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The Hydrographic Services Review Panel
met in the Kimpton Hotel Monaco, Paris Ballroom,
1101 4th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, at 8:30
a.m., William Hanson, Chair, presiding.

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(8:31 a.m.)

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3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Good morning, and
4 welcome to the third day of the Hydrographic
5 Services Review Panel meeting in Seattle,
6 Washington. I'm Joyce Miller, the Vice Chair of
7 the Committee.

8 Bill Hanson and Admiral Smith, Admiral
9 Smith had to go back to Washington, so Rick
10 Brennan is sitting -- the Deputy DFO is sitting
11 in for Admiral Smith. And Bill had another
12 meeting actually in Everett this morning. And he
13 will be back this afternoon for our final
14 deliberations.

15 Are there any recent additions that we
16 haven't had introduce themselves? Is there
17 anyone new here today that hasn't been here the
18 last two days?

19 MR. KEARNS: Hi there. My name is Tim
20 Kearns. I'm with a company called OceanAero
21 based out of San Diego making unmanned drones.

22 And I've been involved in the

1 hydrographic community for most of my career. So
2 I also live in Seattle, which is why I decided to
3 attend today. I hope that's okay.

4 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Anybody else
5 not introduce yourselves yet?

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, let's get
7 started then with the meeting. First thing on
8 the agenda this morning, and I'm going to do it a
9 little bit differently than I did yesterday or
10 than we did yesterday.

11 Would any of the Panel members like to
12 either summarize or bring out important points
13 that we learned in yesterday's session? I would
14 add that, in the afternoon that was not a public
15 session, we had a lunch speaker from the
16 government. She's the Government Relations
17 Director of the Pacific Northwest Waterways
18 Association, Heather Stebbing. And she gave us a
19 briefing, a short briefing at lunch.

20 And then in the afternoon, we visited
21 the Coast Guard Operations Center for Puget
22 Sound, and the Holland America, Princess, and I

1 believe P&O Australia lines, a brand new command
2 center in downtown Seattle.

3 Are there, the Panel members, is there
4 anyone who would like to bring out any important
5 points from yesterday?

6 MEMBER MAUNE: I can. We reviewed, we
7 had a session on the issue papers yesterday
8 morning, and we decided that the Precision Nav
9 paper would have a major rewrite and that Kim is
10 going to work with other people here to come up
11 with a new Precision Nav paper.

12 We accepted the paper on recreational
13 boating with minor changes by Susan, and that
14 this afternoon we will discuss the remaining two
15 issue papers.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Dave.
17 Anyone else from yesterday's results?

18 MEMBER PERKINS: Joyce, if I could add
19 to that. We did set a goal -- and I won't call
20 it a deadline; I'll call it a goal -- of having
21 that rewrite of that paper done in advance of the
22 committee convening at our next meeting.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. I would,
2 just for the information of the audience, one of
3 the comments we got from the commanding officer
4 at the US Coast Guard base was the value of our
5 Navigation Response Teams, which are six small
6 boats positioned around the country.

7 Every time we come into one of these
8 areas, people sing the praises. Seattle probably
9 hasn't used them much because you don't have many
10 tsunamis or hurricanes here. But we once again
11 heard that.

12 And I think it's important, and I
13 think it's an important point how well NOAA does
14 that. And I think it's something that NOAA
15 should be proud of and advertise more.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Kim?

17 MEMBER HALL: I'm sure Sal will agree
18 with me. When we got to see the new center, it's
19 pretty neat. But it was also interesting just to
20 see how many overlays they have for information,
21 what the commercial industry is doing with the
22 types of information that are produced by NOAA

1 and other hydrographic offices.

2 And some of the needs when you look at
3 it, the choke points where these ships go through
4 and contours and other things that they would
5 really need that would help ensure safety
6 navigation, not just around the US but around the
7 world. So I think that was kind of a really
8 cool, practical application of the data that NOAA
9 and others collect.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you.

11 Lindsay?

12 MEMBER GEE: So it was very
13 interesting to see, I think, the difference
14 between the Coast Guard. I was very focused on
15 one particular issue of bringing the ships in.
16 And so they had actually gone almost the opposite
17 way and stripped out from the NOAA data which is
18 essential to just focusing on the tasks they
19 have.

20 So that's interesting to see different
21 users of the data. They're prepared I think in
22 their new center they said bring in the other

1 oceanography and currents and tides, and they
2 just haven't done that yet. So that was
3 interesting.

