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The Hydrographic Services Review Panel  
met via webinar at 1:00 p.m., Bill Hanson, Chair,  
presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BILL HANSON, Chair  
DR. LARRY ATKINSON  
KIM HALL  
EDWARD J. KELLY  
CAROL LOCKHART  
DR. DAVID MAUNE  
CAPTAIN SALVATORE RASSELLO  
EDWARD J. SAADE  
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GARY THOMPSON

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JULIANA BLACKWELL, Director, National  
Geodetic Survey, NOS

RICH EDWING, Director, Center for  
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Services, NOS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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TATIANA BOWIE, National Geodetic Survey  
CAPTAIN RICK BRENNAN, Chief, Hydrographic  
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Operational Oceanographic Products and  
Services

RACHEL MEDLEY, Acting Deputy Hydrographer,  
OCS

LYNNE MERSFELDER-LEWIS, HSRP Coordinator

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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DAVID HERICKS

SHANA KINSEY-CARLSEN

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

2 1:09 p.m.

3 CHAIR HANSON: I just want to thank  
4 everybody for getting on the call here and  
5 putting up with the chairman's difficulty signing  
6 in. I do appreciate the Panel members' work  
7 since we met in Seattle. I also, again,  
8 appreciate the others -- the public calling in as  
9 well and welcome their participation.

10 So with that, Admiral Smith, I will  
11 turn it right over to you.

12 RADM SMITH: All right. Well, thank  
13 you all for joining us. We've got -- we called  
14 this meeting specifically to provide consensus  
15 comments to NOAA on the National Charting Plan,  
16 which we didn't quite get done at the last in-  
17 person meeting. And because we happen to have a  
18 fully constituted group here, we wanted to take  
19 advantage of that by adding a few other small  
20 things on the agenda, if we have the time. And  
21 that is to discuss the updates of HSRP work, to  
22 discuss the draft agenda for the September public

1 meeting, and we will have an announcement of a  
2 congressional briefing as well.

3 So, Susan Shingledecker, who is here  
4 in person, was kind enough to lead the coalescing  
5 efforts on behalf of the Panel in response to the  
6 National Charting Plan.

7 So, Susan, I'd like to turn the floor  
8 over to you.

9 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Sure. I notice  
10 that the phone mic is way over there and over  
11 there. Can people on the phone hear me okay?

12 Great. Oh, it's not green. Is that  
13 a bad sign?

14 All right. Thank you to Joyce for  
15 starting the process with the National Charting  
16 Plan comments and thanks to all the members that  
17 did weigh in. I've gotten comments up to a half  
18 an hour ago. So, there is a couple of changes to  
19 what was sent around but I hope that was useful.

20 Generally, I'd like to just say first  
21 that I'd like to applaud the efforts that went  
22 into drafting the plan. I think that this has

1 really raised a lot of attention, certainly in  
2 the recreational boating community, but what was  
3 interesting to me was, from the recreational  
4 perspective, I kind of said okay. But then when  
5 I looked at all the diverse comments that came in  
6 from other Panel members and it really showed to  
7 me the richness of the Panel as a whole because  
8 there were so many things that all of the various  
9 Panel members raised as a comment that my  
10 community, they didn't even know about that part.  
11 And so I was kind of laughing when they were all  
12 excited about one particular thing. I was like  
13 oh, my gosh, there is so much more meat in here  
14 that you guys are missing and you are not even  
15 aware of how great this is going to be or what a  
16 big change this is.

17 So, it's been an exciting exercise for  
18 me. My thought was I have a couple comments from  
19 Joyce and she couldn't be here. I was just going  
20 to state those. And then my thought was to just  
21 kind of quickly -- not quickly -- takes as much  
22 time as you all want but walk through the

1 different sections in the draft comments, just  
2 kind of quickly summarize those areas and see if  
3 there is any further discussion or clarification  
4 on each of those issue areas. Then, I will write  
5 down those comments, make any changes that are  
6 needed, and we will turn this back around to NOAA  
7 as fast as possible because I know you are  
8 awaiting that. Does that work for anyone or does  
9 anyone have any other different approach they  
10 would like to take?

11 (No response.)

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay. So from  
13 Joyce, in her comments that I have here, she  
14 wanted to make sure that we make it clear that  
15 this is a charting plan only. I know there was  
16 some -- some of the comments that we had in our  
17 discussion in Seattle were there are so many  
18 other things that we know the three offices are  
19 taking on in terms of their future direction and  
20 we didn't see that reflected into the plan. And  
21 so perhaps something that we comment on that this  
22 is the charting plan only, it doesn't include

1 everything that the three offices are focusing  
2 on.

3 And then Joyce also pointed out that  
4 there were several issues that were generally  
5 agreed upon in the first round of reviews being:  
6 metric, definitely sounding should be shown as  
7 much as possible, not removed in the channels,  
8 and steps to improve and clarify the ENC's and  
9 ECDIS displays are critical.

10 So she also mentioned that the  
11 documents should cross-reference other documents  
12 and mention the plan to investigate or disprove  
13 chart discrepancies using available resources.  
14 So, those were just kind of some summary comments  
15 from Joyce.

16 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes, I just  
17 want to do a sound check. Is everybody on the  
18 webinar able to hear Susan?

19 MEMBER HALL: We can hear her just  
20 fine.

21 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Phew! I was  
22 nervous. It was quiet out there.



1 MEMBER KELLY: Yes, we hear her fine.

2 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Thanks guys.

3 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: So now we have  
4 the document pulled up on the screen and,  
5 hopefully, you can follow along with me. It is  
6 my hope that we can dispense with the  
7 proofreading edits; that those are all kind of  
8 just minor edits and don't need a whole lot of  
9 discussion, unless anyone has any burning desire  
10 to dive into proofreading.

11 And then we will go to Section 2,  
12 Sources of Data Used to Maintain Charts: New  
13 Chart Source Data.

14 The comments here, we talked about the  
15 document does not address the inclusion of other  
16 data sources except from the Army Corps of  
17 Engineers and that it should discuss other data  
18 sources and then lists a few them and goes on  
19 further to suggest that contractors be added as a  
20 source of hydrographic surveys.

21 Any questions or comments or revisions  
22 needed for that?

1 (No response.)

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, hearing  
3 none, and if I move on too fast, just speak up  
4 and we'll go back.

5 The New Editions of Paper Charts, 2.2,  
6 there was a suggestion that the algorithm for  
7 determining when to issue a new edition of a  
8 raster chart be explained or at least the logic  
9 outlined. I think this was more just the  
10 background understanding to help the public  
11 understand where we were versus where we're  
12 going.

13 Suggested including a short list of  
14 examples of routine chart updates because I agree  
15 a lot of people don't understand what triggers  
16 that.

17 An issue not mentioned in the document  
18 is the timely transmission of the Local Districts  
19 to UKHO for compiling the AIO cells. I will be  
20 honest, I don't understand what this means but it  
21 is very important to some people.

22 So, if anyone wants to expand on that

1 further, it's quite possible I didn't capture it  
2 correctly.

3 RADM SMITH: Can I ask about that, a  
4 clarifying question? I'm wondering whether local  
5 districts they mean the local notices because I  
6 think the AIO --

7 MEMBER RASSELLO: I think I can.

8 MEMBER HALL: Just one moment. Lynn,  
9 just FYI, there are other people on the phone  
10 that are definitely being muted by your end, not  
11 their end. I was emailing Juliana and so she can  
12 hear us right now but she cannot speak. And she  
13 used the PIN and everything and not able to get  
14 through.

15 I just wanted to give you a heads up  
16 on that.

17 MS. MEDLY: This is Rachel. Can  
18 everybody hear me?

19 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes.

20 MS. MEDLY: Okay. Yes, I --

21 MS. BOWIE: It appears that webinar is  
22 unmuting and muting people on its own. We have

1 unmuted pretty much everyone. So I have just  
2 unmuted people yet again. So, hopefully you are  
3 able to hear and also participate.

4 MR. EDWING: This is Rich Edwing, can  
5 you hear me?

6 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes.

7 MS. BLACKWELL: This is Juliana. Can  
8 you hear me now?

9 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes, we can.

10 MEMBER HALL: Thank you.

11 MS. BOWIE: Does anybody else need to  
12 be unmuted?

13 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Click Larry  
14 Atkinson.

15 MS. BOWIE: So pretty much everybody.  
16 Okay. All right.

17 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: No, not  
18 everybody.

19 MS. BOWIE: He self-muted. So some  
20 individuals are self-muted; some individuals I  
21 can unmute.

22 So, anyone else before we move

1 forward?

2 MEMBER HALL: Thank you, Tatiana.

3 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Can you unmute  
4 Andy Armstrong and Dave Maune?

5 MS. BOWIE: Again, some are self-  
6 muted. If you need any assistance, please send  
7 us a chat. I just unmuted a few that I was  
8 unable to unmute. That means you should be  
9 unmuted.

10 If you have any further questions,  
11 please send us a chat and I will try to get to  
12 that as soon as possible.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thanks, I'll go ahead  
14 and mute myself.

15 MS. BOWIE: Okay, great.

16 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, so back  
17 to the comments about the UKHO. I think that  
18 those actually came from Ed or Sal, if I'm not  
19 mistaken -- from Ed Saade or Sal. Is that  
20 correct?

21 MEMBER RASSELLO: I think it came from  
22 me and I can explain a bit further.

1           The local correction, original, are  
2 not permitted to the UKHO and, therefore, they  
3 are not readable on the electronic charts.

4           And the way that the UKHO permits this  
5 on the electronic chart is a system called the  
6 Admiralty Information Overlay.

7           RADM SMITH: Okay. So I think, if I  
8 understand this correctly, it is the  
9 clarification that I suggested was right, I think  
10 that the Local Notice to Mariners is the source  
11 for some of the information that is in the AIO.

12           And the Local Notice to Mariners is a  
13 U.S. Coast Guard publication. So I think this is  
14 -- I appreciate you flagging this, Sal, for our  
15 attention.

16           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay. So to  
17 edit this comment for clarity, changing Local  
18 Districts to Local Notice to Mariners.

19           RADM SMITH: To Local Notice to  
20 Mariners.

21           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, I can do  
22 that.

1 Anything else on this topic?

2 (No response.)

3 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, moving on  
4 to Section 3, ENC and RNC Chart Updates and New  
5 Editions; 3.1 Normalizing ENC Depth Contours.  
6 General agreement that standardizing scales and  
7 contour values is important; concur with adding  
8 additional integer unit contours and a note -- we  
9 jumped the gun here but a note about changing to  
10 metric as soon as possible comes up here. It  
11 comes up again later.

12 New integer contours should not be  
13 added without removing decimal meter contours.  
14 And then some examples of importance with the  
15 Port of Los Angeles were given.

16 Any further discussion on this section  
17 or clarification needed?

18 MEMBER HALL: I just want to say I  
19 think I know that Sal probably Ed put this in but  
20 I this is something I think a lot of us would  
21 agree with, especially the moving to metric and  
22 not having multiple different values for contour

1 lines.

2 MEMBER RASSELLO: If I can further  
3 explain the metrification, it is not just to  
4 translate the fathoms of feet in metrics but also  
5 to add identity of metrification in narrow  
6 channels and in enclosed waters in order that  
7 every operator or user can use the most of the  
8 back of that area of that channel.

9 So if the channel is metrified meter-  
10 by-meter, obviously, I can use to be the site of  
11 analysis when I do my voyage process plan.

12 So, it is not just to translate in  
13 meters but it is also have a good density of  
14 bathymetry in meters.

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, I didn't  
16 have a bullet on that.

17 RADM SMITH: Yes, was that captured in  
18 here? I don't see it.

19 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I don't believe  
20 it is.

21 RADM SMITH: I think that is an  
22 important additional point, Sal and Susan is



1 going to capture that.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes. Anything  
3 else on the normalizing of the ENC depth  
4 contours?

5 (No response.)

6 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, moving on  
7 to Metrification of ENC and Raster Charts. As I  
8 said, it was mentioned earlier but we concur that  
9 the U.S. charts should be changed to overall  
10 metric format as soon as possible. We further go  
11 on to say we would love to know more about soon  
12 and pick what soon is with a reasonable fixed  
13 date. And then we go on further to suggest a  
14 priority of charts to be converted to metric.  
15 And then I know I added that significant  
16 educational outreach will be needed on the move  
17 to metric for nonprofessional mariners.

