

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## 41ST MEETING

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THURSDAY  
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The Commercial Fishing Vessel Advisory  
Committee met via Video Teleconference, at 1:00  
p.m. EDT, Chris Woodley, Chair, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
CHRIS WOODLEY, Chair  
TOM DAMERON, Vice Chair  
MICHAEL KAMPNICH  
EDWARD DENNEHY  
KRISTIAN BOEHMER  
ROBERT DOOLEY  
NICHOLAS HOWLAND  
HAL HOCKEMA  
GLENN HEWLETT  
TIM VINCENT

KAREN CONRAD

JAKE JACOBSEN

**ALSO PRESENT**

**CAPTAIN MATTHEW EDWARDS, Designated Federal  
Officer**

**JONATHAN WENDLAND, Alternate Designated Federal  
Officer**

**JOSEPH MYERS, Alternate Designated Federal  
Officer**

**CAPTAIN WAYNE ARGUIN, CG-5PC**

**MELANEE LIBBY, CG-FACA**

**MARIYA SOLOMIY, CG-LRA**

**JORGE ARROYO, CG-NAV-2**

**CALEB O'KRAY, Office of Standards Evaluation and  
Development Chief Economist**

**TED HARRINGTON, USCG D1 Coordinator**

**WAYNE REED, USCG D5 Coordinator**

**WALTER HOPPE, USCG D7 Coordinator**

**PEGGY MURPHY, USCG D11 Coordinator**

**CHARLIE MEDLICOTT, USCG D14 Coordinator**

**SCOTT WILWERT, USCG D17 Coordinator**

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 1:00 p.m.

3 MR. WENDLAND: Good day, everybody.

4 This is Jonathan Wendland. Welcome to the 41st  
5 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Advisory  
6 Committee. We're just going to go through a  
7 couple of ground rules here so everybody is on  
8 the same page. And just as a reminder, we'd like  
9 to have everybody mute their phones and their  
10 computers at this point in time so we can, the  
11 meeting will flow correctly and we won't get any  
12 distortion. And I'd just like to check at this  
13 time, is the court reporter online? If the court  
14 reporter can just speak up, that would be great.

15 COURT REPORTER: Yes, the court  
16 reporter is on the line.

17 MR. WENDLAND: Very, good, thank you.  
18 Okay. So, welcome again everybody. I've  
19 outlined in the Coast Guard ALCOAST message  
20 traffic video, the Coast Guard message traffic  
21 video recording of this meeting is prohibited.  
22 However, this meeting is being transcribed by a

1 court reporter and will be posted on the website  
2 when received and reviewed.

3 This Committee operates under Robert's  
4 rules. So please address any comments through  
5 the Chair. For example, Mr. Chairman, my name is  
6 Jonathan Wendland and I would like to comment on  
7 the discussion. The Chairman in return will  
8 recognize you by saying something like, Mr.  
9 Wendland, you are recognized, you have the floor.

10 I'd like to reemphasize the point  
11 about saying your name every time you speak so  
12 the court reporter can transcribe the recording  
13 appropriately. Which will enable this meeting to  
14 flow and the transcription to be accurate. If  
15 and when you do speak, remember to unmute your  
16 computer your phone, whichever you are using, and  
17 to speak clearly, concisely and with purpose.  
18 Then place yourself back on mute again to avoid  
19 any distortion.

20 Sustaining a motion pertaining to the  
21 task at hand, please have it well thought out,  
22 written down and spoken clearly so the full

1 Committee has clarity and understanding on the  
2 intent of the motion.

3 For the public attending, please hold  
4 your comments until the public comment periods.  
5 We have built in two periods for your comments.  
6 And we may recognize those comments, we may hold  
7 those comments maybe for three minutes as a  
8 result of the timing of the two hour window of  
9 this meeting.

10 For the public, if you would like to  
11 speak during these comment periods, we request  
12 that you send us an email so that we can  
13 recognize you. Please send the email to  
14 cgfishsafe@uscg.mil. Again, that email address  
15 is cgfishsafe@uscg.mil. Again, if people can put  
16 their phones and computers on mute, that would be  
17 appreciated.

18 With the essence of time, the Coast  
19 Guard has asked the district coordinators to  
20 forward their presentations, and all coordinators  
21 have done so. And they can be found at our  
22 website at [www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe). Again,

1 that is [www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe).

2 The coordinators will not be  
3 presenting today. And if there are any questions  
4 on any of the presentations, we have filled in a  
5 couple of minutes for those discussions to occur.  
6 For the record, we did not receive any additional  
7 comments on the federal register to be discussed  
8 during this meeting.

9 And just to give you an idea of the  
10 meeting structure, what we'll do is we'll have a  
11 roll call here. And if you're sitting in a room  
12 with other people, we just ask you to choose one  
13 person, maybe the highest-ranking person, to  
14 roger up for the roll call. And then the other  
15 people to be considered in attendance.

16 And maybe after the meeting you can  
17 send us an email to [cgcvc3@uscg.mil](mailto:cgcvc3@uscg.mil). Again,  
18 that's [cgcvc3@uscg.mil](mailto:cgcvc3@uscg.mil). And the idea here is  
19 just to speed up the roll call. So, we'll first  
20 go through the current Committee Members on roll  
21 call, then ask Committee Members, the District  
22 Coordinators, and then down through the Coast



1 Guard, other federal agencies stating seats in  
2 the public. So at this point in time I'd like to  
3 go through the roll call for current Committee  
4 Members. And I will call out their name.

5 Mr. Jake Jacobson?

6 MR. JACOBSEN: I am here, thank you.

7 MR. WENDLAND: Loud and clear, Jake,  
8 thank you. Mr. Kampnich?

9 MR. KAMPNICH: Mr. Kampnich is here.

10 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Michael.

11 Ms. Karen Conrad?

12 MS. CONRAD: I'm here, Karen Conrad.

13 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you Karen. Mr.  
14 Joseph Derie? Joseph sent me an email said he  
15 wouldn't attend but I wanted to ask. We'll move  
16 forward then. Mr. Greg Londrie? Mr. Greg  
17 Londrie?

18 Mr. Eric Rosvold?

19 (Simultaneous speaking.)

20 MR. WENDLAND: Understood, thank you.

21 Again, we'd ask everybody to mute their phones  
22 and their computers unless speaking. Thank you

1 very much, that's good. Appreciate that. Again,  
2 Mr. Greg Londrie? Mr. Eric Rosvold? Mr. Glenn  
3 Hewlett?

4 MR. HEWLETT: Mr. Glenn Hewlett's  
5 here.

6 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you. Thanks,  
7 Glenn. Mr. Ed Dennehy?

8 MR. DENNEHY: Ed Dennehy's here.

9 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you. Mr. Tom  
10 Dameron?

11 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Is present.

12 MR. WENDLAND: Thanks Tom. Mr. Hal  
13 Hockema?

14 MR. HOCKEMA: Here. Good morning from  
15 the West Coast.

16 MR. WENDLAND: Good morning, Hal.  
17 Thank you. Mr. Kristian Boehmer?

18 MR. BOEHMER: Kristian Boehmer is  
19 here.

20 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Chris. Mr.  
21 Jimmy Martin? Mr. Jimmy Martin? Mr. Robert  
22 Dooley?

1 MR. DOOLEY: Robert Dooley is here.

2 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Robert. Mr.  
3 Chris Woodley?

4 CHAIR WOODLEY: Here.

5 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you Chris. Mr.  
6 Chad Mahoney? Mr. Mahoney? Mr. Tim Vincent?

7 MR. VINCENT: Tim Vincent is here.

8 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Tim. Mr.  
9 Nicholas Howland? Nick sent me an email, said he  
10 would be coming in a few minutes. He's going to  
11 be a few minutes late. So, I just want to check  
12 with the other people in case they weren't able  
13 to get off mute. Mr. Greg Londrie? Not present.

14 Mr. Eric Rosvold? Not present.

15 Mr. Jimmy Martin? Not present.

16 Mr. Chad Mahoney? Not present.

17 Are there any past Committee Members  
18 on the call at this time? Any past Committee  
19 Members? None. Okay, we'll go through the  
20 district coordinators. D1?

21 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes. Ted Harrington  
22 present.

1 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Ted. D5?

2 MR. REED: Wayne Reed present.

3 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Wayne. D7?

4 MR. HOPPE: Walter Hoppe, present.

5 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Walter. D8?

6 District 8? District 9? District 9? District  
7 11?

8 MS. MURPHY: Peg Murphy here.

9 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Peg.

10 District 13? D13? D14?

11 MR. MEDLICOTT: Charlie is here.

12 MR. WENDLAND: Aloha, Charlie.

13 MR. MEDLICOTT: Hey, how's it going?

14 MR. WENDLAND: Going well. District  
15 17? Anybody from D17? Okay.

16 Coast Guard LAN? Anybody from LAN?

17 Coast Guard PAC? Anybody from PAC?

18 MR. HOCKINSON: Here. Chris

19 Hockinson's online.

20 MR. WENDLAND: Thank You, Chris.

21 Coast Guard Yorktown? Anybody from Yorktown?

22 PARTICIPANT: George Fuller online.

1 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Somebody just  
2 said something? Okay. All right. So I wanted  
3 to give the Districts an opportunity again. D8?  
4 D14?

5 MR. WILWERT: Yes, 14 is here.

6 MR. WENDLAND: Got you. D17? D13?  
7 Okay. Anybody from any other federal agencies?

8 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Try Yorktown  
9 again, Jonathan.

10 MR. WENDLAND: I'm sorry, say again  
11 please?

12 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: I thought I heard  
13 somebody from Yorktown, he just wasn't very loud.

14 MR. WENDLAND: Okay, we'll check in,  
15 in a minute. Anybody from other federal  
16 agencies?

17 MS. CASE: Hi, Samantha Case from  
18 NIOSH.

19 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Samantha.  
20 Welcome. Any other federal agencies? How about  
21 state agencies, anybody from the state? Okay,  
22 Yorktown. Is Yorktown online? No Yorktown.

1 Okay, at this point in time we'd like to have  
2 anybody from the public. Anybody from the  
3 public? Public, if you're calling in, you can  
4 unmute at this time and state your presence.

5 MR. DANIELS: Hey, Marty Daniels from  
6 Ocean Fleet Services.

7 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Marty.  
8 Anybody else from the public? Okay, very good.  
9 Appreciate the roll call there. And, Captain, I  
10 notice we do have a quorum. And Mr. Nicholas  
11 Howland will be joining us in a little bit of  
12 time as well. So, at this point in time I'd like  
13 to maybe introduce Captain Arguin. And, Captain  
14 Arguin --

15 (Audio interference.)

16 CAPTAIN ARGUIN: All right. Well,  
17 good afternoon. Hopefully we've got the  
18 technology figured out. Thanks to everyone for  
19 the opportunity to come and provide some opening  
20 comments. I got to admit, my experience with  
21 this community is pretty limited. I'm a  
22 recreational fisherman, that's about as close as

1 I get to fish. But I do think that the work that  
2 you guys do is important. And I think the  
3 collaborative efforts that you guys pull  
4 together, under this Advisory Committee,  
5 certainly help us get after the problem of trying  
6 to identify ways to improve fishing vessel safety  
7 across the board.

8 Folks are asking, a lot of the time  
9 that I've spent here in the last couple of months  
10 in the 5PC job has really been focused on COVID  
11 related activities. And so I was asked to give a  
12 couple of comments about kind of the stuff that  
13 Coast Guards have been working on to try to get  
14 after this problem set. And I know that you've  
15 got a pretty packed agenda, so I'll keep it  
16 pretty limited.

17 So we are working on, pretty much  
18 every day working with CDC and local health  
19 officials to try and identify the best practices  
20 across all forms of transportation, at least  
21 within the Marine Transportation System, ways to  
22 mitigate impacts to COVID. And I know there have

1       been a couple of instances where fishing vessels  
2       have had some issues as well. And so, I know  
3       that working with the CDC and state and local  
4       officials can be challenging, and so we have got  
5       liaison officers, both with the CDC and then  
6       working with the sectors, to try and uncover  
7       those areas where there are some issues that  
8       maybe can identify the gaps. And then ultimately  
9       find ways to smooth that out.

10               Specifically within the CMTS working  
11       group, Admiral Timme chairs that group. They've  
12       established a separate working group on COVID  
13       related activities. I'm a co-chair with that  
14       team. And probably one of the main lines of  
15       effort with that working group is to look across  
16       the entire scope of federal government and  
17       identify current policies that are out there and  
18       current best practices, post those so that  
19       they're widely distributed and then take a look  
20       from a gap analysis perspective to identify where  
21       there are those gaps.

22               And the most importantly, look for



1 ways to close those gaps so that we can maximize  
2 the effectiveness of the marine transportation  
3 system. Which certainly includes fishing  
4 vessels. I would say from a Coast Guard  
5 workforce perspective, we're no different than  
6 really anybody else within the country. We've  
7 experienced our own challenges with COVID and our  
8 own challenges with getting the workforce back to  
9 meet the demand for services that the American  
10 public asked for.

11 We continue to work through that, and  
12 work through that, not only from a policy  
13 perspective, but from the pointy end of the  
14 sphere being able to get our cutters underway.  
15 No different than when you were working with your  
16 own crews. And it has been a challenge. And we  
17 are connected in with HHS to use the best science  
18 to inform those decisions. And we'll continue to  
19 push those out so that we are able to meet those  
20 demands for services. And ultimately look for  
21 ways to prevent bad things from happening within  
22 the MTS.

1           And I guess finally, I would just say  
2           thank you. Thank you for your willingness to  
3           volunteer on this important Committee. I  
4           encourage you to continue the collaborative  
5           efforts that you've enjoyed in past meetings and  
6           look for those ways to boil up those issues that  
7           are going to be the most meaningful so that that  
8           advice can be provided to us so that we can make  
9           those meaningful policy adjustments.

10           So at the end of the day the folks  
11           that leave the dock come back with the same  
12           number of fingers and toes and people that they  
13           had and are able to perform that vital mission of  
14           fishing that you guys are also passionate about.  
15           I'll hand it off to Captain Edwards now as your  
16           DFO. And certainly, if you've got any other  
17           questions with, specifically with respect to our  
18           actions with respect to COVID, or really anything  
19           else, Matt is on that same working group.

20           And so, if you've got questions about  
21           how we're doing things, please, push that up. It  
22           doesn't necessarily have to come up through this

1 subcommittee, or this committee, but get the  
2 information to us so that we can hopefully take  
3 some action on it. And if you do have questions  
4 separate, we can push those up through CVC. That  
5 same email address that was pushed forward, and  
6 we'll take after it. Thank you.

7 CAPTAIN EDWARDS: All right. Well,  
8 thank you, Captain Arguin. Good morning for the  
9 West Coast, good afternoon for those of you on  
10 the East Coast. Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair,  
11 Members of the Committee, as well as other  
12 participants. Thanks for attending.

13 I want to thank the Staff here for  
14 pulling this all together in this virtual  
15 environment. I know we would all prefer to be  
16 able to meet together in a more collaborative  
17 nature, but unfortunately that's not where we are  
18 right now. We've held a few remote meetings from  
19 the Coast Guard's perspective, so we have some  
20 lessons learned that we'll try to work through  
21 today. But please bear with us if there is a  
22 technical glitch and we have to drop offline or

1 whatnot. If you can't hear us or something is  
2 not coming through strong on our side, please  
3 either use the email or I think you can raise  
4 your hand on here. Extend chat, we'll try to get  
5 to you as soon as we can to correct the technical  
6 issues.

7 Let's see. Just going through the  
8 agenda, we have a pretty full agenda today for a  
9 fairly limited period of time. So I will, I'll  
10 just be brief in going through the agenda. We do  
11 have some special government employees that are  
12 part of this Committee. And as we've previously  
13 stated in the agenda, this meeting will be  
14 reviewed.

15 We will be reviewing Task 01-19(b).  
16 This issue is not a particular matter for the  
17 purpose of the criminal conflict of interest and  
18 statute, so that's kind of our legal piece that  
19 we put into the system here so that we make it  
20 clear that those special government employees can  
21 continue to function and provide the good input  
22 that they do. So, I'm going to stop there, just

1       thank everybody and then turn it over to Mr. Joe  
2       Myers.

3                       MR. MYERS:   Good afternoon, everybody.  
4       Joe Myers here with CVC-3, the Fishing Vessel  
5       Safety Division out of the Office of Commercial  
6       Vessel Compliance.  And thanks for taking the  
7       time to come on out and be with us this afternoon  
8       and participate in the meeting.  And that goes  
9       for the CFSAC members and the public.  We have a  
10      full plate, as conveyed by Captain Edwards.  A  
11      full plate of updates on today's agenda.  And we  
12      look forward to Subcommittee support on the MOB  
13      Task 01-19(b).

14                      As statistical data reflects,  
15      commercial fishing remains as one of the leading  
16      hazardous occupations in the United States.  With  
17      an estimated U.S. Fleet of 65 or plus thousand  
18      fishing vessels, we have a lot of challenges to  
19      build safe and to get conditions.  And at times,  
20      these conditions are unpredictable.  And we know  
21      this by the recent experience of COVID-19.

22                      So, we know and we understand the,

1 that you understand the day-to-day challenges  
2 faced within the fishing industry. And thus the  
3 Coast Guard values and appreciates your  
4 experience and expertise and all that the CFSAC  
5 brings to the table. So we look forward to a  
6 productive meeting of the information sharing,  
7 discussions and many recommendations. And with  
8 that said, that is all I have for my opening  
9 comments.

10 And I think at this point I'd like to  
11 hand it off to our Committee Chairman, Mr. Chris  
12 -- Oh, hang on one second, folks.

13 MR. WENDLAND: Yes. Mr. Myers, thank  
14 you very much. At this point in time, what we'll  
15 do is we'll run through some of the old business  
16 and then we'll get into the new business. And  
17 just to make sure everybody is on the line here.  
18 I just want to check if Mr. Butturini is on the  
19 line? Mr. Butturini? You might have to unmute  
20 if you're on the line. Okay, how about Ms.  
21 Libby. Ms. Libby, you on the line?

22 MS. LIBBY: I'm here.

1 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Ms. Solomiy, are  
2 you on the line?

3 MS. SOLOMIY: I'm here as well.

4 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Mr. Arroyo, are  
5 you on the line?

6 MR. ARROYO: Present.

7 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. O'Kray, Caleb, are  
8 you on the line?

9 MR. O'KRAY: Hey, good afternoon.  
10 This is Caleb O'Kray.

11 MR. WENDLAND: Great, thank you.  
12 Okay. So, again --

13 CHAIR WOODLEY: Jonathan, this is --

14 MR. WENDLAND: Yes.

15 CHAIR WOODLEY: -- this is Woodley  
16 here. I think we skipped a line item. I thought  
17 I had opening remarks as well.

18 MR. WENDLAND: Okay, Chris, yes. Go  
19 ahead then.

20 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay. Yes, it's on  
21 the agenda. Yes, good morning, everyone. Thanks  
22 for taking time out of your busy day to join in.

1 This has been a heck of a year for sure and so  
2 there is a lot to cover here. And I just wanted  
3 to start with, just a quick message to the Coast  
4 Guard. This has been a really tough year for the  
5 fishing industry between COVID and the numerous  
6 impacts that it's had to our markets, to  
7 disruption of our operations, for stock  
8 assessments, uncertainty with the observer  
9 program and getting healthy crew members onboard.

10 For a lot of areas of the country it's  
11 taken a hundred percent of effort just to deal  
12 with all of those issues. A lot of things that  
13 we used to take for granted are now in question.  
14 So, I'm really happy to hear Captain Arguin's  
15 comments regarding the Coast Guard being involved  
16 in those COVID mitigation efforts. And I guess  
17 one thing I would say is, there has been a group  
18 in operation since February.

19 The Alaska Fishing Industry Safety and  
20 Health Committee, which has been working with the  
21 State of Alaska and the State of Washington to  
22 develop best practices for the fishing industry,



1 both for catcher vessels, tender vessels and fish  
2 processing vessels. So, if you haven't been  
3 following that group, I would say that would be a  
4 really, really good place to start because a lot  
5 of these issues have, you know, the industry has  
6 been working through them for quite some time.

7 So, just to keep this short, as we  
8 look forward, this, for my position as a  
9 Chairman, I had hoped that we would have been  
10 able to accomplish more this year. And obviously  
11 we got up-ended by a global pandemic. But at the  
12 same time I am optimistic in a sense that because  
13 of what's happened there, we've all gotten pretty  
14 adept doing these virtual meetings and online  
15 meetings. So I'm hoping that in the next few  
16 months it may be this Advisory Committee can make  
17 up some lost ground, either through subcommittees  
18 or the full committee in doing these virtual  
19 meetings.

20 They're pretty easy to pull together.  
21 It's got to be easier than an in-person meeting,  
22 so I'm looking forward to working with all of you

1 for the next couple of months here until we go  
2 through the new process with the advisory  
3 committee. But thanks for your time and look  
4 forward to the rest of the meeting. Thank you.

5 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Chris.  
6 Appreciate it. So I just want to double check  
7 one more time, is Mr. Butturini on the line?  
8 Roger? Okay. I'm sorry, this is Jonathan  
9 Wendland. And so, we'll move into the old  
10 business. I just wanted to touch on the minutes  
11 that are up on our webpage from the last meeting.  
12 They've been up pretty much from the last year.  
13 And we had a little change of a pace during that  
14 last meeting in which we went through a full  
15 court reporter transcription. So there is no  
16 vote on that meeting.

17 And this meeting in going forward, we  
18 plan on doing the same thing, so there is a full  
19 transcription. Once this meeting ends and we  
20 receive the transcription from the court reporter  
21 and we review it, we will put it back, we will  
22 put it up on our site. So that's where you would

1 find that. And as soon as we get that  
2 information and review it, it will be up on the  
3 site. And we'll notify all the Members once that  
4 occurs.

5 So, two aspects of the old business as  
6 well. We wanted to bring you up to speed on, was  
7 the reg project and the de-reg project. And so,  
8 what I would like to do at this point in time is  
9 maybe just turn it over to Mr. O'Kray, Caleb.  
10 Would you like to speak a little bit about the  
11 de-reg project?

12 MR. O'KRAY: Sure. Thanks, Jonathan.  
13 Good afternoon to everyone. I don't I've had the  
14 chance to meet most of you. My name is Caleb  
15 O'Kray, I'm the chief economist for the Coast  
16 Guard and the Division Chief within CG-REG, which  
17 is looking at our regulations and standards.

18 And so, I wanted to touch base with  
19 all of you about previous tasking, 1-17, from the  
20 Coast Guard to this Committee. This Committee  
21 had met and discussed and provided  
22 recommendations back to the Coast Guard in

1 support of regulatory reform of the Coast Guard's  
2 regulation in response to executive orders 13771  
3 and 13777. This was back in 2017. We appreciate  
4 the responses that the Committee has provided.  
5 And the Coast Guard has some simple follow-up  
6 questions that are more economic in nature. And  
7 we feel that the Committee and the public can  
8 help us as we move forward with this regulatory  
9 reform.

10 But because of the timing involved  
11 with the establishment of the Committee taking  
12 place on the 4th of December in 2020, we wanted  
13 to provide you a status update under this old  
14 business. And I just wanted to let you all know  
15 that you may be hearing from me in the future on  
16 this. That's all that I had, Jonathan.

17 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Caleb,  
18 appreciate it.

19 MR. O'KRAY: Sure.

20 MR. WENDLAND: Yes. Just a quick  
21 update on the reg project. That was the reg  
22 project of, Coast Guard Act of 2010 and 2012.

1       There has been no status change since our last  
2       meeting. So that reg project is still in  
3       abatement and there is really nothing further we  
4       can add to that at this point in time. That kind  
5       of identifies the two reg projects with the old  
6       business. And at this point in time I'd like to  
7       turn it over to Mr. Myers and give us an update  
8       on the grants.

9                   MR. MYERS: Hi everyone, Joe Myers  
10       here. And I just want to give you, as Jonathan  
11       just stated, an update on the grants, the fishing  
12       training and fishing research grants.

13                   In 2020, actually May 20th of 2020, a  
14       joint Coast Guard and NIOSH peer review panel  
15       convened reviewing grant applications for two  
16       fishing vessel research grants and two fishing  
17       vessel training grant packages. The packages  
18       were assigned impact scores as measured against  
19       the established grant criteria. And once the  
20       peer review panel convened, then those packages  
21       and the recommendations went to a program review,  
22       which was a combination of both the Coast Guard

1 and NIOSH experts. That convened on the 25th of  
2 June.

3 And those Coast Guard and NIOSH  
4 experts collected programmatic review using  
5 scientific and technical merit program  
6 priorities, development of guidelines, best  
7 practices, contributions to the occupational  
8 safety and health within commercial fishing,  
9 vessel operations and organizational capacities  
10 and training evaluation plans. So there was a  
11 big package being measured against the criteria.

12 And so, the bottom line is the 2020  
13 grant package review resulted in recommending all  
14 applicants being funded for award. So the  
15 federal funding requested with this was, or is,  
16 \$790,847. The federal cost share, over the  
17 period of performance, remains at 50 percent. So  
18 that being said, with regards to 2020, there has  
19 been continued appropriations for fishing vessel  
20 training and fishing vessel research grants for  
21 2021. And again, as last year, that's \$6 million  
22 of appropriations.

1           And NIOSH, as in the past, they will  
2           be managing this. And if you go to the NIOSH  
3           links, which is, weblink, which is  
4           <https://grants.nih.gov>, this is where those  
5           announcements are being hung right now. And  
6           you'll actually see two announcements. And you  
7           can do a word search when you go online, on the  
8           NIOSH site. Or the [grants.nih.gov](https://grants.nih.gov) site. And you  
9           simply put in fishing training, fishing research  
10          grants or RFA-0H-20-002 or for training, RFA-0H-  
11          20-003 and you'll see the opportunity of  
12          announcements.

13                 Now, the next application due date for  
14          the 2021 year, that's going to be 21 January of  
15          2021. That's the application due date coming up.  
16          And lastly, I do want to thank Dr. Ellen Robinson  
17          and Dr. Jennifer Lincoln of NIOSH and the entire  
18          NIOSH grants team for working so closely with the  
19          Coast Guard to manage and execute these grants  
20          initiatives. As they are so moving forward.  
21          Thank you, Jonathan, that's all I had.

22                 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Mr. Myers.

1 I'd just like to give everybody a quick status  
2 update on the membership here and the Committee  
3 moving forward. We've talked about this in a  
4 couple admin meetings, for those that are joining  
5 us as well. This Committee currently has 17  
6 members, it's established with 18. One member  
7 declined to participate, so that's the reason why  
8 it currently stands at 17.

9 This Committee will be disestablished  
10 on December 4th of this year, of 2020. And so  
11 there is just a few months left in the calendar  
12 year for this Committee. And there's going to be  
13 a new National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory  
14 Committee established under a new charter. And  
15 all members, all 18 members, will be reapplying  
16 for each of those positions.

17 So we currently have a notice, federal  
18 register notice out. And we will be putting a  
19 new federal register notice out for those  
20 positions as well. And the reason for that is,  
21 because we didn't get a full complement, people  
22 to fill those two position since the last two



1 times that we put the notice out, so we'll be  
2 seeking further applicants as we move forward  
3 towards the end of the year.

4 We will appoint that when that occurs,  
5 we will provide a notice to all the members, and  
6 the federal register notice will hit the street.  
7 So just wanted to give you an update on that.  
8 Again, the new committee will be called the  
9 National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory  
10 Committee. And if I've left anything out,  
11 Melanee, I think maybe you might want to chime in  
12 here with a little bit of the information.

13 MS. LIBBY: Hey, Jonathan, is it my  
14 turn to talk about the update on FACAs?

15 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, that's the spot  
16 right here.

17 MS. LIBBY: Okay.

18 MR. WENDLAND: We're just bringing  
19 your presentation up right now.

20 MS. LIBBY: Okay, thank you. Over.

21 MR. WENDLAND: Yes.

22 MS. LIBBY: Good afternoon, everyone.

1 Oh, go ahead, Jonathan.

2 MR. WENDLAND: Nope, you have the  
3 floor, Melanee. Go ahead.

4 MS. LIBBY: Okay, thank you. Good  
5 morning, good afternoon all. Mr. Chairman,  
6 Members of the Committee and public. Can  
7 everyone hear me?

8 MR. WENDLAND: We hear you loud and  
9 clear.

10 MS. LIBBY: Thank you. My name is  
11 Melanee Libby, who is currently serving as the  
12 Coast Guard Federal Advisory Committee Group  
13 Officer. This afternoon I'm going to give you  
14 just a brief update on the current status of the  
15 Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee and  
16 the National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory  
17 Committee.

18 Angel, next slide please. The Frank  
19 LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018  
20 replaced the nine Coast Guard Federal Advisory  
21 Committees with similar committees. Including  
22 the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee.

1           Like Jonathan said, the extension of  
2           the CFSAC to operate until December 4th complies  
3           with the section 601(d) of the Coast Guard  
4           Authorization Act. To comply with the Act, our  
5           nine committees must file charters, and need to  
6           solicit nominations for the members to be  
7           appointed by the Secretary. Currently that  
8           effort is in progress. And the Coast Guard has  
9           already prioritized this effort and will continue  
10          to work with our FACAs and the HSCMO to ensure  
11          the committees function fully.

12           Current CFSAC, like Jonathan said,  
13          will be dissolved on December 4th, 2020 and it  
14          will be replaced when the National Commercial  
15          Fishing Safety Advisory Committee, or CFSAC, is  
16          established. Currently the HS is in the process  
17          of filling the National Commercial Fishing Safety  
18          Advisory Committee Charter. Like Jonathan  
19          mentioned, the Coast Guard initially solicited  
20          for all 18 members via the federal register  
21          notice from February 21 to April 21, 2020.

22           Unfortunately we didn't get a lot of

1 applications, and on June 1st, 2020 we advertised  
2 another notice to extend the vacancy until July  
3 31st, 2020. We are now in the process of the  
4 third solicitation notice and we will publish  
5 that soon. The Coast Guard is asking your  
6 support to disseminate the vacancy to all the  
7 CFSAC stakeholders, so we'll be able to fill in  
8 those 18 vacancies. If you have any questions,  
9 this concludes my presentation. Over.

10 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Melanee. We  
11 will open it up for quick questions. If anybody  
12 has any questions on the new committee or any of  
13 the FACA information that Melanee just spoke  
14 about.

15 MS. LIBBY: Yes, Mr. Boehmer, go  
16 ahead.

17 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Boehmer, I'm not  
18 sure if you're on mute or not. If you had a  
19 question. You don't need to raise your hand at  
20 this point in time on MSB, you can just speak  
21 out. It's interactive and it's through Robert's  
22 rules, so --

1 MR. BOEHMER: Okay.

2 MR. WENDLAND: -- if you have a  
3 question go ahead.

4 MR. BOEHMER: Yes. Kris Boehmer here.  
5 I just have a question, Ms. Libby. If I  
6 understand what you just said, that during the  
7 first few solicitations you had some people apply  
8 but not all, if we are looking to help get people  
9 to apply for the positions that haven't been  
10 filled, can you tell us which areas you're  
11 needing applicants from so we can kind of reach  
12 out to people and encourage them to apply?

13 MS. LIBBY: Sure, Mr. Boehmer.

14 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, I can --

15 MS. LIBBY: Go ahead, Jonathan. I  
16 defer that question to Jonathan, Mr. Boehmer, but  
17 thank you for your question.

18 MR. WENDLAND: Yes. Thank you,  
19 Melanee, thank you, Kris. Yes, I can say that  
20 the positions that weren't filled were the  
21 commercial fisherman. So, again, we're going to  
22 be putting out an applicant for all positions

1       though.  But we came up short in the commercial  
2       fishing applicant position.  So, the federal  
3       register will go out soon and it will be  
4       requesting for all 18 positions, not just  
5       commercial fisherman.  But we did come up short  
6       in those slots.

7                   Anybody else?

8                   VICE CHAIR DAMERON:  Hi, Melanee, it's  
9       Tom Dameron speaking.

10                  MS. LIBBY:  Hi, Tom.

11                  VICE CHAIR DAMERON:  How are you?  Is  
12       the new national committee going to operate any  
13       differently than the current committee?

14                  MS. LIBBY:  Excellent question, Mr.  
15       Dameron.  No, it's the same.  We operate on the  
16       same.  There are no changes, including the  
17       membership.  Same numbers, same FACA operations.  
18       Over.

19                  VICE CHAIR DAMERON:  Thank you.

20                  MR. WENDLAND:  Does anybody else have  
21       any questions in regard to the new committee or  
22       any FACA questions?  Okay, very good.  Hearing

1 none, Mr. Arroyo, are you on the line?

2 MR. ARROYO: I am here.

3 MR. WENDLAND: Okay, very good. So at  
4 this point in time we're going to be bringing up  
5 their presentation on AIS and pingers. We're  
6 going to try to get that on the screen for you.

7 MR. ARROYO: Thank you.

8 MR. WENDLAND: And we will give you  
9 the floor here. Dennis, is Mr. Arroyo. He is  
10 presenting from CG-NAV-2 and he's going to be  
11 speaking about AIS pingers. You have the floor,  
12 Mr. Arroyo. Thank you.

13 MR. ARROYO: Thank you very much.  
14 Good day, everyone.

15 As Jonathan mentioned, my name is  
16 Jorge Arroyo, I work for the Office of Navigation  
17 Systems. I'm an AIS subject matter expert. I've  
18 been involved with the AIS for the last 20 years.  
19 Particularly on the international level.

20 I'm the one who drafted the AIS  
21 regulations that you're abiding by today  
22 hopefully. And I'm here to give you an update on

1 issues going on, particularly with fish pingers.

2 Next slide please. Next slide please.

3 Thank you.

4 So, two sessions ago in Seattle, much  
5 better times, I had the, previous slide please.

6 I had the pleasure of giving the Committee an  
7 update on some AIS matters. Particularly fish  
8 pingers that was on your agenda there.

9 And I explained to everybody back then  
10 that the issue was not only ours, but it was a  
11 world-wide issue impacting everyone.  
12 Particularly, mostly in the South China Sea,  
13 which is a picture there.

14 I'm giving you a graphical  
15 representation of what it looks like for ships  
16 that were trying to navigate in that area when  
17 about 80 percent of those little blips, that you  
18 see on the screen, are AIS fish pingers.

19 Next slide. I inform you then that  
20 this is a matter that was being addressed and  
21 studied by the International Telecommunications  
22 Union, which is the body that regulates all radio



1 matters world-wide. They put a study group  
2 together to look at, not only fish pingers but a  
3 whole host of other devices that have been  
4 broadcasting on AIS, that they all bundle up into  
5 the new term called autonomous marine radio  
6 devices.

7 Next slide. So I'm pleased to inform  
8 you that they have concluded their studies. And  
9 last October they published their recommendation.  
10 Recommendation M-2135 regarding the techno  
11 characteristics of autonomous marine radio  
12 devices and synopsis.

13 What it says is, it defines what an  
14 ANMRD is, which is a mobile station that operates  
15 at sea, that transmits independently of a ship or  
16 a shore station. They catalogue them into two  
17 different groups.

18 Group A, which are those devices which  
19 enhance navigation. And it recognized two, only  
20 two devices. Which are the Class M Man Overboard  
21 devices and the new Mobile Aids to Navigation  
22 devices that the International Association

1 Lighthouse Authorities is developing as we speak.

2           And then a Group B device, which is a  
3 device that does not enhance safety navigation,  
4 does not concern navigation or compliment BTS.  
5 And for these particular devices they are to not  
6 operate on the AIS channels.

7           And has particular technical  
8 characteristics that they need to abide by.  
9 Which include transmitting at less than a hundred  
10 milowatts, at less than at ten percent duty  
11 cycle, at broadcasting at less than ten  
12 milliseconds, excuse me, 100 milliseconds, have  
13 an integral antenna that's no greater than one  
14 meter, and no higher than one meter, have a  
15 protected power switch and a transmit indicator  
16 in the unit itself, can operate both on wide and  
17 narrow-band VHF channels.

18           And the World Radio Council, also that  
19 met last fall, has designated VHF Channel 6 for  
20 their operation. And they're to operate on a  
21 non-interfere, non-protection mode on that  
22 frequency.

1                   And this technically would be where  
2 fish pingers would now fall into should they  
3 continue to be made available for sale and being  
4 properly type certified for their use.

5                   So the next action that will happen on  
6 this is getting together with industry to go  
7 ahead and, one, publicize this and then work on a  
8 technical standard or devices to meet so they can  
9 be tested to these requirements that I just  
10 mentioned to you. And that's the, currently the  
11 way that we are moving forward on this item. And  
12 we'll be working with the FCC to work on the type  
13 certification processes for these devices.

14                   As I mentioned to you last session,  
15 the big issue that we have here, particularly  
16 with the AIS, is that the AIS channels are very  
17 finite. There is only 25, 2,250 slots available  
18 for transmissions, so when we have a plethora of  
19 additional devices occupying those slots, they're  
20 just taking slots away from vessels that need to  
21 rely upon those transmissions for collision  
22 avoidance purposes.

1                   So it's just very untenable to be able  
2 to operate additional devices on these channels  
3 that are already being very congested with vessel  
4 traffic. So that's kind of where we're at on  
5 that.

6                   So, next slide. With that I conclude  
7 my presentation and I'm open to comments. Or  
8 questions. Seeing none, thank you very much.

9                   CHAIR WOODLEY: This is Chris Woodley  
10 here. I did have one question.

11                   What's the timeline for industry  
12 outreach and what venues are you considering?

13                   MR. ARROYO: Well, I mean, well,  
14 unfortunately, the industry that's putting out  
15 these illegitimate fish pingers out there I doubt  
16 will be involved. And my guess is that they will  
17 continue to inundate the market with that.

18                   Oh, I guess I should add. I  
19 apologize. That we have been working with the  
20 FCC on this matter.

21                   The FCC has put out a enforcement  
22 notice prohibiting their use in the United

1 States. And we've done pretty good at getting  
2 Amazon and Ebay to get them off their websites  
3 for sales. And so we've been dealing with it  
4 there.

5 And we'll probably be moving up with  
6 some enforcement action if we continue to see  
7 some, which are still continuing to see, to go  
8 ahead and move on that front.

9 The legitimate manufacturers, who are  
10 primarily existing as manufacturers, they've been  
11 well aware of the work that's been going on, on  
12 this matter. And they've contributed to the  
13 process in creating the ITU recommendations and  
14 the technical characteristics that I mentioned  
15 there for these devices.

16 So, my guess is that they will start  
17 moving smartly on that. It doesn't really take  
18 much to want to re-purpose and ask the device to  
19 go ahead and do that, or create new devices out  
20 there to go ahead and do that.

21 What's going to take us a little bit  
22 longer is creating a test standard for

1 certification purposes, which will, we haven't  
2 determined yet whether we will be able to do that  
3 here nationally with the radio technical  
4 services, the Radio Technical Commission for  
5 Maritime Services, RTCM, or whether it's  
6 something that we pursue with the International  
7 Electrical Technical Commission, which is the  
8 body that does all the test standards for AIS  
9 equipment.

10 So that has yet to happen. If we go  
11 to RTCM and they're willing to take on this work,  
12 I envision that they'll be able to put out a test  
13 standard, probably within a matter of a year.

14 If you go to IAC that takes a little  
15 bit longer. It probably would take us anywhere  
16 between 18 months to two years to have a test  
17 standard.

18 But in the interim, if there is a  
19 legitimate and respectable manufacturer who wants  
20 to bring these to market, I'm sure that the FCC  
21 would entertain waywards in that regard. And we  
22 would support waywards in that regard if the

1 equipment that they're presenting to us meets the  
2 technical standards that I discussed here  
3 previously.

4 So I'd say out best bet though, we can  
5 probably see them in the marketplace by end of  
6 next year. It would be accelerated and probably  
7 more likely 2022.

8 Is there anyone else?

9 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Jorge.

10 MR. ARROYO: Thank you, Chris. Anyone  
11 else? Thank you very much.

12 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Jorge,  
13 appreciate that. Also thank you for jumping the  
14 spot there with the presentation to the core  
15 datas and trying to buy a little time.

16 Is D17 or D13 online? D17 --

17 MR. WILWERT: D17 is on the line,  
18 Jonathan.

19 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. But D13, thanks,  
20 Scott. Okay. So, hopefully everyone had a  
21 chance to look at the presentations online.

22 Did anybody have any questions, if any

1 of the members have any questions with any of the  
2 presentations that were put up on our website, at  
3 this point in time we have the coordinators, all  
4 but D13 and D8, on the lines. If you have any  
5 questions on there, we'd open up the floor to any  
6 questions on the presentation.

7 If you're on mute, there is one more  
8 opportunity. Any questions on the district  
9 coordinator presentations?

10 Okay. Well, hearing none, at this  
11 point in time I'd like to turn it over to Mr.  
12 Myers. And, Mr. Myers, you have the floor. And  
13 talking about the at-risk commercial fishing  
14 boats.

15 MR. MYERS: Thank you, Jonathan. And  
16 hello to everyone again.

17 Joe Myers here with CVC-3. And I want  
18 to give you a quick briefing on the new work  
19 instruction that we have just recently released  
20 targeting high-risk or at-risk fishing vessels.

21 As recently communicating by our Coast  
22 Guard Maritime's Comments Blog, the Coast Guard



1 Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance recently  
2 released work instructions CVC-WI-025(1) on  
3 August 21, 2020. And it is titled, the Risk  
4 Based Fishing Vessel Exam Program.

5 This work instruction outlines Coast  
6 Guard initiatives to promote increased safety  
7 within the commercial fishing industry on vessels  
8 that are viewed as high-risk. The more frequent  
9 fishing vessel safety exams of firefighting,  
10 lifesaving or other safety systems on vessels  
11 that have a higher probability of being in an  
12 marine casualty will greatly reduce the  
13 likelihood of a marine causality, loss of life to  
14 avoid its termination due to unsafe conditions.

15 So basically, more visibility, more  
16 boots on deck, more face-to-face with the  
17 mariner, more frequent exams. So this work  
18 instruction leverages our Coast Guard access to  
19 urge the owners and operators of at-risk fishing  
20 vessels to complete a dockside exam every two  
21 years.

22 So what is an at-risk fishing vessel

1 or a high-risk fishing vessel? The vessels  
2 include, if the vessel is built before 1 July of  
3 2013, if they're 50 feet overall in length and  
4 forward, and they operate beyond three nautical  
5 miles from the baseline, which the territorial  
6 seas of the United States is measured you have  
7 three nautical miles from the coast line of the  
8 Great Lakes.

9 So the, to put it in perspective, the  
10 at-risk fishing population is approximately  
11 12,000 vessels. And currently, the number of at-  
12 risk fishing vessels, with an expired fishing  
13 vessel detail, is about 1,225, give or take.

14 Casualty data shows that the, that a  
15 high number of fishing vessel losses are a result  
16 of contributing conditions, such as human  
17 factors, equipment failure and poor maintenance.

18 And for example, between 2015 and 2022  
19 there were numerous casualties and voyage  
20 terminations within this at-risk fishing vessel  
21 population. And so, for fishing vessel losses,  
22 for example, between 15 and 20, we had 77.

1 Operational fatalities, 119.

2 Fishing vessel at sea terminations,  
3 165. And to put this into further perspective,  
4 in 2020, our 2020 statistics on commercial  
5 fishing vessels that have their vessels  
6 terminated due to unsafe conditions, 66 percent  
7 of these vessels terminated did not have a five  
8 year exam. And 91 percent of terminations did  
9 not have a two year dockside exam.

10 And just so you know, the top three  
11 deficiencies, lifesaving, such as PFDs, immersion  
12 suits, life rafts. Number two is communications,  
13 EPIRBs, alarms, et cetera. Or number three,  
14 documentation, such as certificates, markings,  
15 placards.

16 So, these vessels will be a focus  
17 during dockside exams, industry outreach and at  
18 sea boardings. And the primary focus, again,  
19 being compliance with applicable federal  
20 regulations.

21 And I would like to note that the  
22 Coast Guard, our dockside examiners and our TPOs

1 that do dockside exams on our behalf will make  
2 every effort to accommodate requests for dockside  
3 exams of these fishing vessels.

4 And we do encourage the public to be  
5 familiar with this work instruction. Again, it's  
6 CVC-WI-025(1). And it's currently available on  
7 our Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Safety Division's  
8 webpage at [www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/fishsafe).

9 Or by simply typing in Fishing Vessel  
10 Safety CG-CVC-3. Fishing Vessel Safety CG-CVC-3.  
11 Just type that into your Google or whatever  
12 engine you have, and our page should pop up.

13 And when you get on to our site, this  
14 work instruction is hung on the publications,  
15 references and work instruction tab. Okay.

16 And by the way, last but not least,  
17 this work instruction is being communicated out  
18 by our dockside examiners and our district  
19 coordinators. Along with our Coast Guard  
20 Headquarters Office. And it has been posted on  
21 Maritime Commons.

22 And so, we hope you are able to take

1 the time to familiarize yourself with this work  
2 instruction in that it goes into a lot more  
3 detail than I went into this afternoon.

4 That is all I have unless there are  
5 any questions.

6 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, this is Tom  
7 Dameron. Thank you very much for that.

8 This is a, it's definitely a sorely  
9 needed effort. I think that Members on this  
10 Committee have expressed that we would rather  
11 this be a regulatory compliance or regulatory  
12 requirement that commercial fishing vessels were  
13 required to get these exams on a two year basis.

14 I had a question about your, you said  
15 1,225 vessels had expired, expired exams. Is  
16 that expired after two years or expired after  
17 five years?

18 MR. MYERS: That's after two years.  
19 And so, this, keeping in mind that the statutory  
20 requirement is still five years. So, what our  
21 target agenda, with this initiative is, obviously  
22 highly encouraging the two year dockside exam

1 that you just mentioned.

2 But no, that number that I just  
3 communicated, that was for two year details being  
4 expired.

5 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Okay, thank you.  
6 And my last question.

7 On the 66 percent of the terminations  
8 that were done, that they did not have a five  
9 year, their five year exam had expired, could you  
10 tell us, do you have any sense of whether the  
11 expiration of the five year exam was the cause of  
12 the termination or was the actual termination for  
13 actual safety deficiencies? Thank you.

14 MR. MYERS: You know, I think in  
15 general, and we're talking about a large  
16 population here, in general, the mere fact that a  
17 vessel completes a five year dockside exam and  
18 maintains the required equipment on that, during  
19 that exam, if they maintain it, things should be  
20 okay with that vessel.

21 Now, what I would say is, with the  
22 vessels that had their excursions terminated,

1 more than likely they were terminated by line  
2 items that are embodied within that exam. So it  
3 could have been lifesaving equipment,  
4 documentation, EPIRBs, et cetera.

5 So we don't know that granular  
6 information in front of us right now. But I  
7 would say, more than likely, they are tied to  
8 that.

9 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Thank you.

10 MR. HARRINGTON: Joe, if I can chime  
11 in real quick?

12 MR. MYERS: Yes.

13 MR. HARRINGTON: Tom, if I could chime  
14 in real quick?

15 MR. MYERS: Yes.

16 MR. HARRINGTON: This is Ted  
17 Harrington, I am from D1. As I understand it you  
18 cannot terminate just because they don't have a  
19 five-year decal.

20 You can write them up, but that's not  
21 an especially hazardous condition in and of  
22 itself, so I would guess none of those are

1 attributed to not having a five-year exam.

2 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, Ted, if I  
3 could follow up, isn't the five year the  
4 equivalent of the certificate of the CoC now? It  
5 was my understanding --

6 MR. HARRINGTON: Joe can answer that,  
7 but we do not issue CoC's, which has been a  
8 concern --

9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 MR. HARRINGTON: So you can't  
11 terminate with non-compliance with the CoC, but  
12 right now all we issue is decals for exams.

13 (Simultaneous speaking.)

14 MR. HARRINGTON: -- not west coast.

15 MR. MYERS: And if I could just to  
16 clarify, yes, right now we are not doing CoC's on  
17 commercial fishing industry vessels.

18 What we are doing is we have a 5587  
19 form that is proof of documentation of a  
20 satisfactory five-year exam along with the  
21 dockside exam decal.

22 But what everyone is saying when a



1 vessel is terminated it is not terminated just  
2 because you have an expired exam, but embodied  
3 within the criteria of what the exam encompasses  
4 we have Part 28, we have the applicability of  
5 some areas of Part 33.

6 There is a lot of regulatory  
7 requirements that are in play. And what I would  
8 say, and I hope I get this cite correct, 26 CFR  
9 Part 28.65 is termination of unsafe operations.

10 If we look at that cite that details  
11 a lot of their criteria also that may be in play  
12 and that is linked to a lot of those federal  
13 requirements.

14 So, again, a very open-ended question,  
15 hard to really comment. We don't want to  
16 speculate right now, but I would say it embodies  
17 the applicable federal requirements that are in  
18 play for that vessel for that route at that given  
19 time and period, but thanks for that question.

20 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, this is Chris  
21 Woodley here. I had a quick question. So  
22 feeding off of what Tom had said, yes, number

1 one, I mean we really do support, you know,  
2 anything that the Coast Guard can do to increase  
3 the frequency of dockside exams to a two-year  
4 cycle.

5 We know that this committee and what  
6 broad swaths of the fishing industry, certainly  
7 in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, have  
8 supported that, so thank you for taking that  
9 step.

10 I just had I guess the inverse of what  
11 Tom's question was, so my understanding then is  
12 is about 90 percent of the vessels out there that  
13 are considered to be high risk currently do have  
14 a dockside exam.

15 Is that another way to look at it,  
16 that 90 percent of the boats are in current  
17 compliance and do have a two-year dockside exam?  
18 Thank you.

19 MR. MYERS: I don't want to -- Since  
20 I don't have the numbers sitting in front of me,  
21 there is a lot of play here whether it's a  
22 current dockside five-year exam or if there is

1 expired two-year dockside exam decals.

2           So what I would say is those numbers  
3 that I have just shared are a brief snapshot of  
4 patterns for this year. It's not a reflection of  
5 a say five-year trend or a three-year trend, but  
6 mostly to just give you a snapshot of the  
7 enormity of what we are dealing with here and  
8 what is common of what we are seeing out there.

9           So I am just going to leave it at that  
10 and not leave it with the specific numbers but  
11 just to give you a snapshot of the pattern. Is  
12 that fair?

13           CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, thank you.

14           MR. MYERS: Yes, sir. That's all I  
15 had. Thank you.

16           CHAIR WOODLEY: All right.

17           MR. WENDLAND: This is Mr. Wendland  
18 again. Does anybody have any final thoughts or  
19 questions on what Mr. Myers just went over in  
20 regard to at-risk fishing vessels, which, again,  
21 for clarity is vessels that are above 50 feet and  
22 built before 2013?

1 (No audible response.)

2 MR. WENDLAND: Okay, hearing none.

3 Thank you, Mr. Myers. We are doing fairly well  
4 with the agenda and the time. In about five or  
5 ten minutes here, but we did want to give an  
6 opportunity to the industry, just industry that  
7 has any updates that you would like to convey to  
8 the Coast Guard or the public at this time you  
9 may do so.

10 Does anybody from the industry have  
11 any updates?

12 (No audible response.)

13 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Hearing none  
14 then we're looking at our inbox for public  
15 comment and did not receive the emails, but at  
16 this point in time we would like also to open it  
17 up first to the members on anything that has been  
18 talked about at this point in time.

19 Does anybody have any questions?  
20 Following that we'll follow-up with the public.  
21 Does anybody on the committee have any questions  
22 about the new or old business that has been

1 discussed at this point in time?

2 (No audible response.)

3 MR. WENDLAND: Please feel free to  
4 speak up rather than using the hand function on  
5 MS Teams.

6 MR. VINCENT: This is Tim Vincent. I  
7 would like to go back to that at-risk vessels  
8 just real briefly.

9 One question would be that it kind of,  
10 to me it seems like piece was a pretty broad  
11 brush. What's the view on vessels that would be  
12 like in class compliance or say an AXA compliant-  
13 type vessel, are they also viewed as at-risk  
14 vessels or no?

15 MR. MYERS: If we go by the criteria  
16 of that definition it's applicable where it's  
17 applicable.

18 So if we have a vessel that is built  
19 before 01 July 2013, is over 50 feet in length,  
20 and it operates, for example, beyond three  
21 nautical miles from the baseline, they would be  
22 viewed initially as at-risk. So that's just a

1 starter point.

2 Now if that vessel has, for example,  
3 an at-sea boarding and they say, okay, you fit  
4 that type of the at-risk definition but you have  
5 maintained your dockside exam on a decal, well,  
6 guess what, the boarding team will likely do an  
7 abbreviated exam and look at the top eight items.  
8 They are on and off quickly.

9 And, actually, that's what we ask them  
10 to do. We -- But if they have not maintained  
11 that dockside exam decal that may open the door  
12 to look at what they call the 4100-F boarding  
13 form, which many may be familiar with.

14 That is not beyond the scope of  
15 anything they have looked at in the past. It's  
16 just a list, a checklist, of bridge equipment,  
17 PFDs, et cetera.

18 If all of their equipment is  
19 maintained they're off the boat. No harm, no  
20 foul. But it's just -- It opens the door with  
21 the discussion saying, hey, listen, we recognize  
22 that you are an older vessel, you may not be

1 built to current standards or part of a marine  
2 architect, for example.

3 Again, there were no requirements  
4 prior to, per se prior to 01 July 2013 and so we  
5 had that conversation. So I hope that answers  
6 your question.

7 MR. VINCENT: Yes, it does. Thank you  
8 very much. I would also concur with what Chris  
9 said. I appreciate your guys' efforts and I am  
10 kind of big believer in the two-year versus five  
11 on the inspections, particularly in the line of  
12 COVID.

13 I am a commercial fisherman and I can  
14 tell you that COVID has hit us really hard. You  
15 know, like the prices we are getting for salmon  
16 are drastically reduced and that, you know,  
17 across the board that, you know, less money means  
18 less money for safety and it just kind of is sort  
19 of a downhill drag, so, you know, there you have  
20 it.

21 MR. MYERS: Well, thank you.

22 MR. WENDLAND: I appreciate the

1 questions there. I would like at this point in  
2 time to open it up to the public for any public  
3 comments.

4 Anybody from the public want to speak  
5 at this point in time?

6 MR. HOCKEMA: Could I get in there  
7 first if possible? This is Hal Hockema from the  
8 committee.

9 MR. WENDLAND: Sure, Hal. We'll open  
10 up to the public after you. Go ahead, you have  
11 the floor.

12 MR. HOCKEMA: Yes. Just to comment on  
13 the D-REG recommendations that the committee made  
14 previously, I thought, and I think the committee  
15 members would all agree, there was an interesting  
16 process.

17 There has been important issues that  
18 the committee put forth to the Coast Guard, most  
19 of which I believe we offered fairly specific  
20 recommendations, so I would just encourage the  
21 Coast Guard to put a greater emphasis on that D-  
22 REG issue if possible and when possible.



1           We understand there are persons from  
2 above that may be pushing you in a different  
3 direction, but there were very good  
4 recommendations there and I think some of them  
5 would result in substantial savings to the  
6 commercial fishing industry. Thank you.

7           MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Hal. We  
8 appreciate that comment. Anybody from the public  
9 at this point in time have anything that anybody  
10 wants to say?

11           (No audible response.)

12           MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Hearing none  
13 then I'd just like to take one last chance here  
14 for a second roll call for anybody that hasn't  
15 been able to chime in at this point.

16           We know there is a couple committee  
17 members that had to log on a little bit late and  
18 maybe even some visitors. If you didn't have an  
19 opportunity to speak during the roll call we ask  
20 you to chime up now for the attendance.

21           MR. HOWLAND: Yes, this is --

22           MS. FITZGERALD: This is Nikki

1 Fitzgerald. Sorry.

2 MR. HOWLAND: No, you first.

3 MS. FITZGERALD: This is Nikki  
4 Fitzgerald with Texas Sea Grant. Sorry, I got on  
5 late. I had other meetings I was on.

6 MR. WENDLAND: If you could say your  
7 name one more time, please?

8 MS. FITZGERALD: Nikki Fitzgerald.

9 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Nikki,  
10 appreciate it. Anybody else?

11 MR. HOWLAND: Yes. Nick Howland. I  
12 am on the committee. I joined at 1:15, but I  
13 have been on since, so thanks for letting me join  
14 a little late, Jonathan.

15 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, thank you. Thank  
16 you for the notification. Nice car.

17 MR. HOWLAND: Thanks. I'm not  
18 driving. You see nothing happening in the  
19 background, so --

20 MR. WENDLAND: I know that feeling.

21 MR. HOWLAND: I am safely parked.

22 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. Anybody else?

1       Anyone else that didn't have the opportunity to  
2       voice during the roll call?

3                   MR. LUGO:   This is Ricardo Lugo.

4                   MR. WENDLAND:  Go ahead.

5                   MR. LUGO:   Yes, I am including myself.

6       This is Ricardo Lugo.  I am calling by now from  
7       Culebra, Puerto Rico waiting to get into the  
8       ferry.  Very interesting.

9                   MR. WENDLAND:  Okay.  Well, good luck  
10       with the ferry and thanks for calling in,  
11       Ricardo.  I appreciate that.  Thanks for being on  
12       mute as well.  Thank you.  Okay.  Thanks,  
13       everyone.

14                   So I am going to turn it over to Mr.  
15       Myers to get into the meat of the discussion  
16       again.

17                   As a reminder it's sort of Robert's  
18       Rules, so if any members have any questions and  
19       comments to direct those through the Chairman,  
20       Mr. Woodley, and now just to turn this back over  
21       to Mr. Myers on the introduction of the Task 01-  
22       19(b).  Mr. Myers.

1                   MR. MYERS: Thank you, Jonathan. And,  
2 again, hi, everyone, Joe Myers speaking. Task  
3 Statement 01-19(b) was endorsed by the Coast  
4 Guard's CFSAC designated federal officer, the  
5 DFO, and accepted by the committee and endorsed  
6 by the Chairman on October 30, 2019, during the  
7 40th CFSAC meeting.

8                   The task was initiated as a result of  
9 falls overboards, loss of life being one of the  
10 leading contributors of fatalities in the  
11 commercial fishing industry.

12                   The Coast Guard's CFSAC input of the  
13 development of a lifesaving falls overboard  
14 voluntary best practice guide that can be adopted  
15 by the commercial fishing industry to promote  
16 safety-oriented procedures that may reduce the  
17 occurrence of falls overboard and save lives.

18                   I would now like to invite the  
19 Chairman, Mr. Chris Woodley, to comment on the  
20 subcommittee board of the man overboard Task 01-  
21 19(b). Mr. Chair.

22                   CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, thanks, Joe. So

1 this is Chris Woodley here and what I was looking  
2 to do was to just briefly walk the full committee  
3 through the process that the subcommittee  
4 undertook, talk about the documents that got sent  
5 out to the full committee yesterday, but sent out  
6 to the subcommittee last week.

7 Then hopefully at the end of that  
8 conversation I can do some Q&A and then I am  
9 hoping that we can make a, that the full  
10 committee will support the recommendations that I  
11 put forward with any amendments, changes,  
12 whatever.

13 So just to jump in real quick, so I  
14 think number one on the task statement was is  
15 that the Coast Guard had asked that this be done  
16 March 10th, which also happened to coincide with  
17 when COVID was really starting to become an issue  
18 here in the Pacific Northwest.

19 I at that time requested of the  
20 subcommittee that we table it for a little bit of  
21 time because all focus and all efforts were going  
22 towards COVID prevention and, you know,

1 unfortunately we never got back on track with,  
2 you know, as with so many things this project  
3 unfortunately took a back seat.

4 But up until March 10th the  
5 subcommittee had met a handful of times over the  
6 phone to, you know, review the world of what the  
7 equipment was that was out there in terms of  
8 PFDs, recovery equipment, training, ancillary  
9 equipment like alarms, things like that.

10 We talked a lot about best practices  
11 and the biggest focus though was to figure out  
12 how to communicate this information to the  
13 fishing industry at large.

14 I think that's where the biggest  
15 challenge is because it is, you know, you've got  
16 to get this information out in front of fishermen  
17 in a way that is interesting to them and, you  
18 know, communicates what needs to be done.

19 So in our conversations, you know, we  
20 talked about putting together like an actual  
21 booklet or a guide, you know, a falls overboard  
22 bible, if you will, and that appeared to be very

1       daunting just because that was going to become a  
2       very large task.

3               So when we hit pause back in March  
4       that's where we were was I think we had done a  
5       good job of collecting the information, figuring  
6       out what we wanted in this guide, but then the  
7       challenge was, okay, how are we going to roll  
8       this out, how are we going to get this out to the  
9       industry.

10              So, again, we hit pause and then when  
11       I picked this up, this project up again, I've  
12       been thinking about it the whole time, but picked  
13       it up a couple of weeks ago, it occurred to me  
14       that maybe our best opportunity to communicate  
15       the information regarding man overboard might be  
16       through both national and regional fishing  
17       industry publications.

18              So I reached out to Jess Hathaway, who  
19       is the editor of National Fisherman, and talked  
20       to her about, you know, what she thought about  
21       doing -- Communicating man overboard is almost  
22       like a media campaign for the next year where

1 every other, you know, what we talked about was  
2 every other issue of National Fisherman would  
3 have a man overboard focus, whether that be the  
4 equipment, whether that be success stories,  
5 whether that be training, whether that be, you  
6 know, the whole list of topics that the  
7 subcommittee had discussed.

8 She thought it was a great idea. She  
9 was very, very supportive of that and, you know,  
10 she not only, you know, offered, you know, this  
11 topic, this subject matter, the space in the  
12 magazine, but also supported the idea of helping  
13 people ghost write stories because some people,  
14 you know, they may want to get their story out  
15 there but it's hard for them to communicate or,  
16 you know, it may not be great for the audience  
17 that the National Fisherman caters to.

18 So they have essentially offered, you  
19 know, not only providing focus in the printed  
20 publication but also in their online  
21 publications, including their social media  
22 accounts.



1                   That was something that we talked  
2                   about quite a bit in our subcommittee was, you  
3                   know, being able to reach out not only in a  
4                   printed form but also social media because that's  
5                   a very important communication platform for  
6                   younger fishermen.

7                   So in my view that platform through  
8                   National Fisherman would be in my view a really,  
9                   really great way to get this information out  
10                  there and because it's not going to come out in a  
11                  single article, it's going to put out over the  
12                  course of the next year, I think that that  
13                  continues to emphasize over a period of time to  
14                  commercial fishermen that this is an issue and  
15                  there is ways, you know, there is lots of tools,  
16                  devices, training that is out there that they can  
17                  take, purchase, whatever, you know, to improve  
18                  their safety onboard the boats.

19                  So looking at that, looking at the  
20                  offer of National Fisherman, I think that that  
21                  solves the riddle of how do we get this  
22                  information out there.

1                   And then the other piece to this  
2 project was that the Coast Guard had asked that  
3 we put together a deliverable that would be  
4 incorporated into the voluntary best practices  
5 guide, which I think came out in I think 2017,  
6 2018, I forget the timeline on it.

7                   So one of the documents that I sent  
8 out to everybody yesterday was a man overboard  
9 section. So the current voluntary best practices  
10 has, excuse me, different sections for like say  
11 machinery or deck safety or things like that.

12                   So this is a separate component to  
13 that document which is essentially a checklist  
14 that could both be used by dockside examiners as  
15 well as commercial fishermen to, you know, it's  
16 an 840 book for those in the Coast Guard.

17                   So it's just a series of checks,  
18 something for the examiner to speak to, you know,  
19 a commercial fisherman about, hey, what are you  
20 doing for your man overboard drills, when is the  
21 last time you had a drill, you know, what  
22 scenario did you go through, et cetera, et

1 cetera.

2 So I feel like that section of the  
3 voluntary best practices guide that's something  
4 that could be modified.

5 I know this is supposed to be both a  
6 national-level document as well as trying to  
7 incorporate regional considerations as well, and  
8 there is a challenge in that.

9 But I think that using that guide as  
10 a base which could be expanded or contracted  
11 upon, depending upon the region that you are in,  
12 is a good starting point.

13 At this point I don't consider that  
14 part to be quite finished because, you know, I  
15 would definitely like to hear input from other  
16 members, but I think that that kind of delivers  
17 on the specific Coast Guard ask, and then the  
18 media campaign is in addition to, you know, what  
19 the Coast Guard looked at.

20 The last piece of this, and then I'll  
21 open it up for questions, and it's last but it's  
22 actually the number one recommendation, is that,

1 you know, we talked extensively in the  
2 subcommittee about getting the Coast Guard to  
3 modify their dockside exam practices and  
4 procedures to include what I will call a falls  
5 overboard module where the dockside examiner  
6 engages with, you know, whether it's, you know,  
7 the master or the owner on the issue of man  
8 overboard.

9 So, you know, quickly, it's, you know,  
10 it's the examiner talking to the captain about,  
11 you know, about their last man overboard drill  
12 and talking about the equipment that they use.

13 It also includes looking at the PFDs  
14 that are onboard if that's what their primary  
15 lifesaving devices are and talking to them about,  
16 you know, hey, do these things fit, do you like  
17 them, do you wear them all the time, and just  
18 having a ten to 15-minute conversation with the  
19 master about their PFDs, things about their PFDs  
20 policies onboard if they have any, and evaluating  
21 the actual drills that they are supposed to be  
22 doing to meet the Part 28 requirements.

1                   So, again, it's encapsulated in the  
2 man overboard subcommittee summary document that  
3 I sent out and it's also in the email that I  
4 forwarded to the group.

5                   So I think at this point I will let  
6 folks ask questions and then, you know, go from  
7 there. I will -- As Jonathan said just chime in  
8 and let's not use the hand-raising function  
9 because I can't figure out how to turn it off  
10 once it's on. So, any questions, comments?

11                   MR. HARRINGTON: Hey, Chris? Chris,  
12 this is Ted Harrington, if I may?

13                   CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, Ted, go ahead.

14                   MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, I really like  
15 that idea what you just mentioned about the  
16 examiners focusing in on it, but I wouldn't just  
17 restrict it to examiners.

18                   As you know the Coast Guard is always  
19 doing like focused ops, at-sea boardings, where  
20 we'll, especially for fisheries, target certain  
21 things at different times of the year.

22                   I would think they would be amenable

1 even to do like a focused op for a week or  
2 something, you know, like we have safe  
3 recreational boating week, to do the same type of  
4 thing at sea and just ask folks the exact same  
5 thing you do at the dock just to expand the  
6 populous of the people you're getting at.

7 I think that's kind of an original  
8 idea. It sounds like it might be worth a try.

9 CHAIR WOODLEY: Ted, thank you. Yes,  
10 you know, early on during this process Ted had  
11 talked about the positively reinforcing fishing  
12 vessel crew members at sea, particularly when a  
13 boarding officer comes onboard and the crew is  
14 wearing life jackets.

15 And, again, I think any opportunity to  
16 positively reinforce what they are doing, you  
17 know, if they are wearing their PFDs, and then  
18 also, you know, during an at-sea boarding, Ted, I  
19 hadn't considered that, but, yes, I think that is  
20 a really great opportunity because, you know, the  
21 Coast Guard probably only, you know, over the  
22 course of a year, you know, hopefully you're not

1 getting boarded all the time, but when the Coast  
2 Guard comes on board if the Coast Guard is  
3 talking about man overboard and those  
4 preventative activities to keep man overboards  
5 from happening and making sure that the drills  
6 are being done and communicating with it that  
7 communicates to the fishermen this is an  
8 important thing, that this is something I should  
9 be focused on because the Coast Guard is asking  
10 me about it.

11 So, yes, Ted, if we could do  
12 something, you know, and I think that would  
13 probably be at a regional, you know, a regional  
14 level or a district level depending on, you know,  
15 what the operational commanders and the various  
16 Coast Guard districts want to do I think that  
17 would be a really great positive step forward.

18 And, again, we're not trying to bust  
19 people. You're not really enforcing a specific  
20 regulation. You are just telling them that it's  
21 important.

22 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes. And even a

1 handout if you want to get more breaks.

2 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes.

3 MR. HARRINGTON: You know, just like  
4 doing it for that week, yes, could you please  
5 read this.

6 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes. Yes, so thanks  
7 for the comment, Ted, I appreciate it.

8 MR. JACOBSEN: Hey, Chris, this is  
9 Jake.

10 CHAIR WOODLEY: Jake, go ahead.

11 MR. JACOBSEN: Yes, thanks. So I  
12 think it would be helpful if there were some  
13 YouTube videos that boats could integrate into  
14 their drills.

15 And, you know, I'm not sure about the  
16 production of those, but who would be willing to  
17 make it if we might be able to get some people  
18 that are interested in putting together a short  
19 video or three or four or a dozen talking about  
20 some of the aspects of the drills, including  
21 proper donning and sizing of exposure suits.

22 I do a fair number of fishing vessel



1 exams and I look at the crew and I look at the  
2 suits and sometimes there will be a larger person  
3 like I am and I can see that they are not going  
4 to fit in an adult suit and they need an extra  
5 large, a jumbo suit.

6 So I always talk about proper sizing  
7 and having everybody try on the suits for fit and  
8 make sure that they can get into them and stuff  
9 like that already as part of my exams.

10 But there is a lot more that I could  
11 insert at the time of the exam and just, you  
12 know, even if I could give them a video or  
13 something to watch while I'm doing the exam or  
14 something.

15 You know, there is a lot social media  
16 aspects to this that we currently probably don't  
17 utilize to their fullest capability. Thanks.

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, Jake, thank you.  
19 Yes, you know, that was also something I  
20 specifically talked to Jess Hathaway about was,  
21 you know, doing things like videos.

22 And, again, they've got a really great

1 platform with wide reach. So if we were to, you  
2 know, put together a video on, you know, some  
3 limited aspect of it, you know, they are more  
4 than willing to post that and that will get some  
5 traction.

6 And then, you know, because then we  
7 can all link to it, you know, for whatever, you  
8 know, associations, groups, companies that we  
9 work for, you know.

10 I think you can get the word out  
11 pretty quickly to get that best practice, you  
12 know, socialized amongst, you know, a large part  
13 of your, you know, the fishing industry  
14 community.

15 And going back to the one point about,  
16 you know, proper sizing and stuff, you know,  
17 that's something that, you know, when it comes to  
18 pulling somebody out of the water, you know, I  
19 had personal experience in this, you know, what  
20 about the big guy on board, how are you going to  
21 get him out of the water.

22 Do the tools that you use or have on

1 board, whether it's a life ring or a Jason's  
2 cradle or, you know, maybe you have a ladder or  
3 whatever, is that going to work for that crew  
4 member, because I have been on a ton of boats  
5 where, you know, you might have some folks that  
6 are easily pushing 300 pounds and trying to get,  
7 you know -- So I think that the captains and  
8 crews need to keep that in mind, you know, for  
9 the other crew members is how are you going to  
10 look out for that particular person if that  
11 person goes overboard, so I think it's an  
12 excellent point.

13 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Mr. Chairman, Tom  
14 Dameron.

15 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, Tom?

16 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Hi. I want to  
17 piggyback off of Ted Harrington's comments. I  
18 actually would like to see -- a boarding crew has  
19 the crew members of the fishing vessel present.

20 I think that is definitely the time to  
21 ask some questions, look at some equipment, ask a  
22 deck hand to set up the manner of Overboard

1 Retrieval equipment and see if that crew is  
2 ready.

3 And if there are, frankly, safety  
4 concerns -- right? -- the boarding crew is  
5 looking for safety concerns. See if there are  
6 safety concerns that relate to the drills and  
7 instructions that the boarding team feels has not  
8 been addressed.

9 I think that the dock side exams -- I  
10 actually don't think that is the place for this.  
11 I know here in the Mid-Atlantic a lot of the dock  
12 side examiners that we have come down to the  
13 boats might be three 80-year-old Coast Guard  
14 auxiliarists that have a checklist and they're  
15 really good and targeting that checklist, but to  
16 be quite frank with you, the crew members know  
17 more about Man or Overboard Retrieval techniques  
18 than the Coast Guard examiners.

19 And I think that this is where the  
20 guide that the Coast Guard asks us to produce  
21 would come in handy for those Coast Guard  
22 examiners.

1           The crew might not be available. The  
2 Captain might not be available. The exam might  
3 be done by a vessel representative because those  
4 examiners are actually examining the vessel and  
5 their documentation and their records, and  
6 they're really not examining the crew.

7           So, I think that's where the Man  
8 Overboard Guide, that was something that I  
9 believe the Coast Guard intended that those  
10 examiners could leave that aboard the boat.

11           But I really like Ted's idea about  
12 having the Coast Guard boarding teams offshore  
13 take a closer look at how ready a crew is to deal  
14 with emergencies, and if they think that's a  
15 safety issue, that they take appropriate action.  
16 Thank you.

17           MR. DOOLEY: Chris, Bob Dooley here --

18           MS. HEWLETT: I'm trying to -- oh.

19           CHAIR WOODLEY: Hold on just one  
20 second, Bob. And then I missed the person after  
21 Bob. But Tom, just real quick in your response.  
22 So, what I'm hearing from you is that depending

1 on the region and depending on who the examiners  
2 are, that this tool or this approach we should  
3 consider more than just a dockside exam aspect of  
4 it because it may not be as effective in certain  
5 regions, and so we should be looking at trying to  
6 do something appropriate in the offshore  
7 environment during the course of boarding. Is  
8 that fair?

9 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: This is fair.  
10 And as far as the dockside exams are concerned, I  
11 believe that those should be pretty consistent  
12 throughout the United States. And I just don't  
13 see that being the proper place for a dockside  
14 examiner to be determining whether their Man  
15 Overboard procedures are appropriate.

16 And from experience, I can tell you if  
17 that would start to be the normal practice, the  
18 captain and the crews would not be available for  
19 these exams. And they don't have to be  
20 available.

21 A representative of the vessel has to  
22 be available, and the exams are intended to look

1 at the equipment, the documentation, and that  
2 documentation can include documentation of  
3 equipment inspections, equipment maintenance,  
4 equipment servicing, and drills and instruction.

5 And I think it's more than adequate to  
6 start to put a focus on that documentation and  
7 the equipment, but I think it's going a step too  
8 far to ask an examiner to determine whether the  
9 Man Overboard drills are sufficient on a boat.

10 PARTICIPANT: All right, thanks.

11 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Thanks,  
12 Tom. Was it Karen? Is that you?

13 MS. HEWLETT: Oh, no. I'm sorry. I  
14 checked in late. This is Barb Hewlett, Butch's  
15 wife. And I am an examiner and I was wondering  
16 if I could just put my two cents in.

17 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, absolutely. And  
18 then we'll go to Bob Dooley. I heard your voice  
19 but I thought it was somebody else. Please, go  
20 ahead.

21 MS. HEWLETT: Okay. Yeah, so I am a  
22 vessel examiner down here in the Keys, southeast

1 United States. I'm also an AMSEA instructor.

2 And I've been making notes listening in.

3 Part of the boat crew or the captain  
4 has to do the drills, they have to have the AMSEA  
5 training.

6 As an examiner, we look at the log  
7 books. I personally always make it a training  
8 issue to try to get the crew there, make them  
9 pull their life jackets out, make them understand  
10 everything.

11 It's what we do down here. And I'm  
12 not quite 80 years old yet, but a lot of regular  
13 Coasties do it.

14 As far as on the boat, speaking for  
15 the commercial fishing side of it, when these  
16 guys get boarded by the Coast Guard, they  
17 obviously see the sticker. If there's a sticker,  
18 they try to, as quickly as they can, go through a  
19 handful of things that expired. The POP10, I  
20 think they call it.

21 As the captain of a boat, to have a  
22 Coastie try to explain to me about life jackets,



1 and spend more time on the boat when they're out  
2 there trying to make a living, may be handing a  
3 pamphlet out or something, might be better than  
4 the Coastie trying to explain to the fishermen  
5 about the Man Overboard.

6           While also you were talking -- and  
7 I'll be real quick -- I went on YouTube and just  
8 put in Man Overboard training videos, and about  
9 50 of them popped up.

10           So, there are a lot of YouTube videos  
11 on Man Overboard's recovery. The examiner can  
12 get a couple of them and save them on the phone  
13 when I show them to them. So, that's pretty much  
14 it. I'm looking at my notes and I can't think of  
15 anything else.

16           So, that's all. And we do exams every  
17 other year. We make our boats do it every two  
18 years, even though the sticker is good for five.  
19 We make an effort to get on the boat every two  
20 years, no matter what. So, that's what we're  
21 doing down here in the southeast. Thank you.

22           CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. And thank

1 you so much for your comments. I missed that  
2 point -- you broke up here. What was your name  
3 again?

4 MS. HEWLETT: Oh, my name is Barbara  
5 Hewlett.

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay, that's what I  
8 thought. Okay.

9 MS. HEWLETT: Yeah. All right, well  
10 thank you for your time.

11 (Simultaneous speaking.)

12 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay. Bob Dooley,  
13 you're up next.

14 MR. DOOLEY: Yeah, thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman. Thanks, Chris, I appreciate that.  
16 And Bob Dooley here.

17 I think this really eliminates the  
18 whole issue of one size does not fit all. I know  
19 from my experiences in fishing out of Dutch  
20 Harbor, that you were required to get your safety  
21 examination there; required to demonstrate your  
22 drills.

1                   If you didn't have the personnel  
2 onboard at that time, they gave you a pass, so to  
3 speak, for 45 days to request that inspection  
4 with the crew aboard. And I appreciated it  
5 because I think that's a very good thing to be  
6 doing.

7                   And I do agree with the previous  
8 commenter about at-sea vessel boardings while  
9 you're working, and a lot of issues going on  
10 there. Maybe not the best place, but I would not  
11 disagree with the commenter before that, that  
12 said how they like to do it.

13                   So, I guess the overarching part that  
14 I would think about this, is that we recommended  
15 in the past for two-year mandatory inspections  
16 and safety decals. And I think that is the  
17 critical part, because I think the most effective  
18 part of safety on vessels is keeping it current,  
19 keeping it fresh, keeping it on the top shelf so  
20 people don't forget about it.

21                   And so, to that end I really support  
22 the idea of the National Fisherman magazine issue

1 like you described, Chris, and I support the  
2 videos. Anything that keep it fresh, keep people  
3 considering this on the top shelf.

4 I mean, I think the biggest effect we  
5 can have, particularly of small vessels, is that.  
6 Safety is between the ears more than in  
7 regulations.

8 So, it's what people -- keeping it  
9 fresh, keeping the understanding, be prepared for  
10 emergencies. That's what's important, as well as  
11 the exams. Anyhow, I'll stop there. Thank you.

12 CHAIR WOODLEY: Thanks, Bob. Yeah,  
13 one thing I should have noted as far as what's in  
14 that checklist. We did talk quite a bit about  
15 coming up with a focus on a single operator,  
16 single crew operations and what our specific  
17 devices, practices, whatnot, that are best suited  
18 if there's only one person onboard the boat. So,  
19 that is part of it.

20 And in terms of a media outreach  
21 aspect, that was also something I wanted to focus  
22 on, because that encompasses quite a number of

1 commercial fishermen in the US.

2 MS. CONRAD: Chris, this is Karen  
3 Conrad.

4 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, Karen. Go  
5 ahead.

6 MS. CONRAD: Hey, just want to let  
7 people know that back in 2011 NIOSH worked with  
8 CDC, AMSEA and Sea Grant and developed a Man  
9 Overboard Prevention and getting a person out of  
10 the water DVD. It's 17 minutes long and we hand  
11 these out free all the time, and you can get them  
12 free.

13 So, I don't think we need to reinvent  
14 the wheel with a DVD, but I think we need to make  
15 a wider presence. Thank you.

16 CHAIR WOODLEY: Thanks, Karen. So, I  
17 went on to NIOSH's website and they do have a Man  
18 Overboard page. And I did notice that they have,  
19 I want to say like three or four videos related  
20 to Man Overboard. I'm assuming that's one of  
21 them.

22 MS. CONRAD: Yes. It's called Man

1 Overboard Prevention and Recovery.

2 CHAIR WOODLEY: Right, okay. Yeah, so  
3 again, I think there's probably a lot of good  
4 information that's out there that's really just a  
5 question of getting it into people's hands and  
6 having them pay attention to it, is the task.

7 So, any other comments? I'm looking  
8 and being mindful of the clock as well, Jonathan.  
9 That it's 11:48 right now. So, just to put you  
10 all on track on that.

11 MS. FITZGERALD: Hi. This is Nikki  
12 Fitzgerald. Is there a way you all can email the  
13 information on where to get these DVDs and stuff  
14 to all of us? Because I'm with Texas Sea Grant  
15 and my Port Arthur Shrimpers are wanting me to  
16 provide them a Man Overboard drill in the near  
17 future, and possibly first aid and anything else,  
18 because they haven't had one in a while.

19 Then, I was wondering if there's also  
20 a list of like people who offer these trainings.  
21 Like, if I get the Port Arthur Shrimpers  
22 Association together to do this training,

1 obviously it would have to be past COVID. But to  
2 get somebody to come do this training for them.

3 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, Nikki, this is  
4 Chris Woodley. Yeah, if I could get your contact  
5 information, I can line you up through MPFUA and  
6 AMSEA. They have a ton of resources on this.

7 And I know AMSEA does exportable  
8 training. I don't know who they have in the Port  
9 Arthur region of Texas, but like you're saying,  
10 post-COVID, I'm sure that they'd be interested in  
11 that.

12 And Karen, I don't know if you all are  
13 still doing exportable training as well, but  
14 yeah, I think we could help. Good job.

15 MS. CONRAD: Yeah, Chris, we go  
16 anywhere.

17 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay.

18 MS. FITZGERALD: Yeah, that would be  
19 good. I'll pull that URL address in the cat box,  
20 because I really want to get this for my guys.  
21 So, thank you all.

22 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yep, thank you. Okay,

1 any other comments on the summary of the Man  
2 Overboard subcommittee?

3 MR. VINCENT: Mr. Chairman, this is  
4 Tim Vincent.

5 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, Tim. Go ahead.

6 MR. VINCENT: Yeah, I was just kind of  
7 thinking, another way with the social media to  
8 possibly look at it might be to -- maybe as part  
9 of the program with Jessica Hathaway, is to  
10 encourage operators to actually take videos of  
11 their Man Overboard drill.

12 Incidentally enough, I actually got a  
13 YouTube video yesterday of a friend of mine doing  
14 a drill on the Bering Sea, and it was pretty  
15 amazing.

16 The thing that struck me was the guy  
17 actually jumped in the water out in the Bering  
18 Sea in his survival suit. And how fast he  
19 disappeared over the horizon on the video really  
20 opened your eyes fast.

21 That may be a way to let examiners  
22 kind of like, hey, you have any videos of your



1 Man Overboard drill, so you kind of get the  
2 dialogue going between the examiner and the  
3 fishermen.

4 And fishermen are proud people. If  
5 they do a good job, I'm sure they're going to be  
6 very proud to take a video as such. So, one of  
7 the problems with the Man Overboard drill is,  
8 essentially there's two types of Man Overboard  
9 drills.

10 There's the one you might do in town  
11 where it's kind of hard to get the whole flavor  
12 of the thing, and then the one you do at sea,  
13 where it's the real deal. So, that may be a way  
14 to look at it.

15 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, thanks.  
16 Okay, any other comments?

17 MR. WENDLAND: Yeah, Chris. I just  
18 want to make a real quick comment. This is John  
19 Wendland. And the Coast Guard perspective, I  
20 don't think anybody in the Coast Guard is  
21 advocating people jumping over in the Bering Sea  
22 to do a Man Overboard drill.

1                   As part of the fascination there is  
2 you use an object a life jacket or something for  
3 those drills. But we certainly don't want to  
4 turn a drill into a real-life scenario and lose  
5 somebody that way.

6                   It's just something for the industry  
7 to think about. Probably not the best idea to  
8 put people overboard in the Bering Sea.

9                   CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, thanks,  
10 Jonathan.

11                   MR. VINCENT: Yeah, this is Tim  
12 Vincent again. For the record, I'm not  
13 advocating that either. I'm just repeating what  
14 was shown to me. And I agree with you there.  
15 Definitely.

16                   VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Mr. Chairman, Tom  
17 Dameron.

18                   CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Tom.

19                   VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, on these  
20 recommendations, the email that we got yesterday  
21 wasn't 100 percent clear, and I really understand  
22 the barriers that you had with the whole COVID

1 thing after March.

2 Are these recommendations,  
3 recommendations that were vetted and put forward  
4 by the full subcommittee? Thank you.

5 CHAIR WOODLEY: Tom, yes. So, I sent  
6 these out to the subcommittee last week. I spoke  
7 with a number of the subcommittee members. The  
8 only person I wasn't able to get a hold of who's  
9 on the actual advisory committee, who is on the  
10 subcommittee, was Ed Dennehy. But the other  
11 subcommittee members who are current members  
12 supported these recommendations.

13 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Okay. But there  
14 wasn't a meeting and a discussion and a  
15 subcommittee vote to take these to the full  
16 committee.

17 CHAIR WOODLEY: No. No, the email  
18 that I forwarded to them was -- what we would do  
19 today would be to hopefully -- and Jonathan, I  
20 guess this is a question for you in terms of  
21 process -- whether or not the subcommittee would  
22 need to undergo that formal procedure to forward

1 this to the broader committee, or if we can just  
2 take it up as the whole committee at this time.

3 MR. WENDLAND: Yeah, Chris. This is  
4 Jonathan. The proper procedure on that is for  
5 that to come out of the subcommittee and to the  
6 full committee, to make a recommendation to the  
7 Chair.

8 And then the Chair to take that  
9 recommendation and provide that to the Coast  
10 Guard. It would be the whole motion on that  
11 aspect. So, it's a little bit of an awkward  
12 situation, where the Chair of the full committee  
13 is chairing the subcommittee, and that hasn't  
14 been vetted only through the full subcommittee,  
15 and not through the full committee itself. So,  
16 that would be the proper procedure.

17 CHAIR WOODLEY: Right. Well, I mean,  
18 I guess in that sense, I mean, this was sent out  
19 to the subcommittee and they did get an  
20 endorsement to Florida, with the exception of  
21 Mr. Dennehy, who did not respond.

22 MR. DENNEHY: Yeah, this is Ed

1 Dennehy, Chris. I apologize for not getting back  
2 to you. But I'm onboard with the rest of the  
3 subcommittee.

4 MR. WENDLAND: Okay. So, Mr. Dameron,  
5 do you have any further questions or procedural  
6 questions on your remark there?

7 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, no. No  
8 procedural questions, but I'm looking at the  
9 original task statement, to develop a lifesaving  
10 Man Overboard voluntary best-practice guide to be  
11 used by the commercial fishing industry to reduce  
12 occurrences of fall-overboard.

13 The guide is intended to be used by  
14 the commercial fishing industry. The guide  
15 should factor vessel size, length, design, the  
16 fisher vessel type, include geographic area, as  
17 applicable, number of persons that may be working  
18 onboard, etc.

19 And it does not look to me like this  
20 task has been accomplished. I wonder if the  
21 committee would consider -- for this part of it,  
22 if the committee would consider a motion that

1 this is tabled, and we ask the Coast Guard to  
2 take the work product from the subcommittee and  
3 forward that to the National Commercial Fishing  
4 Safety Advisory Committee when that is formed,  
5 and to try to move this guide, intended for the  
6 commercial fishing industry, forward through that  
7 committee yet to be formed. Any discussion on  
8 that?

9 CHAIR WOODLEY: I'll let others  
10 respond to that first. But I do have a follow-on  
11 comment to that.

12 MR. BOEHMER: I'm in favor of making  
13 a motion to recommend. And I think that it's  
14 hard for us to do a vote on something that  
15 clearly not all of us are familiar with. I  
16 guess --

17 CHAIR WOODLEY: Well, we lost you.

18 MR. BOEHMER: I'm sorry. Kris  
19 Boehmer. I'd be in favor of making a motion to  
20 support what Tom just said, because I think that  
21 although there are a lot of complications, the  
22 task wasn't fully accomplished. Maybe the best

1 thing to do is to hand it to the next committee  
2 and have them finish it in a better form. But  
3 whatever everybody thinks of that.

4 MR. HEWLETT: Glen Hewlett here. I  
5 think Tom's idea is a very good idea.

6 MR. HOCKEMA: Yeah. This is Hal  
7 Hockema, Mr. Chairman. I think that's a good  
8 idea too. Also, I think it's important to  
9 acknowledge that in its pure requested form, the  
10 task is a pretty large one. There's a lot to  
11 that.

12 What's been done so far is good, but  
13 putting this into a formal recommendation is a  
14 fairly large task. And I think we discussed that  
15 last winter as a subcommittee on this. But the  
16 idea of pushing it onto when the next group  
17 convenes I think is a good one.

18 MR. JACOBSEN: Mr. Chairman, Jake  
19 Jacobsen.

20 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Jake.

21 MR. JACOBSEN: I'd like to say I like  
22 Tom's idea as well. And if Tom wants to make the

1 motion, I'd be happy to second it.

2 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Before  
3 that, let me see if there are any other comments.  
4 And then, we can get into motions.

5 All right. Tom, I have one comment.  
6 I don't disagree with you that the specific  
7 deliverable to the Coast Guard in the form of the  
8 voluntary best-practices guide needs work.

9 And trying to turn that into, I guess  
10 as I described it, the fall-overboard bible is  
11 something that is going to require a lot more  
12 work, as Hal mentioned.

13 And so, one consideration that I would  
14 have for this group would be whether we could  
15 adopt Recommendation number 2, which is the  
16 outreach campaign to National Fishermen.

17 And I think that does two things. I  
18 think that that provides the opportunity to  
19 communicate the importance to the fishing  
20 industry, while also kind of building in some of  
21 what goes into that national best-practices  
22 guide, because I think we're going to get a lot



1 of participation from different regions on this  
2 and it will be packaged in a way that makes it  
3 easier to put something together, in terms of a  
4 deliverable to the Coast Guard.

5 So, that was my last comment on that.  
6 And so, at this point I'll be willing to, if  
7 somebody's got a motion.

8 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Mr. Chairman, Tom  
9 Dameron.

10 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Tom.

11 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Yeah. So, first  
12 the comment, and then the motion. On the  
13 Recommendation number 2, I think that's a  
14 separate issue, which we can take up here  
15 immediately after this one gets settled, if you  
16 would like.

17 I would like to make a motion that the  
18 Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee  
19 advises the Coast Guard to task the newly formed  
20 National Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety  
21 Advisory Committee to develop a lifesaving  
22 manual. It would be a voluntary best-practice

1 guide to be used by the commercial fishing  
2 industry to reduce occurrences of falls  
3 overboard.

4 I also make it part of the motion that  
5 the Coast Guard takes the work product from the  
6 Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee  
7 subcommittee that has done some amount of work on  
8 this, and includes that in the material that  
9 they're able to provide to the National Safety  
10 Advisory Committee.

11 MR. JACOBSEN: Mr. Chairman, Jake  
12 Jacobsen.

13 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Jake.

14 MR. JACOBSEN: I'll second Tom's  
15 motion. Thank you.

16 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay, so we've got a  
17 motion from Mr. Dameron, a second from Jake  
18 Jacobsen. Tom, can you speak to your motion?

19 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Yes. Because of  
20 COVID and the realities of our commercial fishing  
21 industry for the last six months, our  
22 subcommittee was severely cut short by the amount

1 of time that they could properly spend on putting  
2 the guide together that we were tasked with.

3 I believe this is totally  
4 understandable. I sure the Coast Guard  
5 understands. And since we do not have a product,  
6 I think the least that this committee can do is  
7 to show that we feel that this product is  
8 important and we hope that the Coast Guard moves  
9 forward when they convene a new national  
10 committee on commercial fishing safety, and  
11 includes this in a future task to that group.

12 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Discussion  
13 from the committee members. Okay, I'm not  
14 hearing anybody, so hearing no further discussion  
15 on it, are we ready to vote? Jonathan, can you  
16 do a roll call vote, please?

17 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
18 I'll do a roll call vote here. Mr. Jake  
19 Jacobsen, you're in support, correct?

20 MR. JACOBSEN: That's correct.

21 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Kampnich? You may  
22 be on mute.

1 MR. KAMPNICH: Mr. Kampnich. I  
2 support.

3 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Kampnich supports.  
4 Thank you. Ms. Conrad.

5 MS. CONRAD: Support.

6 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you, Karen.  
7 Mr. Londrie did you come online. Eric Roswald?  
8 Okay. Mr. Hewlett.

9 MR. HEWLETT: I'm in support.

10 MR. WENDLAND: Support, Mr. Hewlett.  
11 Mr. Dennehy?

12 MR. DENNEHY: In support.

13 MR. WENDLAND: In support.

14 Mr. Dameron?

15 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Support.

16 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Hockema?

17 MR. HOCKEMA: Support.

18 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Boehmer?

19 MR. BOEHMER: Support.

20 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Dooley?

21 MR. DOOLEY: Support.

22 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Woodley?

1 CHAIR WOODLEY: Sorry. Support.

2 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Mahoney? Online?

3 Mr. Vincent?

4 MR. VINCENT: Support.

5 MR. WENDLAND: I'm not sure if

6 Mr. Howland is still online or not. Mr. Howland?

7 MR. HOWLAND: I am and I support the

8 motion.

9 MR. WENDLAND: We're good. So, all  
10 present support the motion.

11 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay, so the motion  
12 passes unanimously. Are there are any other  
13 comments associated with this action?

14 MR. DOOLEY: Mr. Chairman, Bob Dooley  
15 here.

16 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Bob.

17 MR. DOOLEY: Thank you. I would like  
18 to move that we support the second item that you  
19 recommended earlier, about reaching out and doing  
20 the work with National Fishermen in developing  
21 best-practices for Man Overboard outreach  
22 campaign. I think that that would be very

1       informative to the next committee to do that, so  
2       I make that motion.

3                   CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, thank you,  
4       Mr. Dooley. Is there a second?.

5                   MR. KAMPNICH: Michael Kampnich,  
6       second.

7                   MS. CONRAD: Karen Conrad, second.

8                   CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, I heard  
9       Mike Kampnich and Karen Conrad second. So,  
10      Mr. Dooley, can you speak to your motion a little  
11      bit more?

12                  MR. DOOLEY: Yes, thank you,  
13      Mr. Chairman. I believe that the way you had  
14      laid it out in your earlier discussion, that it  
15      would be very productive and useful for the next  
16      committee, to receive a benefit of what can be  
17      established through outreach on a public campaign  
18      through National Fishermen, like you described.

19                  And potentially, a production of some  
20      videos and some literature to distribute to  
21      vessels in a much easier format, to digest and be  
22      readily available and accessible. I think that

1 that is really going to move the needle forward.

2 I'm a little concerned that when we  
3 have a new committee, which may not be the same  
4 as this committee, it may be a new set of people  
5 that, having all the tools in the toolbox,  
6 including the recommendations that have been  
7 forwarded, would be very helpful.

8 And any feedback that we receive  
9 through this outreach program could be very  
10 beneficial. So, I'll stop there, and thank you.

11 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, thanks,  
12 Bob. Any other comments or discussion on the  
13 motion.

14 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Mr. Chairman, Tom  
15 Dameron.

16 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Tom.

17 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Could the speaker  
18 repeat the motion, or maybe the court reporter  
19 repeat the motion. I'm not sure I heard it  
20 fully.

21 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Chairman, this is  
22 Mr. Wendland. I just want to ask if it's okay by

1 the full committee here, we're running a little  
2 bit overboard. Looks like it's about ten after.  
3 So, the Coast Guard's time isn't as everybody's  
4 time, so we just want to make certain the whole  
5 membership is available and will be present if we  
6 continue on for just a few more minutes.

7 Does anybody from the membership or  
8 the committee object to going a few more minutes?  
9 Okay. Hearing none, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 It's yours again. Thank you.

11 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Bob could  
12 you restate -- maybe we could just have Bob  
13 restate his motion?

14 MR. DOOLEY: Yes. Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman. Bob Dooley here again. Maybe it  
16 would be more accurate if we had the court  
17 reporter to read it back. That way I don't -- I  
18 did not write it down. It would be more  
19 accurate. Okay. I will do my best to restate it  
20 accurately.

21 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay.

22 MR. DOOLEY: I move that we move



1 forward with the proposal, or the suggested  
2 number 2, Recommendation number 2, that  
3 Mr. Woodley brought forward to the committee to  
4 engage in an outreach campaign to promote Man  
5 Overboard safety through the National Fishermen I  
6 believe he said and who generates materials to  
7 disseminate to the industry -- in vessel orders,  
8 in vessel crew members -- to be able to promote  
9 safety and Man Overboard best-practices. I think  
10 that's close enough. So, thank you.

11 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, thanks,  
12 Bob.

13 MR. JACOBSEN: Mr. Chairman, Jake  
14 Jacobsen.

15 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Jake.

16 MR. JACOBSEN: Yeah, so I'm a little  
17 bit puzzled how to proceed here because -- is it  
18 intended that any further action on number 2  
19 would go to the subcommittee?

20 I believe the maker of the motion  
21 stated that it was to the committee whether it be  
22 assignments given as to who does what. What does

1       it mean to carry it forward? And I just don't  
2       want something to just die on the vine because  
3       there's nothing specifically stated about who's  
4       going to do what.

5               So, if there's like some clarification  
6       on that from you or Mr. Dooley, or anybody else  
7       who can illuminate the subject for me. I'm just  
8       a little confused. Thanks.

9               VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Okay,  
10       Mr. Chairman, Tom Dameron.

11              CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Tom.

12              VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, I too am a  
13       little bit confused on this one. So, I had two  
14       questions. And one is, is there a piece of  
15       advice here that we are giving the Coast Guard,  
16       that we're going to ask the Coast Guard to take  
17       some kind of action? That's my first concern  
18       about this Recommendation number 2.

19              And my second concern is that the  
20       action items for this recommendation actually go  
21       on after this committee has been dissolved. I  
22       am -- and I'm sure that many others of us on this

1 committee are in favor of this as a general idea.

2 And you could give this reporter my  
3 name and number and email address, and I would be  
4 glad to work on an article from the Mid-Atlantic  
5 here in the surf claim industry, and I'm sure  
6 that there's other committee members that would  
7 feel the same, that they would contribute in any  
8 way they could to get an article in National  
9 Fishermen, and to get this subject to be more  
10 evident to the readers of that publication.

11 I don't know how we are to do that  
12 through a motion for this committee. But I'm  
13 very supportive of this general idea.

14 MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Dameron, this is  
15 Mr. Wendland. I appreciate your comment there  
16 and we've been chatting around the room here on  
17 what's been logged on happenings, and I'd like to  
18 just real quickly turn it over to Mr. Myers on  
19 just his thoughts on this.

20 MR. MYERS: And if I could, Mr. Chair,  
21 we just want to make a comment to -- we're a  
22 little confused at this point with what we need

1 to maybe reign it in to get clarity. Because I  
2 think we're talking different topics here.

3 But one is, there's been discussion to  
4 move this project task to the National Fish Act  
5 when it comes up in December.

6 And, that being said, that may be a  
7 good idea since the project guide has not been  
8 made at this point for reasons that you've  
9 already stated.

10 And so, that being said, it's very  
11 hard to satisfy any action items on  
12 Recommendation number 2, because a guide has not  
13 been established to face actions on it. So, I  
14 think they're all good initiatives and all good  
15 agendas. I don't think anyone disagrees with  
16 that, but we can't put the cart before the horse.  
17 That's what I had to say on that.

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay. Yeah, so I  
19 guess maybe to step back a little bit and explain  
20 my intent behind this, I think that I understand  
21 the concerns that I'm hearing out there.

22 What the intent of the recommendation

1 was, is that the Commercial Fishing Safety  
2 Advisory Committee members who are in place until  
3 December 4, and other fishing industry leaders,  
4 both the national and local fishing industry  
5 publications, to develop a -- I said year-long,  
6 but a promotional campaign on falls-overboard  
7 issues.

8 And specifically in the recommendation  
9 was to lay out over the course of the next year,  
10 story ideas that could be published in those  
11 national-level publications.

12 In terms of -- if you look at the  
13 story board, there are sections in there  
14 regarding messaging from the Coast Guard, safety  
15 training and drills from different regions that  
16 the Coast Guard currently carries on.

17 So, I thought that that would be the  
18 Coast Guard's level of participation in this, to  
19 support these stories and these newspaper  
20 articles. They're not newspaper, excuse me.  
21 Magazine.

22 So, going back to Tom's point though,

1 when the committee is disestablished is December,  
2 yeah, we don't have a committee for a while. And  
3 I don't know how long it's going to take.

4 And I'm assuming for sure that the  
5 people who are on this committee right now have  
6 probably also reapplied to the new committee.  
7 But if you want to table all of this, including  
8 the outreach to National Fishermen, until  
9 sometime in the future when this body is  
10 reconvened, that's a choice for sure.

11 My thought was, is that this  
12 Recommendation number 2 is something that could  
13 carry us through that period of time when the  
14 committee is not actually meeting and active.  
15 Because I don't know how long that's going to be.

16 And I know we're running short on time  
17 here. We're 20 minutes over right now. So, I  
18 think probably what I would like to do would be  
19 to vote on this, because I at least want to take  
20 action on it, whether it passes or fails today,  
21 and then go, well at least we made a decision on  
22 it.

1                   MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Chairman, this is  
2 Mr. Wendland again. Just to interject here a  
3 little bit, and of course we recognize the timing  
4 of the committee, that's important as well and is  
5 a problem for everybody.

6                   But we also recognize that if those  
7 articles or outreach would be done, that would  
8 have to be done through the individuals, and not  
9 through the body of the Commercial Fishermen  
10 Safety Advisory Committee.

11                   And the reason for that is we would  
12 have to review the outreach helpers prior to that  
13 going out to the public under the body of the  
14 committee. So, that's the discussion around the  
15 table.

16                   So, I don't think we would be able as  
17 a body to take that in and to put it out, as far  
18 as the committees to the public.

19                   VICE CHAIR DAMERON: Mr. Chairman, Tom  
20 Dameron.

21                   CHAIR WOODLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Tom.

22                   VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, I would like

1 to suggest that the maker of the motion and the  
2 second pull this motion and table this motion --  
3 whatever the correct term is -- and that I think  
4 a lot of people on the call think this is a good  
5 idea. But I think that it needs to be done  
6 outside of the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory  
7 Committee.

8 And like I said before, I think that  
9 we could get a little email list going and we  
10 could get Ms. Hathaway some contacts where we  
11 could actually make some progress and get some  
12 articles in National Fisherman.

13 I just don't think that we're going to  
14 be able to do it under the umbrella of the  
15 Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. DOOLEY: Mr. Chairman, Bob Dooley.

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead.

19 MR. DOOLEY: My intention with this,  
20 understanding that we can't extend our authority  
21 or any of that beyond this establishment of the  
22 committee, but was to keep work going forward on



1 it.

2 If that is a viable way to do it from  
3 a member-initiated movement to keep it going, I'm  
4 very concerned that the establishment of a new  
5 committee, judging by past experience, could take  
6 a long time to be seated, and a long time before  
7 we convene again.

8 And so, my concern there is that  
9 there's no work being done to inform the new  
10 committee that would bring this to fruition in a  
11 much better way.

12 So, if that is the viable path to do  
13 it independently and can be informative of the,  
14 not only an official representation of this  
15 committee, but in a ad hoc type of  
16 representation, then I am prepared to rescind my  
17 motion, with permission of the second.

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: Karen? There she is.

19 MS. CONRAD: Okay, I rescind my second  
20 to the motion.

21 MR. DOOLEY: So, thank you,  
22 Mr. Chairman. I rescind the motion.

1                   CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Okay, so  
2 the motion has been rescinded and approved by the  
3 second. Is there any other action to take on  
4 this item?

5                   MR. WENDLAND: Mr. Chairman, this is  
6 Mr. Wendland. I just wanted to interject here  
7 real quickly. I mean, we just have a couple of  
8 minutes left, but I wanted to give the committee  
9 a full opportunity, because it is a little bit of  
10 a technicality here as this committee ends, that  
11 the Chairman and the Vice-Chair are supposed to  
12 be elected every year.

13                   And so, both the Chair and the Vice-  
14 Chair were elected in June of 2019. And so, we  
15 just wanted to throw it out there between now and  
16 December, if anybody feels that the election  
17 needs to occur during this time frame, now is the  
18 opportunity to speak up.

19                   If not, we'll continue with the Chair  
20 and the Vice-Chair through the end of this year.  
21 But if anybody would like to nominate the Chair  
22 or a Vice-Chair moving forward for the next few

1 months, now is your opportunity. So, just anybody  
2 on the membership would like to nominate a Chair  
3 or a Vice-Chair for the next three months.

4 CHAIR WOODLEY: Hey Jonathan, just a  
5 real quick clarification on that. So, is that  
6 something that had to be noticed as part of this  
7 agenda, that there'd be election of officers?

8 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, that's according  
9 to the bylaws; that we felt that since this  
10 committee is ending, and because you were the  
11 Chair of the subcommittee you'll be presenting,  
12 we didn't want to have any changes at the  
13 beginning of this meeting.

14 But it's the case within the bylaws  
15 the Chair and the Vice-Chair are elected every  
16 year. So, it's a technicality moving forward,  
17 but we wanted to express that.

18 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, Mr. Chairman,  
19 Tom Dameron.

20 CHAIR WOODLEY: Go ahead, Tom.

21 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: So, Jonathan, I  
22 have a question for you. Between now and when

1 this committee dissolves, I think you said in  
2 December?

3 MR. WENDLAND: December 4.

4 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: December 4? So,  
5 are there any actions that would have to be taken  
6 by the Chair or the Vice-Chair between now and  
7 December 4?

8 MR. WENDLAND: I didn't hear of any.

9 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: I would like to  
10 make the motion, since this is basically a  
11 technicality and we're really in just the last  
12 few minutes of this committee being formed, that  
13 we bypass the election and just leave things as-  
14 is.

15 MR. WENDLAND: Understood. Is there  
16 anybody on the committee that would like to make  
17 any different kind of nomination?

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: Well, I think Tom made  
19 a motion. So, Tom, was that a motion you made?

20 VICE CHAIR DAMERON: I don't know that  
21 a motion is actually appropriate at that time  
22 when he's asking for nominations.

1 CHAIR WOODLEY: Got it. Okay, sorry.  
2 I misunderstood. Go ahead, Jonathan. I'm sorry.

3 MR. WENDLAND: No, it's quite all  
4 right, Mr. Chairman. And so, last opportunity  
5 for any nominations for Chair or Vice-Chair.

6 MR. HOCKEMA: This is Hal Hockema. I  
7 just have a question clarification. So, if we  
8 take no action, do we retain the Chairman and  
9 Vice-Chairman as-is?

10 MR. WENDLAND: Yes, sir.

11 MR. HOCKEMA: Thank you.

12 MR. WENDLAND: Okay.

13 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay, any other  
14 discussion on this? On nominations?

15 MR. WENDLAND: Hearing none,  
16 Mr. Chairman, it's your time for closing  
17 comments.

18 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right. Yeah, thank  
19 you. I'll be quick. I guess I owe everybody an  
20 apology for not being able to pull this off and  
21 to getting something in front of the committee in  
22 sufficient time that folks could review it and

1 better understand it. I apologize for that.

2 We talked about time constraints and  
3 whatnot but it just didn't happen. And so, I  
4 hope, for those of you who are interested in  
5 participating in this committee going forward  
6 under its new label, that this is something that  
7 rises back to the top of priorities. And it's  
8 something that this committee can undertake and  
9 do.

10 So, thank you for your patience with  
11 this and thank you for all of your efforts.  
12 That's all I have.

13 PARTICIPANT: Thank you, Chris, for  
14 all your work on the subcommittee. We really  
15 appreciate it, and for your guidance as the  
16 Chair. I appreciate you.

17 PARTICIPANT: I think we make motion  
18 we adjourn.

19 MS. LIBBY: Mr. Chairman, this is  
20 Melanie Libby. If I can make a quick comment,  
21 please?

22 CHAIR WOODLEY: Yes, go ahead, Melanie.

1 MS. LIBBY: I just want to commend  
2 Captain Edwards, Mr. Myers and Mr. Wendland, for  
3 their outstanding leadership, hard work and  
4 support through the life of this SAC.

5 And also, thank you, Mr. Chairman and  
6 members of the committee, for your dedication and  
7 service. As we move to establishing the new  
8 committee, we hope you'll continue to support.  
9 Thank you and stay safe. Over.

10 MR. WENDLAND: Ms. Libby, we appreciate  
11 those comments, and before we get to the motion  
12 to close the meeting, let's give an opportunity  
13 here to Mr. Myers for closing comments.

14 MR. MYERS: Well, Committee, Mr. Chair,  
15 folks in the public that called in now, we do  
16 appreciate all the discussion and the ideas, the  
17 brainstorming that went on. I think that's a  
18 helpful thing for the committee, and we  
19 appreciate all of this.

20 And we also appreciate the decision to  
21 move that task to the next National Fish Act. We  
22 understand why. Sometimes we can't control

1 everything, and a lot of things happened this  
2 year.

3 And we know you're totally dedicated  
4 to the efforts and we're not going to let the  
5 ball fall.

6 That being said, that's all I have.  
7 Thanks for a successful meeting, and I'm going to  
8 turn it over to our DFO for any comments.

9 CAPTAIN EDWARDS: Hello. I'm Tom  
10 Edwards again. Just want to echo what Mr. Myers  
11 had thanked everybody for. Not only a good work,  
12 but band through this remote meeting setting.

13 Appreciate not everybody stepping up  
14 together and everybody keeping their microphones  
15 on mute and everything. I think it went about it  
16 as well as we can with their remote tape delays.

17 I also just will echo what was  
18 discussed early on, that we're still actively  
19 looking for members for the new advisory  
20 committee. So, if you know people who would be  
21 interested, please tell them what the committee  
22 does, and I'm sure we can answer questions, if



1 they have questions about what their roles would  
2 be and whatnot.

3 So, with that, thanks so much.

4 Continue to be safe out there, not only in your  
5 jobs, but as we move through the COVID-19 issues.

6 So, with that, I'll turn it back over to  
7 Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIR WOODLEY: Okay. So, looking  
9 for, after thanking everyone for your time,  
10 thanks for hanging through the extra half-hour.  
11 Looking for a motion to adjourn.

12 MR. BOEHMER: Kris Boehmer. Make a  
13 motion to adjourn.

14 CHAIR WOODLEY: Do I hear a second?

15 MR. VINCENT: Tim Vincent. Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLEY: All right, thanks.

17 Thanks Tim, thanks, Kris. Meeting is adjourned.  
18 Thank you.

19 MR. WENDLAND: Thank you everybody.

20 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter  
21 went off the record at 3:33 p.m.)  
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