4 I would also like to comment on the
5 morning session. I thought it was great to have
6 the local, some of the earlier ones were a little
7 bit technical, I guess. I enjoyed them, it was
8 about datums and things like that. I thought
9 that was really interesting to me, maybe not to
10 the whole Panel, but I thought that was
11 worthwhile. And to see what people were doing
12 with data and that kind of the -- Dr. MacCready I
13 think tied into the NANOOS the day before and
14 those sorts of things.

15 One of the ones I'm interested to see
16 for the future, we've sort of talked about datums
17 and that sort of thing. But I think tying in
18 more the VDatum, maybe we need to think about
19 more of that in the future. The tie between the
20 NGS cohorts and those --

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: That might be a
22 good topic, Juliana, for a future meeting,

1 especially since we have a lot of new members.
2 We've had some datum topics before, but we have
3 new members. And I for one will freely admit
4 that I don't understand them well. Lawson?

5 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, I mean you
6 showed the VTS, which is a very focused -- it's
7 not necessarily a command center. It is in a way
8 for the safety here.

9 But you didn't see the real Coast
10 Guard command center that covers the whole
11 region. And so you saw a very focused and
12 important new marine safety environmental
13 protection tool, new, three decades old.

14 My comment for the command center,
15 true command center of the cruise ship industry,
16 it points to the value and the importance of IHO
17 where the Admiral is going today.

18 The International Hydrographic
19 Organization, because all of, kind of most of the
20 maps we saw were all foreign -- charts we saw
21 were all foreign. And so it's the international
22 effort.

1 And then, of course, whoever's the
2 hydrographer of the United States, what he or she
3 brings into the system from even this meeting,
4 those issues are really all international.

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Lawson.
6 I would kind of come back on a couple things
7 we've heard. I think one of the overlying topics
8 of this meeting for me has been the importance of
9 NOAA data, the need for more NOAA data in many
10 cases, but also the really critical need to give
11 access to data in a rational and hopefully single
12 point manner.

13 To me, I've heard that, whether it was
14 the modeler or the guy trying to do land surveys
15 or other people that we've heard, but we've heard
16 data, data, data over and over again.

17 MEMBER KELLY: Joyce, I would echo and
18 second that. The thing I've been very impressed
19 with at this meeting is the diverse range of
20 opportunities to acquire data.

21 We've heard an awful lot from
22 crowdsource people, we've heard people from

1 NANOOS. There were a lot of people creating and
2 using a lot of data that isn't necessarily
3 incorporated into the NOAA inventory.

4 And I think that might be something
5 with the increased technological capabilities and
6 the fast pace of the internet, we need to broaden
7 the way we can acquire and make use of some of
8 that data. Because some of the kind of flashy
9 stuff that they're doing at the Vessel Command
10 Center, et cetera, shows some of the potential of
11 what can be done with this powerful data, and we
12 really need to find better ways to reach out and
13 get that data into our inventory for use.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So if there
15 are no further comments, the next item on our
16 agenda is HSRP has a technology working group.
17 It was formed two meetings ago or three. And
18 it's led by Mr. Ed Saade of Fugro and Lindsay
19 Gee, who is a private contractor.

20 MEMBER GEE: Sometimes unemployed.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So we're going to
22 have a variety of topics from several different

1 members, and Ed and Lindsay will introduce the
2 speakers. Go ahead.

3 MEMBER SAADE: Lindsay's going to take
4 the lead on this. I just wanted to thank the
5 Panel for allowing this dedicated session. It's
6 pretty exciting for me, and I think we're going
7 to keep that theme of diversity going along with
8 the different types of topics and the different
9 applications. So thanks, everyone, for this
10 opportunity.

11 MEMBER GEE: Thanks. I think one of
12 the things we've seen, and the reason the
13 technology group came to -- the technology kind
14 of is the underpinning now of most of what we do,
15 and we've seen that across the discussions both
16 over the last couple of days.

17 And I think our technology group has
18 been focused over the time mostly on the coast
19 survey side of the business, but thinking about
20 it, and I spoke to Gary this morning, in fact,
21 the first issues paper that had nothing to do
22 with the technology group, but we'll take part

1 of, that was Gary's paper on the new datum. And
2 so that really is an underpinning of part of the
3 infrastructure.

4 And I think there's lots of talk about
5 infrastructure around. I think people think of
6 hard stuff, dredging and all of those things.

7 But as technology becomes more
8 important, the IT infrastructure and that, we
9 need to somehow make sure that that gets included
10 as part of the infrastructure discussion.

11 And I'm not sure that message always
12 gets through, but I think we've got to find ways
13 to work that so that message does really, and
14 people understand that the infrastructure and IT
15 is just as important now as the hard physical
16 infrastructure we have.

17 We're going to just briefly, summary
18 just for this morning. We've got three
19 presentations. One was, I think we didn't have
20 Larry and Andy give a presentation as the
21 directors of the JHC and CCOM this time.

22 But we discussed with them, and

1 Larry's going to present on some of the
2 visualization R&D at JHC/CCOM, then followed by
3 Martin who's been working with the Rotterdam Port
4 project, and it's something that's been
5 discussed, and we thought it was worthwhile to
6 hear that from someone that was deeply involved
7 in that, followed by Carol.

8 We're trying to, because part of the
9 technology group I think it was to bring some of
10 the experience outside and then address what's
11 already happening inside. No, we don't as a
12 Panel know all of those things that are happening
13 in NOAA, so we've tried to also address that.

14 And there was a request as we went
15 through from the Panel, some update about
16 different technology subjects. Carol is going to
17 do some introduction on the bathymetric LIDAR
18 because she is an expert in that area.

19 One of the things I think the benefits
20 we saw from the Panel the other day with the Rose
21 Point and the charting with Travis and Jeff
22 Siegel from ActiveCaptain, it was a great

1 discussion I thought, and there was plenty of
2 time for discussion.

3 We would hope we can do that, and what
4 we're presenting will be of interest to generate
5 that discussion. So of course, to start that
6 off, I think one of the people that always
7 generates good discussion and has the latest
8 technology/interesting things to show us is
9 Larry.

10 He's one of our Panel, so we don't
11 need to introduce him. And he's going to discuss
12 the visualization research.

13 DR. MAYER: I'm not going to sit. I
14 have to stand. And I thank the working group for
15 the opportunity to talk to you. Last time, well
16 I guess I have the --

17 No, I have my own. Tools of the
18 trade. You get 30 years of using one thing, but
19 it's not changing.

20 So last time Andy and I gave an
21 overview, a very brief overview of the lab, the
22 Center for Coast and Ocean Mapping or Joint

1 Hydrographic Center in the NOAA context. And we
2 talked about, just again, a very high level what
3 we did, the kind of different topics that we
4 discuss.

5 What we decided last time is that we
6 should through the Technology Working Group come
7 back and try to address eventually a number of
8 the areas that are relevant. And this time, we
9 talked about coming back and doing visualization.

10 There's one new event since that last
11 presentation that I want to let you know about.
12 We're very, very excited about it, and that's
13 that the university has started now a Bachelor of
14 Science in Ocean Engineering program that will be
15 connected to our program, too.

16 We look at it as a great feeder. Our
17 program has been a master's and PhD level
18 program, just a graduate program. But there's a
19 very large bit of construction going on attached
20 to our center. And I think when you guys come
21 out there in September, hopefully I think that
22 should be completed, and you'll get to see it.

1 One of the nice things is we'll have
2 a nice new big 80-85 seat theater presentation
3 room. So I think if you guys really grow, it
4 could be very comfortable for you there.

5 So as I said, we gave an overview of
6 many, many of the different topics that we
7 address at the center, but this time we've been
8 asked to just focus on one of them in a little
9 more depth, and that's the issue of visualization
10 and with COF, the Chart of the Future.

11 We've had for a number of years a
12 research component of our work, trying to look at
13 what the Chart of the Future might be. And I
14 think this is remarkably relevant to the
15 discussions we had on Tuesday, and the neat
16 discussion it led to about what the Chart of the
17 Future might look like.

18 We have a very talented group of
19 visualization people in our lab. They are people
20 who come from computer science backgrounds and
21 psychology backgrounds too. And they really
22 focus on fundamental principles of human-computer

1 interaction.

2 And so what they try to do is not just
3 say that would be neat to develop something that
4 looks like this; they do studies of individuals
5 to try to figure out what is the most appropriate
6 way to show something and how will people
7 perceive the information you're trying to send to
8 them in the best possible way.

9 And we're very fortunate also to have
10 folks like Rick when he was a graduate student
11 and Andy constantly there, people who are
12 mariners. And we try to get input from them,
13 although sometimes Andy and I disagree, and
14 that's very, very healthy.

15 And you heard some of that
16 disagreement on Monday. And you'll see, I'll
17 push and I'll push and I'll push, but I certainly
18 understand that what we're going to show is not
19 relevant for all sorts of navigation.

20 Sal and I have been talking about
21 that. We have to think about the individual
22 application. But we just want to be sure,

1 because all of these technologies are evolving,
2 that we don't just stick our head in the sand and
3 ignore it and say we'll keep doing it this way
4 because we've always done it this way.

5 Let's look at the opportunities, and
6 this is what we're hoping from the Panel and
7 everybody else, to get some feedback about what
8 ways might be appropriate and what aren't, and
9 that helps us direct our research, too. So we're
10 looking very forward, very much forward to that
11 discussion that we'll have at the end.

12 We have a number of tools in our kit
13 beyond just the smart minds of some of the
14 people. We have a very large 180 degree wrap-
15 around display, and I'll show you a little later
16 a new device we've built which is an augmented
17 reality, virtual reality simulator that very much
18 looks like a, you know, I'm sure many of you have
19 been to the spectacular bridge simulators with
20 the \$800 to \$1000 construction as opposed to a
21 several million dollar construction. I'll show
22 you an example of that in a few minutes.

1 As I said --

2 MEMBER GEE: Not 800,000.

3 DR. MAYER: No, \$800 to \$1,000. Oh
4 yes, no, no. it's based on a laptop, that's all.
5 And a pair of goggles. Thank you. If I slurred
6 that, that was --

7 Like I said, particularly Colin, Colin
8 Ware, the director of our Visualization Lab, he
9 does these human-computer interaction studies.
10 And he has all kinds of test cases and things
11 like that.

12 Goes through trying to find out what
13 the most appropriate way to depict information
14 is, and he's been working a lot with vectors,
15 current information, wind barbs. He's got a new
16 kind of wind barb, I think that's being very
17 effective.

18 And from these studies he writes
19 papers in journals about this kind of stuff. And
20 here's one for looking at different ways to
21 something we haven't talked about much. How do
22 we -- bathymetric uncertainty. This is going to

1 be very, very critical, I think, as we go along.

2 So again, he's doing studies. This
3 one hasn't concluded yet, but in terms of the
4 current barbs and wind barbs, I think he has come
5 up with some very, very nice things, and we're
6 looking at now the next generation, a wide range
7 of applications, weather display.

8 And this is even our last
9 Administrator was so impressed with this, she has
10 it outside of her -- or had it outside of her
11 office in terms of just much, much, much more
12 using animation when possible and using
13 appropriate shapes to features and visualization
14 tricks to show the interaction.

15 You like that? That's what I like to
16 hear. But if you don't like it, I like to hear
17 that, too, because this is what's important.

18 Yes, so you can, again, because we're
19 totally in a digital, database-driven regime, you
20 can actually, you can click any point and
21 interrogate for the detailed information, and you
22 can change the display to meet your particular

1 need.

2 And so this now from a weather
3 application is being now applied to our maritime
4 applications. This is actually work we were
5 doing with the Navy for enhanced portrayal of
6 surface currents and wave conditions, and even in
7 a quasi little 3-D display because the submarines
8 are very, very particular about when their
9 periscope is going to be visible or not.

10 And so there's been software built
11 that can be so diminished that it could be
12 transmitted to a submarine with very, very little
13 bandwidth. And so they can get a display of
14 their visibility in a particular wind and wave
15 condition.

16 MEMBER RASSELLO: Very, very useful.

17 DR. MAYER: Very useful. Write that
18 down, write that down.

19 (Laughter.)

20 DR. MAYER: Okay, well, boy. Well,
21 we'll get to the end where he's going no, no, no.
22 I'm starting with the easy stuff. And this has

1 been picked up with NOAA's nowCAST. And much of
2 this, you see the traditional wind barbs in
3 nowCAST, and now --

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: NowCOAST.

5 DR. MAYER: NowCOAST, yes excuse me,
6 I'm sorry. And now the enhanced wind barbs in
7 nowCOAST. And the same with surface currents.
8 The old display in -- oh, I'm sorry there.
9 Martin, I'm going to blind you. You didn't
10 realize it but the laser went right -- I'll keep
11 this in my pocket.

12 The old display of vectors for surface
13 currents and the new enhanced one now in
14 nowCOAST. So again, this is actually being put
15 into NOAA application where we can.

16 Traditionally, what the focus of our
17 lab visualization efforts have been on for many,
18 many years has been the sea floor, both the
19 bathymetry and the backscatter. And I think we
20 were early, early developers of tools to display
21 the sea floor and in 3-D.

22 But really the effort now has gone

1 beyond that, and we're going from 3-D to 4D. And
2 so we're looking at both temporal changes in the
3 sea floor, and temporal changes in the water
4 column because our sonars are now letting us look
5 in the water column, and we've developed a number
6 of applications to do that.

7 And I don't know what's coming up next
8 because there's, I don't ever see the next one.
9 So one of them has been looking at marine
10 mammals, putting tags on marine mammals.

11 We don't do that tagging. Another
12 part of NOAA does that tagging. Those tags are
13 recovered. Those tags have a heave, pitch, roll
14 sensor, depth sensor. They also have a
15 hydrophone actually on them. So there's a sound
16 recording on that too.

17 And then being able to replay the
18 behavior of whales. This is sped up a little.
19 Really quite intriguing. These circular loops,
20 these are called bubble feeding behaviors.

21 They find a school of fish, I think
22 sand lance, this is actually a fishery sonar up

1 here, the vertical track and looking at what
2 they're feeding on.

3 But then they'll go do this spiral
4 around the school of fish blowing bubbles. It
5 acts as a net, and it traps them, come up to the
6 surface, slap the surface and stun them, and then
7 come up with their mouth open. Sam?

8 MR. DEBOW: Is that an ME70 sonar?

9 DR. MAYER: It's an EK60. EK60 is the
10 vertical sonar. The traditional fisheries single
11 beam sonar, and it's a split beam, but I'll show
12 you the next generation EK80 in a little while.

13 This was actually an interesting --
14 this was the first time they ever tagged two
15 whales simultaneously. And it turns out one was
16 a male, one was a female.

17 And they were wondering if they worked
18 collaboratively to feed. And it turns out that
19 one did all the work, and the other mooched off
20 of that.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Which one was it?

22 DR. MAYER: I know, but I'm not going

1 to say. I always let you guess.

2 (Laughter.)

3 DR. MAYER: I always let you guess.

4 Okay, so here's again an application that drifts
5 into the broader needs of NOAA but not
6 necessarily the hydrographic one. That same
7 visualization of the water column, it really was
8 developed towards the purpose of fish and marine
9 fisheries and looking at wide behavior.

10 But when the first deepwater water
11 column-capable sonar was put on the Okeanos
12 Explorer, it was coming in on its sea acceptance
13 trial, its test trip to San Francisco. And off
14 the coast of, oh Mendocino I think it was, ran
15 over a feature that showed up in the water
16 column.

17 Again, we applied our visualization
18 techniques to it to see what it was. And what it
19 was was a 1,400 meter mile high gas seep coming
20 out of a fault there or a slump.

21 You can see the area where it slumped.
22 And they came back. They had to get into port

1 but came back a week later to see if it was still
2 there and found, yes, it was still there. And
3 there was a long line of them along a fault
4 scarp.

5 And it wasn't surprising. This is an
6 oil and gas rich province. But what was
7 surprising was the behavior of it, and I don't
8 think anybody realized just how sensitive the
9 multibeam would be to depicting it and depicting
10 the behavior of the bubbles themselves.

11 And this has led to a huge area of
12 research, both in our lab, in other labs, and has
13 been picked up quite a bit by the industry. And
14 I think Ed will talk about that at some time
15 later.

16 This first depiction of that gas seep
17 coming into California happened just a couple of
18 months before Deepwater Horizon. And when
19 Deepwater Horizon happened, we got a call from
20 the White House, from the Office of Science and
21 Technology Policy.

22 They called a meeting at the White

1 House, and they said they had a huge problem.
2 That huge problem was the accounting, they didn't
3 account for all the oil. They had the filming of
4 the leak. They had measurements of the surface
5 slip, but there was a lot of oil missing.

6 And they figured there was a deep
7 plume, and they wanted to know -- they had the
8 directors of several of the oceanographic
9 institutes, could we help in trying to find the
10 deep plume?

11 And so Admiral Smith, when he was a,
12 I don't know what he was, commander at the time,
13 and many other of our NOAA ex-students and
14 students at the time, it was an amazing
15 mobilization effort on the part of the NOAA
16 crews, taking some of the hydrographic vessels
17 and putting CTDs on them and putting fisheries
18 echosounders on it, taking some of the fisheries
19 vessels and putting extra stuff on it. And we
20 all went out to try to acoustically map the deep
21 plume.

22 And there were lots of issues in terms

1 of our being able to get on top of it. But once
2 we were out over on top of it, whether we could
3 see the plume of oil or not was not clear. But
4 one thing we could clearly, clearly see was gas
5 seeps and gas anywhere. And again, Ed will come
6 back to the ramifications of that in the
7 industry.