18 Are there any other comments on the  
19 metrification of ENC and raster charts?

20 CAPT BRENNAN: I would just say  
21 mariners.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: You think

1 everybody needs it?

2 CAPT BRENNAN: I know that that is  
3 going to be the case.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes. I mean  
5 from my perspective, I mean my initial thought,  
6 we were out cruising just two weekends ago and I  
7 know exactly when we stopped moving because we  
8 have run aground on my depth sounder. But that's  
9 in feet.

10 If you ask me today, I mean I have  
11 done metric conversions a lot but I don't know  
12 what my boat draws in meters. I know what it  
13 draws in feet.

14 RADM SMITH: You just have to  
15 experiment, Susan.

16 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right. I can  
17 tell you at 3.8, we're not moving. We found that  
18 the other night. I can tell you where that was  
19 on the Red River.

20 Okay, moving on, 3.3, Reducing  
21 Unwarranted Alarms/Isolated Dangers. A problem  
22 not mentioned in the document is dual compilation

1 scales within one ENC due to an insert and an  
2 example is provided. We suggest creating a  
3 dedicated ENC for each inset to the chart.

4 Add metric values to non-dangerous  
5 point features of unknown depth and it talks  
6 about if the imperial-unit depths of these  
7 features are being updated, add metric values at  
8 the same time.

9 When compiling metric values for  
10 subsea features on charts, do not forget to  
11 compile metric value for overhead clearance.

12 Any other questions, clarifications,  
13 or discussion on reducing unwarranted alarms?

14 (No response.)

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: You guys are  
16 easy on me today.

17 3.4, Channel Tabulations. This came  
18 up and it came up in a discussion that I saw I  
19 think via email where there was some concern  
20 about the Panel's comments on the National  
21 Charting Plan if those comments are to NOAA or to  
22 the Army Corps of Engineers. And I made a note

1 here, as we start to get into the Army Corps of  
2 Engineers related comments. And I thought about  
3 that a little bit that as a Panel that it's our  
4 job to advise NOAA but since this Army Corps of  
5 Engineers is in this document so much, I think we  
6 certainly can comment on the plan as it relates  
7 to that. But if we need to have broader  
8 discussion on that, we can do that.

9           So anyway, 3.4 Channel Tabulations.  
10 At least two U.S. Army Corps districts published  
11 disclaimers, stating that their channel condition  
12 surveys should not be used for navigation and  
13 that mariners should refer to the NOS nautical  
14 charts. This conflicts with the National  
15 Charting Plan recommendation to refer mariners  
16 and pilots to current U.S. Army Corps surveys.  
17 If the U.S. Army Corps states that its surveys  
18 are not adequate for navigation, why should  
19 mariners and pilots rely upon them? And then  
20 there are some examples here given.

21           The document says that NOAA may remove  
22 all depths from channels. This was a pretty

1 strong recommendation from a number of Panel  
2 members that they do not agree and all channels  
3 should have depths.

4 Do we need more discussion on this  
5 part? Okay.

6 RADM SMITH: Was this -- was that  
7 section -- was the -- sorry. In the plan, did  
8 the plan propose to remove depths from channels?  
9 I thought that was only on the paper charts,  
10 paper and raster, so as to concentrate effort on  
11 better charting on the ENCs.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I'm not  
13 positive.

14 RADM SMITH: Does that clarification  
15 change the recommendation from the Panel about  
16 all channels should have depths? Are you saying  
17 on the paper chart as well?

18 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I'm looking to  
19 see where we were getting that from. Does anyone  
20 else recall?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: This is Andy. It  
22 seems to me that Part N did say that we were

1 considering not putting them on the paper charts.  
2 I don't recall that they might not be in the  
3 ENC's.

4 MEMBER HALL: Maybe it is worth  
5 further clarifying in the actual paragraph where  
6 that's found.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I'm seeing here  
8 -- I'm not sure if this is the right --

9 RADM SMITH: It says page 20.

10 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, that's  
11 where I'm trying to dig in a little bit. I mean  
12 we have generally depth values are not shown  
13 within chartered channels, however, there are few  
14 exceptions, most notably in the Boston area.

15 Given the other changes and how Coast  
16 survey will be portraying channel data, the  
17 depiction of soundings within channels is being  
18 reevaluated and these depth values within  
19 channels may be removed from raster charts and  
20 ENC's in the future, realigning these charts with  
21 the standard NOAA charting practices. I think  
22 that was the line that that was addressing.

1           RADM SMITH: Okay, so we hear your  
2 recommendation loud and clear.

3           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay.

4           MR. ARMSTRONG: So it sounds like what  
5 that meant was that places like Boston, where  
6 soundings are shown in the channels, that they  
7 would be removed or would be considered for  
8 removal, as opposed to changing the situation we  
9 have now where we show the channel tabs. We  
10 should be sure we get clarity on all of this, I  
11 think.

12           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Would the Panel  
13 like to see me revise the comment to kind of cite  
14 the area in the plan where that is mentioned? Is  
15 there revision needed in our comment to clarify  
16 that further or is how it's represented now fine?

17           MEMBER HALL: This is Kim Hall. I  
18 think you do need to clarify that we are saying -  
19 - that the blanket statement that those values  
20 are needed I think kind of focus what we're  
21 talking about here. So I think it needs to be a  
22 little clarified with regard to what we're

1 talking about. It's not on ENC's but perhaps the  
2 paper charts and that's what we mean so that if  
3 Shep walks out of the room today, he doesn't  
4 forget what we actually meant by that comment.

5 MEMBER RASSELLO: This is Sal. If I  
6 understand well this matter is that probably what  
7 that means is to remove those back where they are  
8 not needed but we should still keep the back  
9 lines in the channels and not just the single bad  
10 spots because they don't do any use -- what we  
11 use these, the depth line is to establish the  
12 safety contours where the ship or the boat can  
13 navigate or not navigate. And there should be no  
14 difference between the paper chart, or raster  
15 chart, or an ENC because all three are connected  
16 and replicate -- I mean ENC is taken from the  
17 paper charts. So if we remove that from the  
18 paper charts in the channel, we will not have any  
19 depth on the ENC. But we should leave the depth  
20 lines, the bathymetries.

21 That's the way I understand. Maybe I  
22 am wrong.



1           RADM SMITH: I don't want to get too  
2 deep into this but I will just note for the  
3 Panel, just to help with the Panel's discussion  
4 that we have switched that. So we are not --  
5 while we did derive the original first generation  
6 ENC's from the paper chart, we are now doing it in  
7 the opposite direction and revising the paper  
8 charts based on changes to the ENC, where we have  
9 paper chart coverage that matches the ENC.

10           Now, the underlying proposal in the  
11 national charting plan is that we will be  
12 enhancing significantly our ENC coverage but not  
13 necessarily developing paper charts that match  
14 all of that improved coverage.

15           And so the switch from ENC --

16           MEMBER RASSELLO: I understand that we  
17 don't want to go back to update the paper charts  
18 because paper charts are going to go. So, if you  
19 work on ENC directly, you don't need to work on  
20 paper chart sites. That's what you mean.

21           RADM SMITH: Yes.

22           MEMBER RASSELLO: Okay.

1           RADM SMITH:  So I guess I would ask  
2           for clarification from the Panel about whether  
3           all channels should have depths refers to the  
4           paper chart and the ENC or if there is any caveat  
5           in there about where scale can support it, et  
6           cetera, or if the recommendation is all channels  
7           should have depths, then that means we need  
8           larger scale coverage of many channels, which  
9           could, in fact, be a recommendation of the Panel  
10          but I want a clarification.

11           And the second clarification is Sal  
12          suggested we don't actually need the soundings in  
13          the channels, we need the contours, which is not  
14          the same as what is written here.  So, if there  
15          is a clear recommendation there, then I guess I  
16          would ask for clarification on that, too, whether  
17          we are talking about soundings, or contours, or  
18          both.

19           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER:  I'm going to  
20          put this back out to you all on the Panel.  Most  
21          of my votes, the recreational guys, they don't  
22          need to know.  I mean 50 feet, 60 feet, it

1 doesn't really matter to them.

2 Is there someone that -- I mean do we  
3 want to discuss it further now here what we want  
4 or is there someone that volunteers to write a  
5 couple sentences of clarification and send that  
6 to me?

7 MEMBER RASSELLO: I think that John --  
8 what's his last name, I don't remember, the guy  
9 from hydrography, he can clarify this.

10 MEMBER HALL: John Nyberg?

11 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Well, what I  
13 heard from Shep was he wanted clarification from  
14 us.

15 MEMBER RASSELLO: I understand but --

16 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Do we mean that  
17 all channels should have depths at what scale? I  
18 mean is it all -- every channel on every chart  
19 must have depths or is it you must be able to get  
20 it if you zoom in enough? And is it contours or  
21 is it soundings? That's what I heard from you.

22 RADM SMITH: Yes.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Or, in fact, is it a  
2 channel tabulation? So, it seems to me when I  
3 read -- this is Andy again.

4 When I read the recommendation, what  
5 the concern was was the possibility that mariners  
6 were being asked to go to the Corps of Engineers  
7 for the depth information, as opposed to having  
8 it on the chart in some form or another.

9 RADM SMITH: Okay, I think that's a  
10 helpful clarification.

11 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

12 RADM SMITH: If that is the sense of  
13 it, then I think that is a very helpful and clear  
14 recommendation.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: So I guess I would ask  
16 the Panel if that is, indeed, what the intent was  
17 here.

18 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: That's how I  
19 understood it, Andy.

20 MEMBER KELLY: That sounds clear to  
21 me, Andy.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Andy, would you

1 mind sending me that in a sentence or two, so  
2 that I can add that in?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'll do that.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Thank you. I'm  
5 just writing some notes for a second here, to  
6 make sure I get it as fast as I can but that will  
7 help me.

8 Okay, any further discussion on this,  
9 and particularly with the earlier comment on kind  
10 of the conflict between Army Corps saying don't  
11 use this data for navigation and we're saying use  
12 it for navigation?

13 Okay.

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Well, I think, yes,  
15 that's the point.

16 RADM SMITH: Very well put.

17 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: How do we  
18 resolve that larger issue? Okay, Section 3.5,  
19 Reported, Existence Doubtful, and Position  
20 Approximate Dangers. This is more of an edit but  
21 this section should be its own separate third-  
22 level heading. It's not a subsection of Channel

1 Tabulations. Thank you to Ed Saade, again, for  
2 the organization of the document overall.

3 To be consistent with MSC, if the  
4 mariner does not specify a safety contour, this  
5 should default to 30 meters, we suggest to  
6 increase the proposed depth value to 100 feet --  
7 30 meters -- as 30 meters has been recognized to  
8 be a safe depth.

9 I'm not versed in this comment very  
10 well, if someone wants to expand on it more.

11 MEMBER RASSELLO: Okay, I can. It  
12 seems we are talking about to use ENC and ECDIS.  
13 The ECDIS default but the ECDIS start going into  
14 they say is 30 meters. So from 30 meters going  
15 shallower, that is where we should have the work  
16 done on bathymetries.

17 RADM SMITH: Is this a threshold?

18 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, default for all  
19 the ECDIS is international citing for ECDIS.  
20 They don't read the detail over the 30 meters  
21 there. So there is no reason to do any detailed  
22 bathymetries metrification of over 30 meters from

1 that. That is more or less what that means.

2 So, the ECDIS default is 30 meters.

3 From 30 meters going shallower than when all the  
4 bathymetries should start showing the density.

5 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Shep, does that  
6 comment ---

7 RADM SMITH: I guess I want to make  
8 sure I understand which part of the National  
9 Charting Plan you are referring to here.

10 MEMBER RASSELLO: This was into the  
11 same context of metrification, right? I think.  
12 Yes.

13 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: If that's the  
14 case, then we need move the comment and I  
15 apologize for not understanding what it was  
16 referencing.

17 MEMBER RASSELLO: You can remove it  
18 but what I have that with regard to that was 100  
19 feet, up to 100 feet or up to 66 feet, was  
20 something limit but this should be 30 meters, 100  
21 feet almost. The detail of the ENC charts should  
22 be up to 30 meters. I don't know if that is

1 relevant for the paper.

2 I will find the paragraph. To be  
3 consistent with MSC.232, the mariner does not  
4 specify the safety contours. This should be  
5 default to 30 meters because that is what the  
6 ECDIS default is.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I guess I don't  
8 understand. We suggest the proposed depth value.  
9 Which depth value, where?

10 MEMBER RASSELLO: The value of the  
11 depth where it goes -- we discussed before about  
12 metrification, about density of bathymetries,  
13 correct?

14 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

15 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, so these are to  
16 be extended up to 30 meters of depth because that  
17 is where the ECDIS starts reading. If I cancel  
18 open waters and I get into a port, when the keel  
19 clearance reaches 30 meters, that's when the  
20 ECDIS starting analyzing the precise navigation.

21 RADM SMITH: Can I ask, Sal, perhaps  
22 you are referring to the last sentence on page --



1 on the section on nondangerous wrecks of unknown  
2 depth on page 19, where it says Coast Survey is  
3 now undertaking an effort to estimate and  
4 populate safe clearance depth value for all  
5 wrecks deeper than 66 feet, 11 fathoms. This  
6 will eliminate much of the unnecessary display  
7 clutter. Is that what you're talking about?

8 MEMBER RASSELLO: No, I'm talking  
9 about page 8. The first paragraph on page 8 --  
10 to be consistent with MSC.232.

11 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right. We're  
12 referring to page numbers in the National  
13 Charting Plan, itself, that triggered the  
14 comment.

15 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. Page 8 --

16 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Page 8, that's  
17 our comments, the Panel's comments.

18 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. Is that not  
19 clear?

20 RADM SMITH: Which part of the  
21 Charting Plan -- if we were to look at what  
22 section I should edit, what am I editing?

1                   MEMBER RASSELLO: I don't think you  
2 need to edit anything. This is just you asked me  
3 to explain what the 30 meters is, right?

4                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: It sounds like  
5 what I can do is move this comment over in the  
6 section where we're talking about metrification.  
7 I was going to add a bullet on the density of --  
8 let me look at my notes -- on density and I could  
9 move this comment there.

10                  RADM SMITH: Yes, this -- it seems to  
11 me that this is relevant to --

12                  MR. ARMSTRONG: Admiral --

13                  RADM SMITH: Go ahead, Andy. Sorry.

14                  MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, I recall this at  
15 the meeting, too, and I think Sal brought it up  
16 in relation to just the passage that you cited a  
17 minute ago about -- I think his concern was, at  
18 that time, was that 11 fathoms wasn't enough,  
19 that it needed to be 30 meters.

20                  MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes.

21                  RADM SMITH: Okay, so we're talking  
22 about the last sentence of the section on

1 Nondangerous Wrecks of Unknown Depth on page 19.  
2 So that is the -- I understand what you're trying  
3 to get at and it applies to that sentence.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I will make  
5 that citation more clear.

6 RADM SMITH: Yes.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: And I'll revise  
8 it to make that citation more clear.

9 RADM SMITH: Okay, thank you.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

11 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: And I  
12 appreciate the clarification. Because like I  
13 said, the value of this Panel is that everybody  
14 has a different perspective and I certainly don't  
15 understand all of them. I have learned so much.

16 Nondangerous -- just making note.

17 Okay, from there, we moved into use  
18 trusted sources to --

19 Okay, moving on. So we went into use  
20 trusted sources to prove objects near their  
21 working areas. So, as Army Corps, Coast Guard,  
22 and others are in those areas, use them to prove

1 objects, where they are.

2 Also use satellite and aerial  
3 photogrammetric -- I knew I was going to say that  
4 wrong -- photogrammetric -- yes, you know what I  
5 mean -- to prove the existence position of  
6 objects. And then we go into a few examples.

7 And further comment that this is a  
8 low-cost, low-overhead method of detecting wrecks  
9 and obstructions in clear water. It won't  
10 suffice for disprovals but it will help declutter  
11 the chart.

12 Any other comments or questions,  
13 clarifications in this section?

14 (No response.)

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, moving  
16 right along to Small Craft Charts.

17 There was a question about do the red  
18 arrows indicate north for each chart panel? It  
19 is not clear. The orientation of each chart  
20 panel does not necessarily mean the chart panel  
21 orientation is north up.

22 And I kind of laughed at this comment

1 because I think that is kind of the whole point  
2 of fixing this problem is that that is a problem  
3 for everyone and we couldn't even necessarily  
4 understand it was depicted in the plan.

5           RADM SMITH: We need a better caption  
6 on that.

7           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

8           RADM SMITH: Okay.

9           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I think the  
10 point of the image was to show how confusing it  
11 is and it did, it was successful.

12           And then someone put why not make  
13 small craft chart available in KMZ format.  
14 Google Earth has apps for Android and iPhone. It  
15 would be an easy way to get charts into  
16 georeferenced format that people are already  
17 accustomed to using.

18           Another comment on making an S-series  
19 of charts. I thought this was interesting. Make  
20 small-scale small craft ENC's and RNC's as insets  
21 or overlays to a distinct set of larger scale  
22 charts, much in the same manner that BOEM lease

1 blocks in the Gulf of Mexico are overlaid on A-  
2 series charts. This would put charts together in  
3 a reasonable, logical manner without cluttering  
4 up existing charts or distracting commercial  
5 vessel masters. And a couple examples were  
6 provided there.

7 Are there any questions or further  
8 discussion on small craft charts?

9 (No response.)

10 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: All right,  
11 Section 5. We have a lot to say about U.S. Army  
12 Corps of Engineers Data for Ship Channels.

13 There was just kind of a general  
14 comment which I think we have been saying for a  
15 number of years was the discussion of Army Corps  
16 issues and pleased that the issues are discussed  
17 openly in the National Charting Plan. There is  
18 no reason these two major government bodies  
19 tasked with hydrographic surveys should not  
20 consult with one another for improvement and  
21 standardization.

22 And kind of a general call that all

1 Army Corps districts, whose products overlap NOS  
2 charts should be part of this National Charting  
3 Plan development. They should be committing to  
4 timeframes for adoption of eHydro delivery  
5 method/schedules. And again, I think this was  
6 one of those areas where I know some Panel  
7 members were like hey, who can tell the Army  
8 Corps what to do here and figuring out our best  
9 mechanism for providing the feedback and the  
10 importance we feel on this area.

11 There was an acknowledgment about  
12 budget reductions necessitating more cooperation  
13 and resource sharing, suggests setting up  
14 dedicated points of contact, specific  
15 communication protocols between the entities.

16 Again, further coordination suggested  
17 set up site visits and/or virtual tours,  
18 including horizontal and vertical datums, and  
19 just recognizing the complex task and that  
20 multiple sessions may be necessary.

21 Further, we go on to say that Army  
22 Corps Districts must -- that's a strong word --

1 adopt and adhere to consistent quality standards  
2 between districts and within individual districts  
3 for the delivery of their products to NOAA, so  
4 that NOAA has the confidence in the use of the  
5 Army Corps data for charts.

6 We go into that a little bit further,  
7 the concern about being in different datums and I  
8 know Gary actually has a comment to add on datums  
9 and moving to new datums.

10 Serious focus will be required to  
11 ensure that Army Corps and NOAA data are  
12 compatible and of adequate quality for nautical  
13 charting.

14 On the next page, we say given that  
15 Army Corps-controlled depth channels are some the  
16 most navigationally significant waters in the  
17 nation; suggest working with the U.S. Army Corps  
18 to ensure better-than-CATZOC B coverage is  
19 obtained during all routine channel condition  
20 surveys. This may be as simple as collecting  
21 sidescan sonar data and sending it to a  
22 designated NOAA unit.



1           If a contractor hired by the Army  
2 Corps for channel condition surveys is also a  
3 trusted NOAA contractor, then the Army Corps may  
4 specify object detection surveying as part of the  
5 scope of the channel condition surveys, and that  
6 the contractor shall process object detection  
7 data in accordance with NOS specifications and  
8 submit the object detection data for review, as  
9 an effort to save effort on the part of all  
10 organizations and be more cost-effective.

11           For distributing NOAA, U.S. Coast  
12 Guard aids to navigation and Army Corps-  
13 controlled channel updates simultaneously;  
14 suggest linking the distribution website to  
15 Notice for Mariners, which is where people  
16 already go to look for updates.

17           Important to recognize that eHydro is  
18 an Esri-based distribution format, not a set of  
19 survey specifications and deliverables.  
20 Incorporating eHydro deliverables must be  
21 considered as a separate item and eHydro will not  
22 replace serious discussions on survey quality and

1 survey specifications.

2 Army Corps has declared that only data  
3 from eHydro should be used. This is a good step  
4 but how will this affect getting data from the  
5 districts that do not use eHydro onto the charts?

6 And need to determine a fixed time  
7 line for the eHydro rollout.

8 That's an overview of a really big  
9 section. What do we need to discuss?

10 I know there's something. Come on,  
11 guys.

12 CHAIR HANSON: So, I'll go ahead --  
13 this is Bill Hanson -- and just offer something I  
14 shared by email here. You know as an Advisory  
15 Committee to NOAA, I think we have to be careful  
16 about advising the Corps of Engineers. It's very  
17 easy for the Corps to ignore this or not even pay  
18 attention to it.

19 So, if we can rephrase comments or  
20 have them from the NOAA perspective, I think it  
21 would be more appropriate.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: How do you all

1       feel about -- I mean some of these things do  
2       require change on the part of Army Corps. Is  
3       there a better mechanism to get that message over  
4       to them or is it just that we need to word it  
5       carefully so that it doesn't seem out of place or  
6       off-putting?

7                   MEMBER KELLY: Susan, this is Dave  
8       Kelly here. I kind of agree with Bill. We can  
9       advise NOAA, not the Corps. And I think our  
10      instructions should be that we recommend to NOAA  
11      to effect the coordination that is necessary with  
12      the Corps and just kind of do a work-around a  
13      little bit that way.

14                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Shep?

15                   RADM SMITH: Yes, I guess I think what  
16      Bill suggested is very helpful in that these are  
17      things that -- you know you are advising NOAA.  
18      So these are things that we can do or even more  
19      specifically what should be in the Charting Plan.  
20      Because we are specifically talking -- it's not  
21      that some of these recommendations should not be  
22      good recommendations to NOAA in general or in a

1 different context, but in the context of the  
2 Charting Plan and how we should handle different  
3 types of data, et cetera, I think we should focus  
4 on the issues that can be responded to or  
5 included in the Charting Plan in this  
6 recommendation about the Charting Plan.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: One of the --  
8 I agree. And most of these comments were kind of  
9 cut and pasted and put in as they came in from  
10 individual Panel members.

11 So I know that many individual Panel  
12 members feel something needs to happen at the  
13 Army Corps level. And one of the overarching  
14 comments that Joyce had, I think, this is a  
15 National Charting Plan, not just a NOAA Charting  
16 Plan. And how do we make it a National Charting  
17 Plan that includes the other relevant agencies  
18 more, possibly, so that we actually can achieve  
19 what's necessary for that interagency  
20 coordination?

21 RADM SMITH: Again, I'm trying to --  
22 this is an ongoing conversation.

1 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

2 RADM SMITH: The conversation has  
3 moved significantly with the Army Corps, since  
4 the last time we spoke about it but I want to  
5 resist the opportunity, the temptation to update  
6 you on it now because we'll do that in September.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: What would be  
8 most helpful to you, in your relationships with  
9 the Army Corps --

10 RADM SMITH: I think not pissing them  
11 off would be good.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: All right.

13 RADM SMITH: We have enough levers to  
14 do that on our own.

15 So I mean you guys can -- you know  
16 report whatever -- recommend whatever you want.  
17 That's your prerogative.

18 Those things that are not relevant to  
19 the National Charting Plan that are in here may  
20 still be good recommendations that we will take  
21 under advisement in different contexts and that's  
22 fine.

1 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, so there are  
3 several fairly significant sections on Army Corps  
4 of Engineer data in the plan and I think that the  
5 recommendations were sort of all bounced off of  
6 those sections but probably worth taking a  
7 careful look to make sure that they do, indeed,  
8 respond to those sections in the plan, where  
9 they're provided as recommendations for the plan.

10 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Is there a  
11 Panel member who feels strongly about this  
12 section that would like to take a crack at  
13 rewording it?

14 I'm asking for help because I know we  
15 need to get these comments finalized and  
16 submitted Monday. I mean as soon as possible.

17 And if there somebody who has better  
18 relations or better insight into Army Corps that  
19 could help me with that, that would expedite the  
20 process.

21 CHAIR HANSON: I could try, Susan.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Thanks, Bill.

1           RADM SMITH: So as far as the timing,  
2 we have officially extended the comment period to  
3 July first but you know whenever you are ready to  
4 give them would be great.

