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

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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 - VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.

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

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.

B. Discuss agency progress on NEPA compliance procedures.

C. Discuss agency progress on NMFS guidance regarding implementation of LAPPs.

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.

E. Discuss progress on developing 5-year research programs with SSC.

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.

   H.  • Coastal States Organization (CSO) perspective on HR 21.

   I.  • Receive/discuss status of: HR 4087; HR 5425; or any other bill relevant to councils or NMFS.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  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

J. Discuss FY 09 Appropriation Bill and how to address its impact on councils.

K. Discuss FY 09 stipends for SSC and need for a nationally consistent payment level.

L. Discuss FY 09 stipends for Industry Advisors.

M. Discuss FY 10 budget formulation activity.

N. Discuss status of SOPPs in terms of agency approval and need to have a national "template."

O. Discuss upcoming 5-year grant award process (FY 2010 - 2014) and related procedures.

12:00 p.m. to 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 Joint Concern/Interest NOAA/NMFS

P. Marine Sanctuary Program.

Q. MPAs and FAC Report

R. Use of performance metrics for budget allocation purposes, e.g., Councils’ FSSI scoring system.

S. Discuss FY 2008 budget needs/relief for councils.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Councils Only Session (If needed.)