



Council Coordination Committee Meeting
May 13 – 15, 2025
New Bedford Whaling Museum
New Bedford, MA

Monday, May 12, 2025

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Meeting Registration – Harbor Hotel Lobby

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

1:00 PM: CCC Convenes – New Bedford Whaling Museum

- 1. 1:00 PM – 1:10 PM: Welcome and Introductions – Mr. Rick Bellavance**
 - Adoption of Agenda
- 2. 1:10 PM – 2:30 PM: Council Round-Robin Updates - Executive Directors (10 minutes/Council)**
 - Regional Council Updates

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM -----

- 3. 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: NOAA Fisheries Update and FY 25/26 Priorities – Assistant Administrator Mr. Eugenio Piñerio Soler/Mr. Sam Rauch/Ms. Emily Menashes**
 - 2025 NOAA Fisheries Priorities update
- 4. 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Executive Orders Update – Mr. Sam Rauch**
 - NOAA Guidance on recent Executive Orders and Council operations
 - Other Executive Order updates
- 5. 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM: Public Comment – Mr. Rick Bellavance**

– Recess –

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

6. 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: NOAA Fisheries Science Updates – *Dr. Evan Howell*

- Update on NOAA Science Programs
- NOAA consideration of Council Research Priorities

7. 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Budget – *Mr. Brian Pawlak*

- FY25 status and FY26/future outlook
- Council funding status

----- **Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM** -----

8. 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM: NEPA Update – *Mr. Sam Rauch/Ms. Cristi Reid*

- Update to current status of NEPA and application to Councils

9. 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM: Discussion on Priorities and Future Planning

- Process to align Council and NOAA priorities for 2026/future

----- **Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** -----

10. 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM: Discussion on Priorities and Future Planning

- Decisions and action items for next steps in process

11. 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Legislative Outlook – *Mr. Dave Whaley*

- Legislative updates

----- **Break 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM** -----

12. 3:45 PM – 4:15 PM: Draft Policy and Guidance: National Marine Sanctuaries Act Section 304(a)(5) – *Ms. Kelly Denit*

- Update on status of Council comments to inform guidance

13. 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM: International Fisheries Issues – *Ms. Alexa Cole/Ms. Kitty Simonds*

- Update on NOAA International Engagement

14. 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM: Public Comment – *Mr. Rick Bellavance*

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

15. 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS)

- SCS8 Final Report and Regional Implementation Status – *Dr. Lisa Kerr*
- SCS9 Planning – *Mr. Ryan Rindone*

16. 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: CMOD Workshop Recap – *Ms. Emily Muehlstein*

- Workshop Recap

----- **Break 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM** -----

17. 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM: CCC Workgroups/Subcommittees

- Habitat Working Group – *Ms. Michelle Bachman*
- Communications Group – *Ms. Emily Muehlstein*

18. 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM: 2026 CCC Meetings – *Mr. Dave Witherell*

- CCC 2026 travel information

19. 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: Other Business and Wrap-Up – *Mr. Rick Bellavance*

- CCC Terms of Reference review – *Mr. Dave Witherell*
- CCC Outcomes and Action Items

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