



CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2020

9:15 AM

Held as a Virtual Meeting

Note: The following meeting notes are an account of discussions at the meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council for Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS). The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this publication do not necessarily reflect the position of CBNMS and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Call to Order/Welcome/Review Virtual Meeting Logistics/Roll Call (Bec Detrich)

- Bec Detrich, Advisory Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and welcomed everyone. Lilli Ferguson, advisory council coordinator, then called roll. Bec thanked Jennifer Stock, CBNMS Education and Outreach coordinator, for providing logistical support. She said the meeting was not being recorded, and went over some of the features of the virtual meeting platform as they related to running the meeting. Lilli and Bec mentioned there was a public comment period on the agenda. Bec said the public was welcome at all regular advisory council meetings as observers, and that the time for the public to share something with the advisory council is during the public comment period.

Nongovernmental Members Present:

George Clyde (Community-at-Large - Marin County)
Mike Cummings (Community-at-Large - Marin County)
Steve Tubbs (Community-at-Large – Sonoma County)
Scott Artis (Conservation)
Morgan Patton (Conservation)
Irma Cuevas (Education)
Bec Detrich (Chair; Education)
Dick Ogg (Vice-Chair; Fishing)
Kai Martin (Maritime Activities)
Tessa Hill (Research)
Jaime Jahncke (Research)

Agency Members and Alternates Present:

Brian Johnson (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary [GFNMS] – Alt.)
Special Agent Rad Dew (NOAA Fisheries)
LCDR Lee Crusius (United States Coast Guard [USCG])

Members of the CBNMS staff present:

Dan Howard (Sanctuary Superintendent)
Michael Carver (Deputy Superintendent and Resource Protection Coordinator)
Lilli Ferguson (Resource Protection Specialist and advisory council coordinator)
Danielle Lipski (Research Coordinator)

Rachel Pound (Research Operational Specialist [NOAA Affiliate])
Jennifer Stock (Education and Outreach Coordinator)

Review and Approve Agenda (Bec)

- The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (CBNMSAC) reviewed the agenda and unanimously approved it.

Review and Approve February Meeting Minutes (Bec)

- The advisory council reviewed the February 27, 2020 meeting minutes and unanimously approved them.

Sanctuary Superintendent's Report (Dan Howard)

- Dan Howard, Sanctuary Superintendent, said it was great to have this meeting, even if it is a virtual one; it is the first one since everyone was sent home to shelter in place due to coronavirus. The April meeting was cancelled. He hoped everyone was doing OK.

- Several staff members in national marine sanctuaries are dealing with the effects of the wildfires on their lives. These are confusing times with COVID-19, the social justice issues, and the fires.

- In positive news, Dan said CBNMS nominated Dick Ogg as the CBNMS Volunteer of the Year for 2019. He has been with us on the advisory council since 2013, representing fishing seat, and is now the Vice-Chair. His presence on the CBNMSAC brings a real connection with the sanctuary environment, being a fisherman out on the water fishing for salmon, crab and black cod, but has done so much more than that. He is a proponent of best environmental practices while preserving the crab fishery. Last year, working with the State Dungeness Crab working group, primarily to deal with entanglement of whales with surface and vertical fishing lines in the water, Dick did some great work. He has also pursued other ways to reduce risks to the marine environment, including testing quick-release equipment that can be used to release a whale entangled in lines and monitoring for domoic acid. Dan recognized and congratulated him.

- Dick noted he didn't know how to express how honored he was to be recognized for conservation; so many people put so much time into it, and he is just a small part of what everyone is doing to protect the ocean and the environment in general. His focus is on the fishery, to continue ancient traditions; he does not want it to go away, but instead to preserve and protect the environment and serve as an example as best as possible. He loves working out there, and being a part of the CBNMSAC. He showed the plaque he received, in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

- Dan stated the coastal ocean had been incredibly productive in the early season, with 48 blue whales seen aggregating around the Farallones, probably drawn by krill. The nearshore water was full of anchovies. Salmon fishing was great early on. There was strong upwelling bringing up lots of nutrients.

- In March, sanctuary staff members were sent home to telework, to slow down spread of COVID-19, and staff continue to telework from home. It took a while to get used to it. Plans were prepared regarding limited return to the office, but probably there will not be more than one person in each building at any one time at first. For the foreseeable future, teleworking is continuing. Danielle Lipski, CBNMS research coordinator, will report later about how to resume fieldwork on the *Fulmar*.

- On the budget front, Carol Bernthal, then-acting CBNMS Superintendent, and Michael Carver, CBNMS Deputy Superintendent, and the staff got in the budget request for FY 20 while Dan was on sick leave; he thanked them. Since the last meeting, he learned CBNMS got a nice bump in the FY 20 allocation, which allowed us to have more hours for contract staff members and plan for more fieldwork. Some of the things that were planned to be accomplished were not done, including fieldwork and education and outreach activities— more on that during the program reports. This is now the closing/wrap up stage of FY 20.
- He just submitted the FY 21 draft budget, which goes to the regional director. There is then some back and forth, and the regional directors submits it to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) towards the end of September. There is still some uncertainty about operations due to COVID restrictions so we will need to be flexible as we move through the year. Dan should hear some information back around November or December on the ONMS plans to proceed with the request.
- Dan related that Dani is leading an effort to get two memoranda of agreement completed. One is with the Cordell Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF), and that one is at ONMS for review and approval. The other one, in process, is with Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS), to cover a term of five years, dealing with things like securing the CBNSM office space, etc. A discussion is just starting on the regional level, expanding to the national level regarding setting up some kind of agreement with the National Park Service [parent agency for PRNS]; if a NPS agreement is signed later, he thought the PRNS agreement would fall under that.
- Regarding expansion or designation efforts elsewhere in the National Marine Sanctuary System, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary staff has been working on a boundary expansion for several years. The effort is on hold at this time, but it may be revisited at a later date. The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary staff is continuing with their expansion process and is preparing the final documents for that. The effort continues to work with the State of Wisconsin to designate a national marine sanctuary in Lake Michigan. Regarding the effort to designate a national marine sanctuary in Lake Ontario in New York, there have been a few public meetings to determine the level of support that exists; it is in the early stages of consideration. The West Coast Region and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary staffs have been working to keep the nominated Chumash National Heritage National Marine Sanctuary on the nomination list. There is a process to reapply after five years to stay on it.
- Bec asked how fires might be affecting the CBNMS offices at PRNS.
- Dan said the latest news he had is that it was 0% contained and was moving towards Bolinas, which is the biggest concern for the firefighters now. He explained where an evacuation watch was in effect. The day before this meeting, he closed the CBNMS office to what had been occasional staff member use. PRNS has asked people not to go out to that area, to keep the roads clear in case of evacuations.
- Kai Martin asked if the good conditions (krill, etc.) for blue whales was expected to continue, or if that was past now. He said he had put out the word to fleet captains to watch out for whales.
- Dan said they had been there for about a week or so, close to the Western Lane, observed by Point Blue biologists, but the whales have not been recently seen in the area. Blue whales have been seen aggregating in the Channel Islands area. He said the response from Coast Guard and the shipping industry, and cooperation among all, during the Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) season was great in getting out the word.
- Dick added he began to notice an aggregation of krill about three weeks before the blue whales showed up, around the Salt Point area. The fishermen then began to catch more salmon, and he

saw humpback whales all over. Fishing off Point Reyes for over 50 years, he has never seen blue whales as close to shore and as concentrated as this year. Fishermen had to pull gear to allow the whales to go under boats. He has not seen them in the last month, though the humpbacks are here, feeding off the anchovies.

- Morgan Patton said her husband saw the Point Reyes fire moving southwest; there has been no air support as firefighters are stretched thin, but people are coming from Montana to help.

- Kai asked if there was anything advisory council members could do in support of the nominated Chumash sanctuary. He did not know if the comment period was still open. He thought the GFNMS Advisory Council submitted a comment about it.

- Dan responded that he could let Kai know later.

Advisory Council Business (Lilli)

- Lilli gave an update on the status of the current round of nongovernmental member recruitment for the advisory council. The recruitment round ends August 27. CBNMS is seeking applications for the Community-at-Large - Marin County and Research seats, and there are two members for each of those seats. Dan hoped to be able to announce who has been appointed for terms representing those seats and have them begin their terms at the November 12 advisory council meeting. She thanked all who have helped so far to get out the word about the opportunity to apply. She asked if anyone talked to people now who were interested in applying to please encourage them to submit their applications to her via email. Late applications are not accepted.

- She then gave a brief review of the process to seek applications and appoint nongovernmental members, which is described in the ONMS Sanctuary Advisory Council Handbook.

- For each application round, there is a start and end date when applications are accepted. The application indicates the specific nongovernmental seats for which applications are sought and how to submit an application. She starts the process to make the opportunity to apply known by getting the application information posted on the CBNMS website. She then sends out the information to the staff, advisory council, and people interested in the advisory council. She and other staff members send the information to particular parties or groups who may have an interest in the listed seats. The sanctuary's media coordinator sends community announcements and public service announcements to media outlets. The advisory council takes an active role in disseminating the information to people and groups they know of who may be interested in applying. Once the application period closes, a preliminary review panel meets and provides recommendations to the sanctuary superintendent. The sanctuary superintendent sends his recommendations to the ONMS director, though the regional director. Before the ONMS director reviews and approves the candidates, there is a vetting and clearance process, done by ONMS and General Counsel staff members, to check for any issues that could prevent making an appointment. When ready, the ONMS director lets the sanctuary superintendent and coordinator know of his decision, and the sanctuary superintendent then notifies all applicants, those selected for appointments, as well as non-appointees. The process takes some time.

Advisory Council Working Group: Native American Engagement Plan (Morgan and Mike Cummings)

- Bec provided some background, recapping that the CBNMSAC formed a working group to focus on CBNMS Native American tribal engagement at its April 2019, and summarized some of the discussions that took place then. She noted there was also a motion passed at that meeting about having a CBNMSAC subcommittee on diversity and who is being represented on the

advisory council. It was recommended to have the group looking at CBNMS Native American Tribal engagement give its recommendations to the advisory council, then to have the diversity subcommittee begin its work after that. The engagement recommendations, and two motions, were provided in advance to the advisory council and are being discussed at this meeting. If passed at this meeting, then subsequently, at the November meeting, Bec will discuss the diversity subcommittee and seek advisory council members to be on it. She mentioned the value of diversity and inclusivity, and how society as a whole has a lot of work to do on this. Bec thanked Morgan, who chaired the CBNMSAC's Native American Engagement Plan Working Group, as well as Mike, who provided lots of support to the group.

-Morgan thanked Mike for all of his help with the group, and Lilli, for supporting the group. She stated the group had had a series of meetings, five since it formed in 2019, with meetings held virtually [due to the coronavirus situation]. The participants were: herself, Mike, Tom Anderson, Scott Artis, Dick, Tessa Hill, Brian Johnson, and (for first meeting) Jaime Jahncke.

- Mike explained that the first motion recommended changing the advisory council subunit type to a subcommittee, as no outside people from the public were invited to be working group members. No one brought up any points for further discussion.

- A motion to change the group's subunit type was moved by Steve Tubbs and seconded by Kai Martin.

The motion passed unanimously. Below is the text approved by the motion.

The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council changes the subunit type of its group formed to develop a plan of approach for Native American tribal engagement with Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary from Working Group to Subcommittee.

- Mike proceed to the subcommittee's recommendations for the advisory council and read them aloud. Discussion ensued.

- There was a suggestion, on the last bullet about consultation, to add something about local Native Americans' ideas for conservation and perpetuating the sustainability of the oceans. There was general agreement to add some text to the draft recommendations to get at the ideas of putting indigenous knowledge on the same platform as scientific language, respecting tribal sovereignty, and valuing tribal knowledge.

- Several other supporting comments along these lines were expressed.

- A statement was made that sometimes using language like "resources" and "management" may imply a separation of human beings from the natural world and that humans have control over natural changes. Native Americans might have different views [than resource managers do].

- It was acknowledged that we are all learning.

- Several suggestions were put forward about how to change the recommendation language at the end of the second page. The advisory council settled on amending text in the sub-bullets under the final bullet, splitting the second sub-bullet into two and editing the latter part, to read, "Ensure respect for tribal sovereignty" and "Acknowledge the deep value of tribal knowledge"; and adding a fourth sub-bullet, "Incorporate traditional environmental knowledge in sustainable stewardship of CBNMS".

- There were no further suggestions to change the recommendation language.

- Lilli asked if the CBNMSAC wanted it made clear in the draft motion that the recommendations being adopted were amended at this meeting. The group did, and the motion text was modified.
- A motion to adopt the amended recommendations on CBNMS Native American tribal engagement was moved by Kai Martin and seconded by Morgan Patton.

The motion passed unanimously. Below is the text approved by the motion.

The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council accepts the recommendations, as amended at the August 20, 2020 meeting, made by its Native American Tribal Engagement Subcommittee, and provides the recommendations to the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent for his consideration.

Public Comment

- Christina Piotrowski said she was considering applying for a seat on the advisory council, and introduced herself. She is the Collections Manager of Invertebrate Zoology at CalAcademy [the California Academy of Sciences]. She manages a large, diverse collection of invertebrate species which is accessed by scientists around the world. It includes historic and recent collections from CBNMS, including specimens collected by Cordell Expeditions and by Dr. Gary Williams, who is her colleague. Bob Van Syoc, now with the Cordell Marine Sanctuary Foundation, initiated a long partnership between CalAcademy and NOAA. She noted she was happy to hear the discussions at this meeting. She said she has a personal commitment to conservation of local habitats and the role of national marine sanctuaries in conserving them.

CBNMS Conservation Science, Resource Protection, and Education and Outreach Program Reports (Dani, Michael, and Jennifer)

Conservation Science: Dani said it had been a really different field season this year. NOAA ships are just now getting back on the water, with less staff and fewer missions. Small boats like the *Fulmar* have been on “warm layup” to keep them running, but have had limited work other than in the home port area and no overnight missions. There is an approval process in place if a sanctuary wants to do operations, but CBNMS has not had any operations approved.

- There have been no Applied California Current Ecosystem Studies (ACCESS) cruises so far this year, though she is still hopeful of getting two scientists doing some abbreviated sampling in September, on two lines, if the request is approved. Jaime has volunteered to be one of the scientists.

- For other fieldwork, CBNMS staff were not able to get out to the hypoxia mooring, but Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML) staff were able to go out to it, allowing the data to continue to be collected.

- There was going to be a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) mission in October, but due to the uncertainty, and need to make decisions involving uses of funds, this mission was postponed to next summer.

- Managing all of the planning for and cancelling of fieldwork has taken a lot of coordination and communication, but there has been a lot of other work going on. Dani and Kathy Broughton have been working on the process to update the CBNMS Condition Report. It was last updated in 2009. They estimate it will be about a two-year process. CBNMS staff members are writing some of the background sections, and Dani is working with others on identifying data indicators

to use to evaluate and rate the status of the conditions in the sanctuary. The report can be used, along with the CBNMS Management Plan update process, to formulate response actions. She described that planning was underway for two workshops, one in fall and one in the spring. In fall, they will bring together experts to do vetting of the data indicators identified so far and hear and discuss their recommendations. In the spring workshop, the summarized data sets will be presented, which will provide an indication of the conditions in the sanctuary.

- Rachel Pound is working on updating a CBNMS species inventory, which we have had for about ten years. Rachel has been going through data sets and publications, and so far, has found 240 new species in eleven sources. The species inventory now has over 1,600 species in it.

- Dani has been working on science communication with Jenny, including getting stories and new products on the website.

- A final CBNMS climate impacts profile is done, but not yet posted on the website. Once it is, we will share it with the advisory council. All national marine sanctuaries are doing a profile like this, reviewing how different elements of climate change are affecting or will affect the sanctuary. The profile may be useful for the Condition Report and other efforts.

- There is a new publication from Samara Haver, with Dani and Jaime as co-authors, on two years of data on the soundscape, from the hydrophone at the edge of CBNMS and GFNMS, which covers a 60-km radius. As one might expect, ships are the dominant source of sound; whales are also a source of sound. The data also can tell us when whales are in or out of the area, even when we do not visually observe them, based on vocalizations.

Resource Protection: Michael stated there have not been any new permit applications or permits issued since the last CBNMSAC meeting.

- He and Lilli continue to work on the Condition Report, on pressures and responses.

- Other federal agencies sometimes get in contact with NOAA to ask for interagency comments on proposed actions. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to make some changes the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act, and people from across ONMS, including CBNMS, made suggestions for comments and questions to the EPA. The EPA will probably release a proposed rule for public comment in the coming months.

- Michael mentioned two upcoming meetings ONMS staff members were organizing for other staff members: on resource protection topics and on maritime heritage topics. Staff members across the system have common priorities, and the meetings are aimed at refining effectively working together, leveraging resources, etc.

- He provided updates on the project to reduce ship strikes of whales. A grant proposal was submitted to the California Air Resources Board for \$1.1 million to continue to fund the Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) incentive program. The funds, if received, will go to California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, to incentivize vessels to slow down for about six months. Incentives help with behavior change. Some of the funds would also support local air district and ONMS staff members.

- Sanctuary staff members are talking with the California Ocean Protection Council about collaborating on ship strike reduction work.

- The National Marine Fisheries Service released the 2019 stock assessment for blue whales. The Potential Biological Removal number was lowered, from 2.3 to 1.2 animals per year. This is significant since about one a year has been confirmed struck by ships over the last four years.

- The mid season report cards for those signed up for the incentive program are going out in September.

- He and Jenny have been working on updating website information on whale conservation work.
- An economic impacts assessment of the results of the VSR is in progress.
- In 2017, CBNMS received funding from NMFS Protected Resources Division and awarded a contract to Point Blue Conservation Science to evaluate the risk reduction of current and possible future management options for ship strike reduction in CBNMS and GFNMS. This work will be published soon. Various management options for conservation are under evaluation.

Education and Outreach: Jenny said she had done some virtual presentations to larger audiences, including NOAA Live, an ONMS webinar on *Nautilus* highlights of her experience in 2019 working with Dani and Jan Roletto, a World Ocean Day *Nautilus* presentation to the Environmental Action Committee (EAC), and Get into Your Sanctuary Day on Facebook Live. This year, Get into Your Sanctuary was all online; the CBNMS segment was on Winged Ambassadors.

- She showed some CBNMS website renovations, including a new home page with video and news clips. The home page is a great place to learn what the recent news is and would be good to share with constituents.
- The ONMS website has updated multimedia pages, including a CBNMS section with videos, maps and photos. It is another nice way to get more information about what CBNMS is doing.
- Jenny has also been increasing use of a CBNMS outreach listserv, which has about 1600 people signed up, to share news updates and opportunities.
- As Michael mentioned, they are working to update website content about whale conservation.
- Marin TV is running some films on CBNMS and GFNMS in September, which is Coastal Cleanup Month.
- The CBNMS brochure is being updated, and the new content will reflect the 2015 boundary expansion. Once it is printed and she is back in the office, she can provide copies to people who would like it.
- The San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival featured a film with Dick, nominated for an award. The festival also screened the Changing Seas film, Cordell Bank: a National Treasure, and Jenny and Dani participated in a panel about it.
- The Ocean Currents radio series is on hold right now, as the studio is closed.
- Jenny provided an overview of the online educational curriculum that is available, and updates in process to make it more visually friendly for virtual presentations.
- Work is in process with a teacher to enable Virtual Classroom visits, which will allow Jenny to virtually join a classroom. The goal is to have pre- and post-visit lessons, focused around the presentation. The first topic is ocean acidification and climate impacts to the ocean here.
- The updating of the Point Reyes Bear Valley Visitor Center with new CBNMS and GFNMS content is slowed down due to coronavirus and people being stretched thin.
- Jenny concluded by describing how Anya Stajner has been working remotely as a CBNMS digital media intern for ten weeks and two other volunteers are transcribing the radio programs. She is also reviewing applications for a virtual federal service internship program.
- Several people commented about the good work Jenny had been doing getting CBNMS information out.
- There was a question for Dani about the soundscape work, and if the data could predict when the whales would be there in the future. She responded that the value will be having the dataset

over the long term; the hydrophone has been out there since 2015. One might be able to say, over time, that whales are expected in the area in a certain time period.

- A separate question was if drones could be used to follow whales, and if issuing permits could be looked at for these parts. Dani said yes, it could, though there are different jurisdictions to consider. Lilli confirmed that different ocean waters fall into different jurisdictions that may vary in what is restricted; there is no CBNMS prohibition on [low] overflights, including drones, though ONMS may be looking at adding future recommendations related to this.

Members' and Alternates' Reports (advisory council)

Bec – reported for Irma Cuevas, who had to leave the meeting early. Irma wanted to thank Dick, who had been going to host her group on his boat; the opportunity unfortunately had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Irma has been trying to spread the word about CBNMS to community partners, and is surprised how few people know about it. They are pleased when they find out this gem is in their backyards.

- For her own report, Bec gave kudos to kids and their parents who are now homeschooling them. This is incredibly hard, and she thanked the parents. Schools and organizations are doing alternate programs, but there are a lot of unknowns with future educational efforts up in the air. There has been a lot of compelling information presented virtually, but some overloading of screen time.

Tessa – the BML seminar series is now remote and is being held approximately weekly. The next one is coming up in about two weeks and the fall schedule will be released soon.

Jaime – he provided Lilli with a written update from him, and he asked her to email it to the advisory council. It includes links to abstracts of two papers, including the one Michael mentioned. He also mentioned mouse eradication on the Farallon Islands, and how to get facts about that. He thanked Dan, and said he had learned a lot while on the CBNMSAC.

Scott –thanked all who were part of the CBNMS tribal engagement plan subcommittee as well as all those who supported the group. He had response from community about wanting to support it, and he will update them that the recommendations are now being forwarded to Dan. On a separate topic, fish barriers are being removed; there will be a free flowing channel at the former San Geronimo golf course, where about five acres will be restored. The restoration will provided habitat for salmon, terrestrial corridors for wildlife, and a new bridge and viewing areas.

Morgan – noted EAC was happy to work with CBNMS on World Ocean Day; she talked about marine protected areas (MPAs), and Jenny talked about CBNMS. EAC is dealing with poaching issues. MPAWatch volunteers have seen a 100% increase compared to last year, and prying invertebrates off the reefs are damaging them. They are coordinating with the relevant agencies. EAC got an Ocean Protection Council grant to focus on several regions of the California MPA network. Marin County had a first reading of an ordinance requiring local voter approval before any development of onshore facilities that would support offshore oil and gas exploration. The final vote on this is the week after the advisory council meeting.

Kai – other than what was mentioned about the blue whales, he said there was nothing new from the Harbor Safety Committee in the last few months.

Steve – continued to update his constituent groups on Facebook with national marine sanctuary news, and reaches people on the West Coast and around the country. In April, he had a constituent group approach him about possibility speaking to the CBNMSAC about ranching issues as PRNS. He determined, with Lilli’s help, that issue might be of more interest to the GFNMSAC. The group that had asked him about this agreed the GFNMS Advisory Council might be a better body to which to present about their ranching concerns.

George – noted he prepared a lengthy goodbye speech, but would not read it today. He thanked the staff, and was appreciative of his involvement with the advisory council. The fishing fleet in Marin has been having a good salmon season. He and others caught a lot of salmon and saw blue whales. The Point Reyes Light had a great article about the sponge discoveries in CBNMS.

Dick – noted his appreciation for George and everyone else who is cycling off the advisory council when their terms end in November. The salmon season fluctuated with the weather; it is acting as if it is over now. He hoped for a reasonable crab season in November. Things are in limbo here in terms of the fishing fleet.

Rad Dew – COVID-19 slowed law enforcement down, like it did for all. A uniformed officer has been hired but is in a waiting game now. He asked people to reach out if they had anything they thought the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement would be interested in.

LCDR Lee Crusius – stated that the week before the advisory council meeting, the new Coast Guard Rear Admiral met with Bill Doruos. They reaffirmed the agencies’ partnerships.

Bec adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.