5           MEMBER HALL: Yes, because I avoided  
6 putting out the thing for precision navigation  
7 because I didn't want to undo Susan's good work.  
8 So I hope you don't say I owe that paper to the  
9 Panel by July first.

10           So we can say by Monday for Susan,  
11 then I can put out my message for precision  
12 navigation on Tuesday.

13           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I mean,  
14 honestly, I would like to just -- I don't want to  
15 delay until July first. I've got a window of  
16 time next week that I can focus on this a bit and  
17 I would like to get it wrapped up and move on.

18           So, thank you, Bill, for volunteering  
19 for that.

20           Next is Section 6, Vision for the  
21 Future of --

22           RADM SMITH: Can I make one comment?

1 Because this has come up with NOAA contractors a  
2 couple of times. When we say NOAA survey, we  
3 mean NOAA surveys that include our contractors,  
4 right, not just by NOAA employees on NOAA  
5 vessels.

6 So just to clarify, when we say a NOAA  
7 survey or NOAA source, we make no distinction in  
8 our processes between a survey that was done by  
9 our own field units and those done by under  
10 contract to us for that purpose.

11 So, I know we have got several  
12 comments in here where it says and contractors.  
13 Like I said, I just wanted to clarify that.

14 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Great. Any  
15 further discussion there are you going to wait,  
16 Bill, and fill in my edits on that section?  
17 Because there were other meaty things, if you  
18 want to discuss.

19 Okay, moving on to 6, Vision for the  
20 Future of the Nautical Charting. A general  
21 comment that came here was the time horizon of  
22 this vision is unclear.



1                   6.1 --

2                   RADM SMITH: Do you have a  
3 recommendation?

4                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Perhaps  
5 clarifying the time line, I guess. I know this  
6 came up with the recreational boaters where  
7 people, in absence of seeing a timeline, they  
8 invented their own. They said you're making  
9 these --

10                  RADM SMITH: Next year.

11                  MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: -- changes next  
12 year!

13                  So you know people see future and to  
14 me, honestly, I think sometimes with federal  
15 agencies it is so rare to see this vision of the  
16 future that people didn't know if this is set in  
17 stone. Is this absolutely happening? Is it  
18 happening tomorrow or is this happening in ten  
19 years? Is this a maybe if things develop in this  
20 area or is this a we're laying the groundwork and  
21 putting the steps in place?

22                  RADM SMITH: I think it's all of those

1 things and without the firm -- so, we could  
2 clarify we don't have firm plans or timelines on  
3 any of these things but this is generally the  
4 direction we see this happening over the course  
5 of the next decade or more.

6 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, so I mean  
7 I wouldn't want to handcuff yourself to specific  
8 timelines. I think it's great that you are  
9 exploring just a future vision. But maybe if  
10 there is a way to clarify over the next decade or  
11 --

12 MEMBER HALL: Yes, I would say at  
13 least the next five to ten. There needs to be  
14 something there because if it is 20 to 30 years,  
15 then it is things that folks will decide never  
16 gets done because of changes in administration,  
17 changes in people and place. But five to ten is  
18 doable, potentially. I don't know how doable it  
19 is for you, Shep, but I know that that is an  
20 important thing if you will read this to  
21 understand kind of you are going to make strides  
22 over the next decade, fine, but I think it's

1 important to have that in there.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, I mean for  
3 Panel members that may not know, the recreational  
4 boating community was very quiet on the document  
5 and in the last two or three weeks, it's like  
6 they only read the last section. They missed all  
7 the earlier part.

8 RADM SMITH: Perhaps that was all that  
9 was forwarded to them.

10 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: They missed all  
11 of the earlier part that talked about all of the  
12 immediate changes. And if you had read those,  
13 you would understand that RNCs weren't going away  
14 next year but they only read the vision and  
15 panicked. So.

16 MR. HARMON: Hello? I don't know if  
17 you can hear me. This is Colby Harmon.

18 RADM SMITH: Hi, Colby.

19 MR. HARMON: Hi. So I just dialed in  
20 a couple of minutes ago and yes, we did get a  
21 flood of comments from recreational boaters.

22 I think we -- well, I know we

1 intentionally left that section vague because it  
2 was not as much a prediction as a recognition of  
3 a trend. And I don't think there was any call  
4 for us to take action. It was just us  
5 recognizing that, over time, paper charts will  
6 become less and less important and it is  
7 something we should think about.

8 So, you know it would be impossible to  
9 predict when paper charts are going to go away,  
10 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 years from now. So, I think we  
11 can certainly clarify in the next edition that  
12 this is not an imminent decision. We haven't  
13 already decided to do -- we have not decided to  
14 do away with paper charts but there is a time in  
15 the future where that is likely to happen.

16 That's all that that section said and used big  
17 words like likely to, et cetera. Because the  
18 blogs that quoted or didn't really even quote the  
19 Nautical Charting Plan made assumptions about  
20 what those words meant, it sort of riled up the  
21 recreational boaters.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I think there

1 is a way to just clarify -- you know you all look  
2 at what products get used, at what rate, and you  
3 are going to have products that meet the wide  
4 variety needs.

5 That is what the next comment gets to:  
6 recreational boating community has had a strong  
7 reaction to the concept of sunseting paper  
8 charts. While more and more boaters are  
9 accessing chart products online and via digital  
10 means, there is still a large user base of the  
11 traditional paper chart products. Echoing the  
12 HSRP's --

13 RADM SMITH: Is that true or are they  
14 using ESB chart kits?

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: When I say  
16 traditional paper chart products, that is they  
17 may not be using a large format printed print-on-  
18 demand NOAA chart but they may be using a chart  
19 book or some third-party provider that --

20 RADM SMITH: So we very clearly mean  
21 those official chart products that are suitable  
22 for -- that meet carriage requirements that are

1 printed to a performance standard by our POD  
2 providers --

3 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right.

4 RADM SMITH: -- period.

5 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right.

6 RADM SMITH: That's what we mean by  
7 traditional paper charts.

8 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

9 RADM SMITH: So those paper products  
10 that are derived by private sector companies from  
11 our digital products are not affected by this.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, I know.

13 RADM SMITH: So, I think that's where  
14 we need to clarify and that is what keeps getting  
15 missed here.

16 Even the articles talking about how  
17 valuable paper charts are, none of them showed  
18 the picture of paper chart that would be affected  
19 by this.

20 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right.

21 RADM SMITH: They all showed some very  
22 nice waterproof chart or a chart kit or

1 something.

2 So I think we recognize we will need  
3 to clarify.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

5 RADM SMITH: So, we take your point.

6 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: The photo in  
7 our press release had an actual NOAA chart and,  
8 I'm the hand model.

9 RADM SMITH: Thank you. That was your  
10 hand?

11 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: That was my  
12 hand. I will tell you that chart is framed and  
13 on our office wall. It's not on a vessel because  
14 more people use them as art but that's a separate  
15 issue.

16 RADM SMITH: Okay, so maybe we can  
17 just take a quick break.

18 So Colby Harmon, I wanted to  
19 introduce, is the main -- the lead editor on the  
20 National Charting Plan and his day job is on staff  
21 at the Marine Chart Division.

22 Oh, and Carol, welcome. Carol

1 Lockhart is a Panel member.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: So just ending  
3 this section --

4 MR. HARMON: Good afternoon.

5 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: -- ending this  
6 section here, the main message on the  
7 recreational boater perspective, and I think Shep  
8 has heard it loud and clear but to have it in  
9 there is that data for recreational boaters must  
10 continue to be available in a variety of formats,  
11 including paper charts.

12 And when I say paper charts, I mean a  
13 way that people can have a chart printed on  
14 paper. It doesn't have to be the large format,  
15 traditional print on demand vendor product. We  
16 just need to be able to have a way for the person  
17 that wants a paper printout to get the data onto  
18 a piece of paper.

19 RADM SMITH: I think my father is the  
20 last one that uses official NOAA charts on a  
21 recreational boat.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: No, in some of



1 the interviews I did last week I said, okay,  
2 Memorial Day I was out with my family. We had  
3 three references onboard. We had a cruising  
4 guide. We had our chart book, and we had an app  
5 on our phone. And all were third-party products.  
6 All served us very well but none of them were a  
7 paper chart in that traditional sense.

8           RADM SMITH: So we are looking to  
9 optimize -- I mean so we don't need to clarify  
10 again but we're looking to optimize our  
11 production system to serve those products that  
12 are actually in use.

13           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes.

14           Moving on to 6.2, Port ECDIS/Port ENC.  
15 The future of nautical charts should reflect the  
16 discussions of the Port ECDIS/Port ENC, which  
17 comply with the latest international standards  
18 for metrification and bathymetry density, at  
19 least every meter, starting from 30 meters  
20 inland. Additionally, this product should have a  
21 real-time weather data overlay. These elements  
22 are the foundation of precision navigation in

1 ports and channels.

2 This is Sal's comment and I am  
3 wondering if does this, here, cover what we were  
4 talking earlier about with regards to density and  
5 the 30 meters.

6 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, this is  
7 correct. This is Sal.

8 I would remove that starting from 30  
9 meters inland, probably, because that is the  
10 thing that confuses.

11 So yes, I think this is reflecting the  
12 same thing we see on page 8.

13 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, do you  
14 want me to move it? We had put it here because  
15 we thought it was more vision -- it was more  
16 future-looking. I just want to make sure I'm not  
17 being redundant. Tell me where to put it.

18 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, just -- I think  
19 it should stay as a future chart status but  
20 please remove that starting from 30 meters  
21 inland, that part.

22 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: So remove --

1                   MEMBER RASSELLO: Remove the part  
2 saying starting from 30 meters inland.

3                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: So just have  
4 the sentence say, which comply with the latest  
5 international standards for metrification and  
6 bathymetry, period?

7                   MR. ARMSTRONG: So after meter,  
8 period.

9                   MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, after every  
10 meter.

11                   Okay, remove the part which says --  
12 after density at least every meter; up to there  
13 that's fine. And then you remove the part says,  
14 starting from 30 meters inland.

15                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: So, it ends  
16 with density every --

17                   MEMBER RASSELLO: No -- every meter,  
18 yes.

19                   MR. HARMON: So what that is saying  
20 now is that we would have one meter density to  
21 the bottom of the ocean all the way out.

22                   MR. ARMSTRONG: No, all the way in is

1 what he means.

2 MEMBER RASSELLO: What it means for  
3 the ECDIS to work on a precise navigation, the  
4 ECDIS needs to have bathymetries at every meter  
5 in closed water, not in the open ocean.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, for port ENC's,  
7 right?

8 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes, for port ENC's.

9 CAPT BRENNAN: I thought that there  
10 was internal discussions at least about that but  
11 I think the intent to address contour intervals  
12 was going to be addressed in the next version of  
13 the National Chart Plan. But I know that  
14 internally that was discussed and that we were  
15 going to follow IHO. There is an IHO  
16 specification that talks about that interval  
17 which addresses I think what Sal's concern is. I  
18 mean that's esoteric, as far as your comments go.

19 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: And this is in  
20 that forward-looking part of the plan.

21 Section 7, Open Data and Marine  
22 Spatial Data Infrastructure. Is the MSDI a

1 bathymetric database for all data submitted to  
2 NOAA, all data from NOAA sources only or only  
3 OCS? Would suggest a wider field than just OCS  
4 data. Database is critical for Marine Spatial  
5 Data Infrastructure.

6 Any questions or comments on that?

7 I have one additional comment from  
8 Gary which I think is an excellent one and  
9 represents the diversity of the Panel. Gary had  
10 a comment on the change in datums in 2022. His  
11 comment was in 2022, the National Geodetic Survey  
12 will replace NAD 83 and NAVD 88 with new  
13 horizontal and vertical datums. I recommend that  
14 the plan include information, how this change  
15 will impact the charts, and an overview of a  
16 transition plan utilizing the new datums.

17 We were debating where to put this in  
18 our comments and we think in the Vision for the  
19 Future, it probably could go there, unless we  
20 think it needs to be more in the immediate time,  
21 as opposed to the time frame unknown section.

22 Does anyone have comments on that or

1 thoughts on where it should go?

2 RADM SMITH: For your comments, if you  
3 have overarching things like that, then you don't  
4 have to decide. You can let us figure out where  
5 it should go. Just make note of the datum  
6 change.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: All right, we  
8 can do that.

9 That wraps up going through the  
10 comments as we had summarized them.

11 Are there any comments that anyone had  
12 that they didn't send to me or brilliant thoughts  
13 that came up while listening today?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, I have  
16 that Andy is going to help me on a section on --

17 RADM SMITH: Before we go to wrap-up,  
18 should we turn the floor back to Bill, who can  
19 open the floor for public comments?

