenters: Pete Granger, Program Lead, Marine Advisory Services,
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3. Objective/Purpose: [Informational/Action]

- Provide information about the 2013 Working Waterways & Waterfronts Symposium.
- Highlight emerging waterfront issues effecting coastal communities in the Northwest and around the country.
- How can NOAA better support efforts to maintain or reestablish working waterfronts?

4. Background/Synopsis:

There is growing recognition that the viability of resource-dependent coastal communities is connected to shore-side infrastructure and working waterfronts.

Recognizing the magnitude and complexity of this issue, the National Working Waterfront Network (NWWN) (a coalition of government, industry, academic, and non-profit representatives) is planning a Working Waterways & Waterfronts Symposium for March 2013 in Tacoma, Washington. The symposium, which will build off the momentum generated by a 2010 working waterfronts symposium (<http://www.wateraccessus.com/presentations.htm>), will help communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals address waterfront access challenges by showcasing successful models and tools from around the country. Information about the network is available at the NWWN webpage: <http://www.wateraccessus.com/index.html>. (A symposium website will be up shortly.)

There are a number of ways that NOAA is engaged in working waterfront-related issues, as broadly outlined in the Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies Goal of the [NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan](#) (For more specific examples see: [CZMA funding](#), [Sea Grant](#)). This presentation will provide information about the upcoming symposium, provide examples of working waterfronts and the issues they face, and will serve as a starting point for MAFAC to consider how it can encourage NOAA to expand its existing activities and support efforts underway to maintain or reestablish working waterfronts.

5. Options: N/A

6. Preferred Recommendation:

Record of Decision:

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

Assigned to:

Due Date: