Annotated Agenda: Healthy Oceans Goal
MAFAC, Washington, D.C.
October 25-27, 2011

1. Title: Overview of the NOAA Fisheries Healthy Oceans Goal

2. Discussion Presenters: Margaret M. (Peg) Brady, NOAA Fisheries Strategic Planning lead

3. Objective/Purpose: **Informational**

Purpose of this presentation is to provide MAFAC with an overview of the Healthy Oceans Goal which is largely the NOAA Fisheries portfolio.

4. Background/Synopsis: At an earlier MAFAC meeting an overview of the **NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP)**, adopted in late fall 2010, was provided. As a result of the NGSP a new planning structure was developed which organizes NOAA capabilities by strategic goals and enterprises. **Healthy Oceans** is one of four strategic goals, which represent NOAA's long-term core mission functions. NOAA's strategy would be incomplete without detailing the enterprise-wide capabilities required to achieve the environmental, social, and economic outcomes targeted by the strategic goals. NOAA's enterprises comprise three groups: foundational science and technology functions that generate research and development, models, and environmental observations; distinct functions for engaging partners and customers; and underlying administration and management functions that support all NOAA work.

Specifically the **Healthy Oceans long term goal is***: Marine fisheries, habitats, and biodiversity sustained within healthy and productive ecosystems.* Within the **Healthy Oceans Goal**, NOAA is pursuing four objectives within the next five years:

- *Objective: Improved understanding of ecosystems to inform resource management decisions*
- *Objective: Recovered and healthy marine and coastal species.*
- *Objective: Healthy habitats that sustain resilient and thriving marine resources and communities.*
- *Objective: Sustainable fisheries and safe seafood for healthy populations and vibrant communities.*

5. Options listed from 1 to n: N/A

6. Preferred Recommendation: N/A

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