20 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: That would be  
21 wonderful.

22 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, I think we are

1 supposed to open for public comment now. And so  
2 Gwen or Tatiana can tell us do we have any  
3 requests for public comment.

4 RADM SMITH: So we may have some  
5 written or we may, if we unmute everyone --

6 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: So, currently  
7 there is nobody in the chat who has comments but  
8 if you have one, would you please go ahead and  
9 send one there?

10 So we have I think that there are four  
11 or five public people on the call. So Shana  
12 Kinsey-Carlson, if you have comments, would you  
13 let us know? And if you don't, could you just  
14 send a chat that says no comment?

15 And Nathan Wardwell, the same thing.  
16 And James Haussener, welcome, by the way. We're  
17 glad to have you on. And John Mongoven, if any  
18 of you guys would like to make a comment, we  
19 would welcome you.

20 And if I missed any other public  
21 folks, I apologize.

22 But Carol, if you wanted to say

1 anything, I know you're on. If you want to self-  
2 unmute, you are welcome. We would welcome your  
3 comments.

4 So, Shana Kinsey-Carlson, if you are  
5 on the -- if you have logged in through the  
6 webinar, you would make a comment at this point.  
7 And Rachel, also, if you had a comment you wanted  
8 to make, that is, I think later.

9 Okay, I see no chats. I see no  
10 questions.

11 RADM SMITH: Wait we had a question or  
12 something.

13 Jim Haussener has a question that we  
14 are going to try and make bigger so we can read  
15 it.

16 I wanted to see if there were any  
17 questions.

18 RADM SMITH: I thought there was some  
19 --

20 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I thought there  
21 was one.

22 RADM SMITH: I saw one from Jim but



1 now it's gone.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I thought there  
3 was one, too.

4 RADM SMITH: Go back to the top?

5 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Go back to the  
6 attendees and we will unmute anybody else who  
7 wants to be unmuted.

8 RADM SMITH: Jim, we can't figure it  
9 out but I think you sent a question or a chat.  
10 Are you now able to talk?

11 MR. HAUSSENER: I am able to talk.  
12 Whether or not you can hear me is always the  
13 difference.

14 RADM SMITH: We just got you unmuted.  
15 So, please say what you were going to say.  
16 Welcome.

17 MR. HAUSSENER: Thank you. There is  
18 just a lot of stuff in there but a couple of  
19 questions. One is I didn't see anywhere  
20 reference to crowdsourced data and I know that  
21 Admiral Glang and I talked about that several  
22 years ago but, since that time, the makers of the

1 hardware, et cetera, have been doing a lot to  
2 collect data from their customers, their  
3 recreational boaters or commercial boaters, in  
4 order to provide that. I didn't see any  
5 references to if NOAA is going to be using any of  
6 that material after you do the appropriate QA/QC  
7 or not.

8           RADM SMITH: Okay, thank you for your  
9 comment. I think we should address that in some  
10 fashion in the Charting Plan.

11           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I know that the  
12 Panel members, I think we briefly discussed it in  
13 Seattle. There was some confusion about what  
14 elements were part of the Charting Plan and what  
15 elements are part of other documents that we have  
16 seen early drafts of. And I know that  
17 crowdsourced data was part of some other efforts  
18 as well.

19           And Joyce made that comment, too: We  
20 should make it clear that this is the Charting  
21 Plan only, unless it would make sense to combine  
22 this with other documents.

1           MR. HAUSSENER:  And then the other  
2           question or comment I had was you talk about how  
3           NOAA is doing weekly updates of ENC and RNC  
4           products.  And the question was what is a  
5           mechanism to get the third-party vendors then to  
6           push that out?  I mean if NOAA is doing your  
7           weekly updates, how is it getting to the ultimate  
8           consumer of that data, if the vendors -- and say  
9           I have got an Android phone.  The vendors don't  
10          always provide all the updates that Google  
11          provides.  How are you guys going to create a  
12          mechanism to get that information out to the end  
13          user?

14          RADM SMITH:  That's a great comment  
15          and one that we are very concerned about.  And I  
16          don't know how much we have about sort of  
17          dissemination issues or downstream issues in  
18          here.  I think not much.

19          MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER:  Yes.  I can say  
20          I'm not sure exactly which users you are most  
21          concerned with but I know BoatUS has asked that  
22          question a couple of times and we are actually

1 contemplating a couple activities to investigate  
2 who is using the latest data and how old is the  
3 data that is being used, to see if we can get a  
4 better understanding of that.

5 As I understand it, NOAA is not able  
6 to see or maybe not able to share who pulls the  
7 data how frequently. Because I would absolutely  
8 love to know which third party products are using  
9 the latest data that is available. It's a very  
10 good point.

11 RADM SMITH: Yes, I don't want to  
12 answer -- I don't want to get too deep into this  
13 now but we don't control that.

14 I would say the people that are in the  
15 driver's seat on that are the consumers of those  
16 unregulated products.

17 MR. HAUSSENER: Thank you.

18 RADM SMITH: But can we -- we'll take  
19 a note to comment on for both crowdsourcing and  
20 dissemination as potential areas to touch on in  
21 the Charting Plan, if only to refer to say that  
22 we're not dealing with that in this plan because

1       there are other documents afoot as well.

2                       So, thank you, Jim.

3                       MR. HAUSSENER: Thank you.

4                       RADM SMITH: Are there any other --  
5       sorry to jump on you, Bill, here. We seem to  
6       have the technology going now to have other  
7       people chime in. Is there anyone else that would  
8       like to comment?

9                       MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Also I know we  
10      have a couple of members who haven't said  
11      anything and may want to comment. I think Ed  
12      Saade, he might be muted or self-muted, and  
13      Carol, and Larry Atkinson is on the line, too.  
14      We have a bunch of people on.

15                      MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Any other  
16      comments?

17                      I have notes that Andy is going to  
18      help me on Section 3.4, clarifying -- under Chart  
19      Tabulations, clarifying having not to go to the  
20      Army Corps of Engineers to get channel depth  
21      data. So, Andy, I will follow-up with you on  
22      that.

1           And then, Bill, we can work together  
2           to tackle how to reword the Army Corps sections  
3           more diplomatically.

4           CHAIR HANSON: Fair enough.

5           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Any other  
6           comments, at this time?

7           RADM SMITH: Thank you, Susan for  
8           taking us through that. That was great.

9           CHAIR HANSON: Yes, thank you, Susan.  
10          And if I was there with you, as I promised I  
11          would be, I would give you a high-five. So I  
12          will give you a virtual high-five and a standing  
13          ovation for all your hard work on this so far.  
14          Thank you.

15          So, obviously, the Charting Plan is  
16          extremely important to NOS and NOAA and the  
17          public. So, it is good to see this progress and  
18          also the participation of the Panel and the  
19          public.

20          I guess it's okay now to go ahead and  
21          jump into our updates on other HSRP work. And if  
22          I could briefly just talk about some things that

1 have happened since I -- things we have been  
2 working on since our Seattle meeting. We have  
3 submitted our letter to the new administrator or  
4 the person acting in a very, very long title of  
5 Mr. Friedman right now. But as it gets sent  
6 down, along with the three issue papers, total of  
7 11 recommendations. We had five recommendations  
8 coming from our Recreational Boating Issue Paper.  
9 We had three recommendations from our Surveying  
10 and Charting in U.S. Channels paper and three  
11 more from the Improving Access for U.S. Nautical  
12 Charts.

13 So, again, I really appreciate a lot  
14 of participation and input on those documents,  
15 some of which we have been talking about for  
16 quite some time. So, it's good to get those  
17 done.

18 We have several other issue papers in  
19 the works and I'm glad to ask some of the authors  
20 to weigh in and give a brief summary. The first  
21 one is precision navigation. Kim, do you have an  
22 opportunity to just give us a quick update on

1 where that stands?

2 MEMBER HALL: Yes, the Planning and  
3 Engagement Group talked about this last month.  
4 And my annotated or other built-out outline is  
5 soon to be accessible to most and I got some  
6 comments back from Lawson, and Andy, and a couple  
7 of others.

8 I was going to put it out right after  
9 that meeting but then I did not want to, very  
10 truthfully, Susan, I didn't want to co-op the  
11 time that people were putting into the  
12 Charting Plan.

13 So my plan is as soon as we decide  
14 that we are going to sign-off on all those  
15 comments, I will put it back out for comment. It  
16 is a little bit more meaty now, looking a little  
17 bit more final. But I didn't want to be a rah-  
18 rah person. So, I didn't want to get too much  
19 into it if there was somebody who really had some  
20 heartache about what it looked like.

21 So, I will get that back out to the  
22 group next week, hopefully, and hopefully, we



1 will be able to talk about it at the next  
2 Planning and Engagement Work Group meeting, which  
3 will be in July, on July 14th, I believe. So,  
4 hopefully, we will have this ready to go and it  
5 will be a pretty easy sign-off when we get to our  
6 meeting in September.

7 CHAIR HANSON: Terrific. Thanks, Kim  
8 and thanks for deferring to our Charting Plan  
9 Group as well.

10 Certainly, yes, you have noticed over  
11 your time on the Panel that we can handle quite a  
12 few things at a time but not everything at once.  
13 So, I appreciate that.

14 We have a Technology Issue paper  
15 underway. Ed Saade or -- I know Lindsay's not  
16 on. Ed, are you able to update us on that?

17 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: So, Ed wrote us  
18 a note that he thought you guys did a great job  
19 and, for some reason, Ed, you are self-muted. I  
20 have tried to unmute you but I'm not able to and  
21 I believe that that is what that is. Tatiana is  
22 sitting here and nodding at me.

1           So, if you could try to unmute  
2 yourself or you could call my cell phone and I  
3 could put you on the speaker. But he actually  
4 had some comments for us.

5           Sorry, we're just not able to get him.  
6 He said he could hear us perfectly well.

7           CHAIR HANSON: Okay. Well, we know  
8 that it has still got some work to do and it's  
9 being developed. So we will get the update from  
10 Ed at the next opportunity.

11           We also have other items of interest  
12 that may or may not end up in papers but are  
13 certainly part of discussion. There is interest  
14 in a possible P3 paper, that being a public-  
15 private partnership and it's applicability to  
16 NOAA and NOS products.

17           And there has also been some  
18 discussion and something I think will probably  
19 develop over time as well is interest in  
20 autonomous systems, externally-sourced data, as  
21 we just discussed, and then continued discussion  
22 of surveying in harbors and channels in

1 partnership with the Corps, which, getting  
2 updates on that on a frequent basis from Admiral  
3 Smith, who has been quite helpful to see the  
4 progress in that relationship, as important as it  
5 is.

6 So, where we are at, our next meeting  
7 is September. And I think, Admiral Smith, do you  
8 want to update us on the agenda there?

9 RADM SMITH: Yes, Lynne, do you have  
10 that up?

11 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes, I do.

12 RADM SMITH: Does everyone have the --  
13 can everyone see it or have a copy of the draft  
14 agenda?

15 MEMBER KELLY: Yes.

16 RADM SMITH: Okay, great.

17 So we have --- there are a few things  
18 to -- I don't want to go through this line by  
19 line but I think there is a few things to  
20 highlight here.

21 One is that we, instead of having one  
22 day of sort of field trip activities, we are

1 proposing to do that in two half days, to do one  
2 trip up to the University of New Hampshire for an  
3 afternoon tour there; then do another half day of  
4 meetings and panels; and then do an on-the-water  
5 demo of unmanned systems. And so that, I think  
6 we were reacting to what felt like perhaps a bit  
7 of meeting fatigue from some really long days.  
8 And I think this is a nice way to sort of break  
9 that up.

10 And on the day of the on-the-water  
11 tour, we will end that day down by the water,  
12 where we often have a -- when we're up in New  
13 Hampshire for the annual review, we often do a  
14 waterfront picnic. And so we can end the day  
15 with a cookout and a picnic in a beautiful spot  
16 on the coast there. So that's one thing to note.

17 I am interested in your feedback on a  
18 Panel -- on a session on unmanned systems. We  
19 proposed this as timely because of the University  
20 of New Hampshire's new sort of research focus on  
21 control and other research topics associated with  
22 unmanned surface vehicles for hydrography and the

1 fact that we will be doing a demo there. So we  
2 put together a block to have that be a theme,  
3 overall, for the -- one theme overall for the  
4 meeting but would welcome any guidance you have  
5 on, one, the scope of that; whether we keep it  
6 fairly narrow to hydrographic systems, do it more  
7 broadly to include user applications, or other  
8 types of unmanned systems. A buoy, after all, or  
9 a satellite is also an unmanned system. So we  
10 can do this at any level.

11 So maybe we can have comments on that  
12 now. Any thoughts?

13 MEMBER HALL: Hi, it's Kim. I just  
14 saw that they put the Arctic Panel or the other  
15 update there. I think it's really important for  
16 this, one, to be at the top and I will speak for  
17 Lindsay as well because we talked about this. It  
18 has been a subject that has been on our minds.  
19 We had hoped to do it in Seattle and it didn't  
20 make the cut.

21 I think it is important to do it here,  
22 especially if we are going to see a system later

1 on, that it is great to have an intro for those  
2 folks who aren't aware. Because if we see the  
3 thing zoom around on the water, that might not  
4 mean much to folks until we understand what the  
5 applications on it are. So I think it is really  
6 important to try to do this the first day at the  
7 time that is noted here. So, I just wanted to  
8 put that out there.

9 And I think that maybe we could -- it  
10 sounds like you can go wide and far or you can  
11 got a little bit in depth with the hydrographic  
12 one. I would assume, and I know Ed can't speak  
13 up right now, but I know that at least Lindsay  
14 has interest in kind of all the ways that NOAA  
15 could use the autonomous boats.

16 But there is also the concern, and I  
17 don't think Lawson's on, about the future where  
18 ships will be autonomous.

19 So I think we should probably try to  
20 limit what we talk about here and I think right  
21 now I think it is a great opportunity, especially  
22 if the demo we are going to see is a hydrographic

1 boat, then maybe leave it to that, so that we  
2 don't get a little bit inundated and maybe our  
3 next meeting we can do the next subject on  
4 autonomous systems.

5 RADM SMITH: All right, any other  
6 comments?

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: This is Carol. Can  
8 you guys hear me okay?

9 RADM SMITH: Yes, we can hear you,  
10 Carol.

11 MEMBER LOCKHART: Okay, good. Sorry,  
12 I don't have my headset so I wanted to make sure.

13 I think this is going to be good, as  
14 Kim just said. I think it will be interesting  
15 for folks that aren't as familiar with these  
16 systems, if we can have somebody talk, like  
17 Thomas Chance, who is using a bigger system. And  
18 then if we can have the NOAA Z-Boat or something  
19 smaller more explained.

20 And then I think TerraSond has a  
21 really great presentation on how to use data from  
22 your guys' surveys up in Alaska last year. And I

1 think that's a really compelling presentation  
2 because they talk about some of the issues they  
3 had but they also talk about why it was quite a  
4 success and why they want to keep doing it. And  
5 I think that might be good for folks that don't  
6 understand, necessarily, the technology as well,  
7 but it's a good exploration of why you would want  
8 to do this.

9 So, I would only suggest maybe we  
10 can't see if Andy Orthmann or somebody wants to  
11 give that presentation.

12 And then lastly, I think also hearing  
13 about the software, or vaporware, or whatever I  
14 think is important because when your stockings  
15 run autonomously, the software part is important  
16 as well.

17 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I would agree  
18 with Carol that kind of that summary overview  
19 perspective, to make sure everyone's on the same  
20 page but I do love to see the practical  
21 applications. While I think the depth is nice,  
22 breadth is also nice, too, to really get the full



1 understanding of the possible.

2           RADM SMITH: So if you talk about  
3 unmanned maritime systems then we could go -- I  
4 mean there is a lot of different things. There's  
5 gliders, sort of sail -- many of those things  
6 don't have application to the -- don't have clear  
7 application to the part of NOAA that we are  
8 trusted to discussing.

9           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Keep it  
10 specific to the Tri-Offices, I would say.

11           RADM SMITH: Yes. And that's sort of  
12 where --

13           MEMBER HALL: That's what I was trying  
14 to say, Susan, yes.

15           MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes. Yes, as  
16 cool as it would be to hear about all of it,  
17 let's keep it specific to the applications for  
18 the Tri-Offices. But if there is a way to show  
19 breadth or some diversity in application,  
20 specific examples, that can be really exciting to  
21 see.

22           RADM SMITH: Sure. So, I'll just flag

1 for you all that the TerraSond example is the  
2 same technology and probably the same example  
3 that Thomas Chance would use. So one was from  
4 the surveying company under contract to NOAA that  
5 used an ASV Global unit. The other would --

6 So I think for sort of fairness to the  
7 industry, I think it might be good to break that  
8 up some. Now, it could be that we would rather  
9 hear from TerraSond than from Chance and we don't  
10 need to decide that right now. But if anyone has  
11 any thoughts on that, you could pass those along  
12 to Lynne.

13 And we heard also a suggestion on a  
14 smaller unit from Carol, whether that is a Z-Boat  
15 or otherwise.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, we actually have  
17 some small boats here as well. So we could  
18 potentially add that into the UNH demo.

19 RADM SMITH: Okay, great. Thank you.

20 And Leidos is a contractor that they  
21 are a contractor for NOAA doing survey work and  
22 also a systems developer for the Navy doing

1       unmanned systems. And they were the ones that  
2       put together the Sea Hunter and that was with the  
3       ACTUV. So, it is more of a ship scale with sort  
4       of ship scale issues, integration, and  
5       engineering that is a little bit on the other end  
6       and maybe may start to scratch the itch a little  
7       bit about what the challenge and opportunities  
8       are for unmanned shipping.

9                So any -- I think I'm hearing that we  
10       keep it focused there.

11               So the third application that we  
12       flagged was and maybe RSD would like to chime in  
13       here is that the Remote Sensing Division of  
14       National Geodetic Survey has been experimenting  
15       with a small aircraft for doing small  
16       photogrammetry projects that has some potential  
17       for our applications, particularly in response.

18               Juliana, did you think that is  
19       something promising or is there something else  
20       that you would like to suggest?

21               MS. BLACKWELL: Hello, can you hear  
22       me?

1                   RADM SMITH: Yes, we've got you.

2                   MS. BLACKWELL: Hello.

3                   RADM SMITH: Yes, you are online.

4                   MS. BLACKWELL: Okay, I'm trying to  
5 unmute all the different things. Okay, great.

6                   So the Ebee system I think that you  
7 are referring to, Shep, is a pretty small system  
8 and it is being used now in a research mode to  
9 capture imagery for small areas. I'm not sure  
10 that it fits into what the group is looking for  
11 but I'm really trying to understand a little bit  
12 better what types of systems and is this  
13 something that is in place now or something that  
14 is more futuristic as far as autonomous systems.

15                   So, I'm not sure that the Ebee, from  
16 the Remote Sensing Group here is ideally what  
17 we're looking for because I don't see it being  
18 used for much from a charting perspective because  
19 it's just not really economical for that reason  
20 right now.

21                   But I am really trying to understand  
22 if autonomous systems is much broader and would

1 it encompass anything having to do with  
2 autonomous vehicles and the role that geodesy  
3 perhaps would play in ensuring that information  
4 is accurate from a baseline perspective to an  
5 able autonomous transportation economist system  
6 beyond maritime.

7 RADM SMITH: Any comments from the  
8 Panel?

9 CAPT BRENNAN: Can we see if Ed was  
10 able to get himself unmuted?

11 RADM SMITH: Ed, are you on now?

12 MEMBER SAADE: Yes, can you hear me?

13 RADM SMITH: We've got you. Welcome.

14 MEMBER SAADE: Great. You guys  
15 couldn't hear all the things I said about you.

16 RADM SMITH: Well, you can repeat the  
17 sanitized version now.

18 CAPT BRENNAN: Yes, we could feel you  
19 cursing on the other end, though.

20 MEMBER SAADE: So anyway, don't forget  
21 we have a Tech presentation on Monday and some of  
22 these topics could easily be included in this

1 Technology Working Group presentation on Monday.

2 So whatever other things you want to  
3 talk about relative to the Plan for the  
4 autonomous presentation, let's remember we have  
5 that opportunity to summarize this and Lindsay  
6 should be involved as well.

7 But I agree, we want to make as much  
8 of this applicable to what we're talking about  
9 with NOAA, and charting, and coastal mapping.  
10 And there are autonomous aircraft sensors that we  
11 can include in the discussion that are relevant  
12 to coastal zone mapping, and shoreline mapping,  
13 and that sort of thing.

14 RADM SMITH: Okay. So, I think I  
15 heard the Technology Working Group volunteer to  
16 mature this section of the agenda.

17 MEMBER SAADE: Correct. That's  
18 correct.

19 RADM SMITH: Thank you.

20 CAPT BRENNAN: Lindsay, in particular,  
21 right?

22 RADM SMITH: Lindsay in particular.

1 Thank you, Lindsay.

2 MEMBER HALL: I'm sure he won't have  
3 a problem with that, though.

4 RADM SMITH: So there were a couple of  
5 other suggestions that I think we wanted to get  
6 more clarity on. One was Lawson had suggested  
7 that we have an Arctic priorities focus in this  
8 meeting. Do we have any input on what form that  
9 should take?

10 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: So, Lawson sent  
11 a note saying maybe somebody from Murkowski's  
12 staff might come; maybe somebody from UNH could  
13 talk about the work they're doing in the Arctic;  
14 we could talk about the surveys that we're  
15 planning for next year or out. And he had his  
16 own things that he wanted to update about.

17 MEMBER HALL: Does it need to be a  
18 full panel -- those usually take longer. I don't  
19 want to cut out Lawson's topic or anything like  
20 that but I know sometimes we are wanting for  
21 time. Can it be a presentation where somebody  
22 does a little bit about everything or it gets

1 updated, or let Lawson run the show?

2 I'm just conscious of our time and  
3 where some of the interest this time, especially  
4 when it came to the unmanned systems for the  
5 majority of the group.

6 MEMBER SAADE: I can make a  
7 recommendation. There is an Arctic Ice  
8 Conference of some sort in the middle of July  
9 that some of us are going to be attending. And  
10 it would be probably pretty straightforward to do  
11 a summary of what is discussed at that meeting,  
12 as opposed to an entire panel.

13 MEMBER HALL: I like where your head  
14 is at.

15 RADM SMITH: So we have --

16 CHAIR HANSON: Since this is Lawson's  
17 last meeting, I want to make sure he gets a wrap-  
18 up.

19 MEMBER HALL: Yes, and that is why I  
20 want to find the most kind of effective way to do  
21 it. And I'm not sure a full panel but I want to  
22 make sure that we are hearing about the latest



1 and greatest.

2 So maybe we ask Lawson, give him our  
3 recommendations on what we would like to see and  
4 ask him to put it together, with a time frame in  
5 mind.

6 RADM SMITH: All right, thank you.  
7 Right now, we have an hour on there. Does that  
8 seem about right, more or less?

9 MEMBER SAADE: I think that, myself,  
10 I am a big proponent of Alaska things, I think an  
11 hour dedicated is plenty to get all the points  
12 across.

13 MEMBER HALL: I agree.

14 RADM SMITH: Okay, thank you.

15 And then the next --

16 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Could I --

17 RADM SMITH: Yes.

18 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I just want to  
19 ask you guys to give your input to him and I will  
20 tell him that you guys, we discussed it at this  
21 meeting and he's going to hear some input from  
22 Kim, and from Ed, and maybe others about what --

1 you know so he has some idea about that.

2 MEMBER HALL: Sure thing. Not a  
3 problem.

4 RADM SMITH: So a couple of other  
5 questions on the agenda. We had a request at the  
6 last meeting to do a deep dive on datums. And as  
7 I recall, it was both sort of terrestrial and  
8 tidal datums but I don't think that we've  
9 actually kind of framed that very clearly yet.

10 Does anyone have any clarification or  
11 input on what they would like to see on that?

12 CAPT BRENNAN: Well, I think it was  
13 intended that --

14 MEMBER HALL: This is Kim Hall. I  
15 know that we asked for that and the VDatum  
16 specifically. And what I brought up in Seattle,  
17 I really wanted a presentation like what we saw  
18 from Carol. So, a little bit of mostly 101 and a  
19 little bit of in-depth, but something to kind of  
20 give everybody the same lexicon on the topic and  
21 then we are seeing kind of just general  
22 understanding without boring the folks that

1 really, really know it. So somewhere in-between  
2 but not kind of hitting us over the head with too  
3 much information. And the best thing I can point  
4 to is Carol's presentation to us in Seattle,  
5 something similar to that.

6 RADM SMITH: Okay, who should do that?

7 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: We tentatively  
8 put Juliana and Rich; Rich doing some time on  
9 that.

10 RADM SMITH: Okay. So --

11 MEMBER HALL: Well, I would assume,  
12 between Rich and Juliana, they would be doing it,  
13 right? It would be by request.

14 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I might be able  
15 to get Gary or a state person to weigh in also,  
16 just for a different perspective, have a Panel  
17 member. I don't know how Gary feels about me  
18 volunteering him but --

19 (Simultaneous speaking.)

20 MEMBER HALL: -- in very technical  
21 terms. So I was hoping for something where  
22 somebody gave us that kind of general

1 understanding and then would love to hear from  
2 Gary on kind of the application and how they are  
3 dealing with it, especially in light of the paper  
4 that we did last year.

5 But I would hope that somebody from  
6 the staff because I think you guys kind of know  
7 how to teach us all that, where it is not  
8 completely elementary but it is also not  
9 completely grad school level.

10 MEMBER LOCKHART: Oh, this is Carol  
11 again. If somebody from the staff can't do it, I  
12 would think, I don't know if Dave is online, but  
13 Dave or myself could probably do that for you.

14 But it seems like we should have  
15 somebody that can do this. I don't think it  
16 should be that hard.

17 MEMBER SAADE: I think one of Larry's  
18 students can do it.

19 MEMBER LOCKHART: Oh, there you go.

20 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I was just  
21 going to say that Larry is an UNH professor that  
22 teaches datums for non-geodesists.

1 MEMBER SAADE: There you go.

2 MEMBER LOCKHART: That would be  
3 awesome.

4 MR. EDWING: This is Rich Edwing. Me  
5 and Juliana had discussed this. Like I said, it  
6 seemed to us that you were guys were looking for  
7 a Datums-101, just kind of a general definition  
8 and kind of some of how we generate these datums.

9 Certainly, a student can explain to  
10 you what the datums are. We can give you a  
11 little bit of behind the scenes of how we get --  
12 you know how we kind of from here to there with  
13 providing those. And then we also talk about  
14 kind of where we see things going in the future,  
15 surveying on the ellipsoid, things of that  
16 nature.

17 But if that's not what you're looking  
18 for, I mean, you know let us know.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, this is Andy. I  
20 have to agree that Rich and Juliana are probably  
21 in the best place to do that.

22 MEMBER MAUNE: I agree, and this is

1 David speaking.

2 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Oh, I'm so glad  
3 you could get on.

4 RADM SMITH: All right. I think that  
5 clarifies that. I appreciate that.

6 So we're having a little bit of  
7 trouble cramming everything in, as usual.

8 One of the topics that we discussed,  
9 as we were working on this agenda was do we need  
10 to have the director's update or should we do it  
11 more topical-based, rather than -- and so if you  
12 want to hear an update on our efforts to work  
13 with the Army Corps on improving how we survey  
14 and chart channels, that would be a theme.  
15 Rather than having that be one thing that you  
16 would hear from me, we would talk about that as a  
17 specific topic, or if we want to talk about the  
18 NEEA Study or if we want to talk about -- so, we  
19 could have more specific, narrower, specific  
20 briefings, rather than directors' updates.

21 I know for myself, I put a lot of  
22 things on the table in the last meeting. And

1 those are not -- most of those are still on the  
2 table. So, I don't really want to put anything  
3 else on the table but I would continue to like to  
4 work with you on those topics.

5 And so for me, I am happy to sort of  
6 forego my section of the director's update in  
7 lieu of giving more time for specific discussions  
8 on specific topics.

9 Any other directors have any comments  
10 on that or any comments from the Panel?

11 MEMBER MAUNE: This is Dave Maune.  
12 Can you hear me?

13 RADM SMITH: Yes.

14 MEMBER MAUNE: Okay, you mentioned the  
15 NEEA Study. We have just completed a study for  
16 the State of Florida in which we evaluated both  
17 the requirements and benefits of topographic  
18 lidar, as well as bathymetric lidar. And it's  
19 going to be seen as lessons learned from that as  
20 what will be used to evaluate the 3D Nation  
21 Study, which will include both topographic and  
22 bathymetric lidar.

1 I could get a status briefing on the  
2 lessons learned from the Florida Study on both  
3 topo and bathy lidar, if that would be of  
4 interest to the group.

5 RADM SMITH: I think that would work  
6 very well with maybe an update from Ashley. And  
7 I do know that the scope of work for the NEEA  
8 Study was informed by that Florida Study. And so  
9 I think that would work well to have you and  
10 Ashley tag team that update.

11 MEMBER MAUNE: Okay.

12 RADM SMITH: Thank you.

13 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I would say,  
14 Shep, to your question to us, I would be curious  
15 if Rich and Juliana had additions to add, I think  
16 that the topic-specific-driven organization is  
17 more effective than just the general office  
18 updates. I love the general office updates.  
19 Perhaps if we could get like a little one-page  
20 summary in advance of the meeting to look at so  
21 that if people have questions about specific  
22 things, we can follow-up so that we don't exclude



1 that altogether. But I have found that the  
2 specific topic, organization, or specific request  
3 to be -- it seems to motivate us more  
4 effectively.

5 RADM SMITH: Okay.

6 MEMBER HALL: I agree.

7 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Does anyone  
8 also have similar or opposing thoughts?

9 MEMBER HALL: No, I completely agree  
10 and it is helpful for us to say what can HSRP do  
11 for you or what do we need to be aware of as  
12 things move forward with some of the other  
13 documents that we've seen and looking forward.

14 Obviously, for NGS 2022 could be  
15 important in just kind of understanding how we're  
16 tracking towards that.

17 MS. BLACKWELL: This is Juliana.  
18 Well, we can provide you know, if you want a one-  
19 page handout with information, especially with  
20 NGS and the 2022 update, we put out a quarterly  
21 newsletter on it. So, that would be easy to do.

22 The other thing that our office is

1 involved in doing is providing a read-ahead  
2 highlights of that region, wherever we're  
3 meeting, and try to highlight the activities that  
4 are ongoing there. So, that's a little bit more  
5 information in a broader sense, programmatically.  
6 But that also describes the activities and then,  
7 in this case, it would be in the New England area  
8 that are ongoing. And again, we have been doing  
9 those updates for a while now. So, I'm sure that  
10 we will have it for the September meeting as  
11 well.

12 So, I think we can cover what you all  
13 would like to hear without actually giving an in-  
14 person presentation. So, I'm fine with that.

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, the  
16 regional-specific information is always great.  
17 It was amazing to me, personally, in Seattle, I  
18 was getting an email to join a working group from  
19 one of the panelists that was in the room at the  
20 time and he didn't know I was there and I didn't  
21 know he was there. Now, I'm on a Vessel Incident  
22 Working Group for the Olympic National Marine

1 Sanctuary and we were just there. So, it really  
2 did inform that regional-specific information.  
3 That was very ironic.

4 RADM SMITH: Lynne, what did I leave  
5 out in my highlight of the --

6 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: So just  
7 logistics-wise, it is going to be a little bit  
8 harder. Airport stuff is going to be just a  
9 little harder because Boston is a little farther.  
10 So we might authorize rental cars and people to  
11 share them back and forth a little bit more. And  
12 we will look into, again, like shuttles and, if  
13 you are flying into Manchester, shuttles for  
14 that.

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Is Manchester  
16 closer than Boston?

17 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Oh yes,  
18 Manchester is a lot closer.

19 RADM SMITH: Closer, sometimes  
20 cheaper.

21 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: It depends.

22 RADM SMITH: It just depends on where

1 you're coming from whether it is convenient.

2 CAPT BRENNAN: If you are driving, you  
3 avoid driving through Boston, too, which is --

4 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: So just please  
5 put the dates on your calendar, if you haven't  
6 already, September 12th through 14th. And I'll  
7 put a calendar hold as well through Google  
8 Calendar for those of you who use Google  
9 Calendar.

10 Andy Armstrong and Larry Mayer are  
11 going to give us a bunch of suggestions about  
12 what they think in terms of demos and tours, and  
13 presentations. And then you are going to get to  
14 see their really cool Gulf Surveyor Research  
15 Vessel and have an ASV demonstration. So, I  
16 think that's pretty neat.

17 I think one of the things we did is we  
18 put -- we tried to really listen a lot to what  
19 you said in Seattle about recommendations about  
20 not really topics but time for discussions. So,  
21 we put in one morning discussion, where you guys  
22 would have a breakfast and a discussion for two

1 hours on whether it's the -- you know your  
2 comments on the autonomous systems roadmap or  
3 your comments finalized -- trying to finalize or  
4 develop new or old issue papers or whatever other  
5 things you want to talk about that you can talk  
6 about as a quote, unquote working group. So  
7 that's your cover to have a separate meeting.  
8 You can have a working group meeting and then you  
9 can come back to the bigger group and report out  
10 with anything you want to report out. That's one  
11 of the sessions.

12 And then you put in three sessions of  
13 an hour to an hour and a half or two hours for  
14 different discussions under the header of the  
15 Planning and Engagement Working Group but it is  
16 everybody, everything you want to talk about on  
17 the agenda, itself. So you have a lot of time to  
18 hash through the different topics or new topics.

19 One thing we didn't talk about that  
20 Bill had mentioned from Seattle was a P3,  
21 potential P3 paper. So, Bill, I know you wanted  
22 to mention that and I know you also wanted to

1 mention your interest in the Army Corps of  
2 Engineers coming to the meeting. So I was going  
3 to leave that with Bill.

4 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, well the P3 paper  
5 I think is something we need to talk about a  
6 little bit and just see what the interest is and  
7 where that leads.

8 As far as getting somebody from the  
9 Corps there, since we have talked so much about  
10 this, I thought it might be convenient to get  
11 somebody from the Corps and their headquarters,  
12 possibly, to join us.

13 Admiral Smith, I know you had had some  
14 thoughts as well about maybe getting General  
15 Jackson.

16 RADM SMITH: I think it would be  
17 entirely lucky if we could get on his calendar  
18 and he would be willing to have a boondoggle to  
19 New Hampshire. But if we timed it right and  
20 maybe had the adjacent activity, whether it is  
21 the unmanned systems or the UNH tour, we may be  
22 able to entice him to come for a day trip. I

1 mean it is possible to do a day trip, early  
2 flight to Manchester, day trip, and back, or a  
3 one overnight.

4 So, I think that is not out of the  
5 question, Bill, and he would be fabulous.

6 Second, the next level -- his main  
7 lead for responding to our concerns on surveying  
8 and charting issues is Tony Niles. And I think  
9 that that -- I would suggest Tony as a backup  
10 from General Jackson.

11 MEMBER KELLY: This is David Kelly.  
12 I think that would be a great idea to get a  
13 senior guy from the Corps.

14 RADM SMITH: Great. Now, the other  
15 thought we had is --

16 MEMBER HALL: Just real quick --

17 RADM SMITH: -- we are a little ahead  
18 on this and you don't know about this yet, but  
19 one of the things that we're working on with the  
20 Army Corps is a bit of a pilot project to show  
21 what is possible in one area. And the  
22 Philadelphia Army Corps District is very anxious

1 and their user base is very anxious to do that.

2 So another possibility is that we may  
3 have a really willing and engaged Army Corps  
4 District that could -- we may even have something  
5 to show for it by then. And so we could  
6 potentially invite them in addition or instead of  
7 larger leadership.

8 MEMBER HALL: I just wanted to say one  
9 key thing because I think we can -- I mean I have  
10 only been on the Panel for what, a year and a  
11 half now -- is to make sure that we talk, if it  
12 is going to be the General, that we talk with his  
13 folks who write his talking points and ensure  
14 that it's not U.S. Army Corps 101. I think we  
15 all get that now. We seem to get the same  
16 presentation from those folks. No offense to  
17 them at all. I think it just helps to do some  
18 prep. And if it is something that our team can  
19 help with, somebody from the Panel can actually  
20 help and talk to what we're looking for, I'd love  
21 to do that.

22 But Philadelphia if that is more fully



1       baked by then, I mean that is a really  
2       interesting one to hear about. As much as senior  
3       leadership is good to see, I think seeing how it  
4       applies to what we're doing and how things are  
5       moving forward would be very much value-added to  
6       our meeting.

7                   MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I would say I  
8       get where Kim is coming from with that but I  
9       would say shoot for the top first. I think that  
10      it seems we have had pretty good representation  
11      in a number of meetings from Army Corps  
12      individual districts.

13                   One of the biggest challenges I see  
14      with the Army Corps is there is just so little  
15      consistency district to district, to district.  
16      And that is one of the biggest challenges we face  
17      is that that inconsistency is hard for you guys  
18      to deal with.

19                   And so if there is any way we can get  
20      somebody from the top, that would be where I  
21      would shoot for.

22                   RADM SMITH: All right. I'll just

1 shoot for Jackson. He's a good guy. And in  
2 fact, if we got him to agree to it in principle,  
3 we could use it as a bit of milestone for making  
4 some progress.

5 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Since our next  
6 meeting is going to be in DC after this, like you  
7 know March/April kind of time frame, and the  
8 Philly guys, if we can't fit them into that -- to  
9 our New Hampshire meeting, they could easily come  
10 down to DC and talk to us.

11 RADM SMITH: We could probably even do  
12 a panel with some of the stakeholder folks up  
13 there, too, who are really interested in these  
14 issues. So we could maybe make it a port-  
15 specific thing. I was talking about the port of  
16 DC. We could talk about the Philadelphia one  
17 later.

18 CAPT BRENNAN: Well, Jackson came up.  
19 I mean there is the Boston District is there.  
20 Maybe we could get some of his own people to come  
21 up to that, too. It might make it a little more  
22 enticing.

1           RADM SMITH: All right, did we get  
2 enough on that, Lynne?

3           MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes. Yes, I  
4 think we are good on that.

5           Go on to other business.

6           RADM SMITH: Okay. So, if we are  
7 going to shift away from the agenda for -- the  
8 meeting agenda for the September meeting now, of  
9 course, this is never done until we get close to  
10 being there but Lynne will send out a new version  
11 with your input included from this meeting here  
12 in the next few weeks and we will keep moving  
13 from there.

14           So, if I may, Mr. Chairman, may I call  
15 on Rachel Medley, who is going to announce an  
16 all-interested staff brief?

17           CHAIR HANSON: Please do.

18           RADM SMITH: Rachel, are you on?

19           MS. MEDLY: Yes, I am. Can you guys  
20 hear me?

21           RADM SMITH: We can.

22           MS. MEDLY: Okay, great. I'll take

1 you all off speaker. Everything is being slow on  
2 my computer. But hi, everyone. I think a good  
3 meeting.

4 I just wanted to make you all aware,  
5 and some of you already have this, that the NOAA  
6 Nav Services are going to do our first all-  
7 interested staff briefing for the Hill on June  
8 27th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. And we have a flyer  
9 that we're going to send out. This is really  
10 geared toward getting Hill staff, particularly  
11 those that might be new to the Hill and don't  
12 know what NOAA Nav Services is all about. We're  
13 asking that, as HSRP members, you may have  
14 connections yourself to congressional staff or  
15 maybe you are part of associations that interface  
16 with staff, but Lynne will send you out the flyer  
17 and we are just asking that you pass it on to the  
18 appropriate level people so that we can get  
19 increased participation and visibility.

20 And really it is just all about an  
21 educational campaign here, just to get the Hill  
22 more informed on NOAA Nav Services and what we do

1 and why it has value.

2 So, I will take any questions on it.  
3 Hopefully, some of you have gotten the flyer  
4 already and it will be in the Rayburn Building  
5 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on June 27th.

6 Speakers will include Rep. Alan  
7 Lowenthal from California. He is co-chair for  
8 the Congressional PORTS Caucus and they are  
9 offering cooperation in hosting this event. So,  
10 the PORTS Caucus was able to host it for us.

11 Dr. Callender was the first  
12 chairperson to NGS, CO-OPS and Coast Survey and  
13 the value that we bring to the waterways. And  
14 then Rich Edwing will speak, and then Admiral  
15 Smith will speak.

16 And we will top it all off with one of  
17 our business partners that we have in NOAA Nav  
18 Services, which is the pilots. And so we have  
19 Captain Jorge Viso, who is the President of the  
20 American Pilots Association and he will not only  
21 talk about using the space but how NOAA data will  
22 help in terms of just giving support on the

1 waterways, such as when you get increasing draft.

2 So, I will take any questions but will  
3 really suggest that just passing of this flyer on  
4 could really help get more support.

5 Thanks.

6 RADM SMITH: Thank you Rachel.

7 Any questions? I guess we can send  
8 out a flyer if we haven't already, to the Panel,  
9 that you could forward. We have already. Great.

10 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes, but we  
11 will send it out again because there is a slight  
12 update.

13 CHAIR HANSON: At this time, I just  
14 want to point out the importance of something  
15 like this. The PORTS Caucus has been  
16 particularly effective in advocating for port  
17 funding, maintenance dredging, freight funding,  
18 those types of things. So, it's good to get NOAA  
19 on that menu. So, well done.

20 RADM SMITH: Thank you, Bill. I think  
21 we are at the end of our agenda. Unless anyone  
22 else has any other business, we can start our

1 wrap-up.

2 Bill, would you like to kick us off?

3 CHAIR HANSON: Sure, I'll kick us off  
4 and then turn it back over to you because I think  
5 we have been, as usual, not been very bashful  
6 about voicing our opinions. So I don't have much  
7 more to say. And I will leave it to you, sir.

8 RADM SMITH: All right. Well, thank  
9 you all. This has been a very productive  
10 meeting. I think we got some really great  
11 comments on the National Charting Plan; some that  
12 are challenging to us, which is exactly what  
13 we're looking for. And I'm feeling pretty good  
14 about the agenda for the fall meeting, as well.

15 And I am really pleased with the issue  
16 papers that are coming together. I think they  
17 are important topics and I expect that they will  
18 be useful to us.

19 I would like to go around the room,  
20 starting with the Panel members. Or why don't I  
21 start with the other directors and then we'll  
22 shift back to the Panel?

1 Rich or Juliana, do you have anything  
2 to add?

3 MR. EDWING: This is Rich Edwing -- go  
4 ahead Juliana.

5 MS. BLACKWELL: I was just going to  
6 say I don't have anything additional. Thank you.

7 MR. EDWING: This is Rich Edwing.  
8 Actually, I would like to send around to the  
9 Panel a notice of an Emerging Technologies  
10 Workshop that is going to be coming up in August.

11 Last year, NOAA held its first ever  
12 Emerging Technologies Workshop. It was really an  
13 internal affair. It was the very first -- again,  
14 it was kind of a baby step in that direction.  
15 The next time around, we are opening it up to  
16 other federal agencies, as well as the private  
17 sector.

18 I am going to send around, I can  
19 provide right now, a kind of a save the date  
20 outreach one-pager that provides the details of  
21 where and when and kind of the purpose of the  
22 workshop. Pretty soon, they are going to be



1 opening the registration as well.

2 So, I will get that one page to Lynne  
3 and she can send that out. Thanks.

4 RADM SMITH: Thanks, Rich.

5 Well, why don't we start with Susan,  
6 since she's here in the room, made the big trek  
7 to Silver Spring?

8 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I just thank  
9 everybody for your input on the charting plan and  
10 I will follow-up with Andy and Bill. And my aim  
11 will be to get you all back a revised draft early  
12 next week, with the aim of quick turnaround.  
13 Read it. If you have got more comments, let us  
14 know so maybe we can have it wrapped up by the  
15 end of next week. I mean quick.

16 But if anybody has a problem with that  
17 time line because of travel or anything, I don't  
18 think the changes were that substantial. But if  
19 there is a problem with that time line let me  
20 know.

21 Other than that, the only question I  
22 had was I looked recently on the website for the

1 link to the most recent issue papers and the  
2 letter from Seattle and I didn't see it on the  
3 website.

4 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: They weren't  
5 public yet.

6 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay, when will  
7 a link be available?

8 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Bill, did that  
9 go out, officially by email? We don't post it  
10 until the administrator gets it. They don't have  
11 it yet.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Okay.

13 MEMBER HALL: I thought Bill said that  
14 they did send it.

15 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: He sent it but  
16 it is not received yet.

17 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Email's really  
18 slow.

19 MEMBER HALL: Okay.

20 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: He didn't send  
21 it by email. He sent it by Express Mail or  
22 something. So I feel very loath to put up a

1 letter that they haven't seen.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Right.

3 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: The issue  
4 papers, no problem.

5 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, my main  
6 concern was with the issue papers. I was really  
7 excited to have someone ask for one of our issue  
8 papers. And I was like I want to give it to you  
9 but I don't know if I can.

10 So, and I need to -- I can't hand  
11 deliver it to this person. So, if there is a way  
12 to get it electronically --

13 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes, yes, you  
14 guys have it.

15 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: -- the final  
16 formatted electronically.

17 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Yes.

18 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I wasn't sure  
19 if that was final, final or not.

20 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I'm assuming --  
21 Bill normally sends out the letter or I will send  
22 it out but usually Bill sends out a letter and

1 attachments to the HSRP. So, I'm just waiting to  
2 see.

3 So, Bill, if you want me to send it,  
4 I'd be happy to.

5 CHAIR HANSON: That's correct.  
6 Actually, the stuff that happened last time, I  
7 was wanting to make sure they get received.

8 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Okay.

9 CHAIR HANSON: So, if you can confirm  
10 that, when it is received. I mean I have got the  
11 FedEx tracking slip but I want to make sure I get  
12 the right people this time.

13 RADM SMITH: Great, thank you. And  
14 then following up on the issue papers posting to  
15 the website, when can we get that done?

16 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Soon, really  
17 soon. But we just literally got the last one  
18 updated and finished last night at 9:30 at night.

19 RADM SMITH: Okay, so end of next week  
20 type soon?

21 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Oh, no, I'll  
22 send it to them. Yes, by end of next week,

1 probably a lot sooner.

2 RADM SMITH: Okay, great. And then  
3 can you send out an announcement to the Panel  
4 when they are posted? Thank you.

5 RADM SMITH: Other Panel members -- I  
6 don't have an easy way to go around the room --  
7 on the phone.

8 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Well just, why  
9 don't we -- we've got two Eds. Start with the  
10 Eds.

11 RADM SMITH: Okay.

12 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I'll give you  
13 the list.

14 RADM SMITH: Why don't we start with  
15 an Ed? Kelly.

16 MEMBER KELLY: Two Eds are always  
17 better than one.

18 This is Ed Kelly. I've got nothing  
19 right now.

20 RADM SMITH: Okay, thanks, Ed.

21 Mr. Saade? I don't think we have Ed  
22 Saade.

1 Carol Lockhart.

2 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I think they  
3 have to unmute themselves again.

4 RADM SMITH: Do we have people muted  
5 by accident again?

6 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: No, they have  
7 to unmute themselves.

8 RADM SMITH: We may have lost them.  
9 No Carol. Gary?

10 Dave Maune.

11 MEMBER MAUNE: I have no further  
12 comments.

13 RADM SMITH: All right. Larry, are  
14 you still there?

15 (No audible response.)

16 RADM SMITH: All right, how about Sal?

17 (No audible response.)

18 RADM SMITH: Sal, I think you are  
19 self-muted.

20 I know Kim is going to say something.

21 MEMBER HALL: What? That's not fair.  
22 I already said my piece, actually,

1 just a reminder that you are going to see  
2 precision navigation, I call it my meaty outline.  
3 It's going to go out to the rest of the group. I  
4 think you might have seen it last month but I  
5 will make sure it gets out to you with comments -  
6 - for comment. And if I could get those back  
7 within a few weeks, I'd appreciate it.

8 And that's it.

9 RADM SMITH: Great. Thanks, Kim.

10 I think I skipped Andy Armstrong as  
11 well, earlier.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, thank you,  
13 Admiral. I don't have any other comments.

14 RADM SMITH: All right, thanks.

15 Who else did I miss?

16 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I think you got  
17 everybody.

18 RADM SMITH: All right. Well, thank  
19 you all. It's been a great meeting.

20 Bill, do you have anything last for  
21 the good of the order?

22 CHAIR HANSON: No, I think just again,

1 I thank the public and also thank the Panel  
2 members. A lot of hard work goes into this and I  
3 appreciate your time and efforts. It proves  
4 there are some really nice products that NOS can  
5 use and we can all use. So, I appreciate that.

6 And do I need to get out some type of  
7 a hammer and adjourn?

8 RADM SMITH: Please do.

9 CHAIR HANSON: Well, I guess I'll have  
10 to do it virtually again. So, the meeting is  
11 adjourned.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
13 went off the record at 3:12 p.m.)



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