8 This picture depicts the very first
9 time we were allowed over the Macondo well, the
10 night that they capped it. I got a call. It was
11 the scariest call I ever got in my life.

12 It was a call from the Secretary of
13 Energy, Secretary Chu because I had been
14 reporting to his working group every eight hours
15 for a month or two by that time.

16 And he called me out of the eight hour
17 sequence and said we're going to put the cap on
18 the well tonight. We're worried that the
19 integrity of the well is flawed and that there
20 will be a blowout on the side.

21 And if that happens, we can't stop it.
22 And that will just have to run up until the field

1 depletes or until we put a relief well, which was
2 going to take until October, November, many, many
3 months.

4 And he said, but if we can capture it,
5 if we can see that happening in the first five or
6 six hours, we can pull the cap off and adjust
7 things.

8 And he said, can you guarantee that if
9 we put you right over the well, you'll see gas
10 coming out? And that was a scary question. I
11 thought so, but I asked all our smart people in
12 the lab, all the acoustics people, and everybody
13 said yes, yes, yes we could. And so they put the
14 cap on and that's what we saw: we saw gas coming
15 up.

16 And they pulled it off, and BP came
17 back and said, no, that's not true. They said
18 they don't know what they're doing. We
19 demonstrated we know what we're doing in terms of
20 the ability to identify targets.

21 They then came back, oh, well, maybe
22 there's gas, because they put an ROV down there

1 and saw a little leak. And they said, well, it's
2 nitrogen. And then, finally, it was all resolved
3 that it was -- it was methane just as we
4 suspected, but it was a tiny, tiny leak and I
5 guess that video has run through its -- can you
6 just click that? Nicky, if you can click that
7 video there, maybe?

8 But what it was, that is the cap, and
9 it was basically -- yes there you go. Just click
10 that. You'll see just a few bubbles a second.
11 And that was nothing dangerous. They kept ROVs
12 on that for the next nine months or so.

13 It never got bigger. It was a scratch
14 on a metal to metal flange. But that's how
15 sensitive the acoustics are for seeing that
16 little amount of bubbles coming up.

17 PARTICIPANT: From the surface?

18 DR. MAYER: From the surface, from a
19 surface ship. And every once in a while, this is
20 hydrate. This is gas that turns into a frozen
21 net, oil stain. A piece of that would break up,
22 and we can even see those pieces breaking up.

1 The from the surface part was what BP
2 -- BP tried to discredit us by saying they could
3 never resolve those kinds of things to make it
4 worth their while to put an ROV down.

5 And so they did an experiment. They
6 sent three mud boats, three ROVs. They put a
7 nitrogen extraction system 2,000 meters to the
8 sea floor. And they challenged us to find them.
9 They turned it on, turned it off, and we would be
10 steaming over in a blind test.

11 And it was very funny because the
12 Secretary, I know Secretary Chu is a Nobel
13 laureate in physics, and he was asking all these
14 technical questions. We said we could actually
15 locate any seep to within 30 meters because of
16 the split beam processing.

17 And Fugro said, no, it's an 11 degree
18 beam, it's only 300 meters they can find it. And
19 so with 300 meters, you can't put an ROV and find
20 something.

21 And so the Secretary, this was all on
22 the phone, he's saying, well, excuse me, BP, did

1 I say Fugro? Oh, sorry. Oh, thank you. I'm so
2 glad you're here. That's the second one, yes,
3 see.

4 MEMBER SAADE: It was our client, I
5 swear.

6 DR. MAYER: So they probably spent a
7 million dollars on that test. And the
8 Secretary's saying, what's the beam width, and
9 he's right. And he goes, I think you can locate
10 it to within 12 meters.

11 And I said, well, that's probably
12 true, Mr. Secretary, that's what the numbers
13 show. He had done the calculations right there.
14 I said but we were trying to be a little
15 conservative so we rounded it up to 30 which is
16 still a fine circle for an ROV to find something.

17 And so after this test, this several
18 day test, upon returning we found every little
19 seep, we found it every time they turned it on,
20 every time they turned it off, and we located it
21 within 12 meters, as the Secretary said.

22 So I later asked -- well I'll go with

1 that. Okay, this has some direct hydrographic
2 applications, too. And some of the hydrographic
3 applications are being able to look in the water
4 column gives us a much, much more robust tracking
5 of shoalest depth.

6 When we're mapping the sea floor,
7 there tends to be a bottom tracker that's quite
8 tight. But when we start being able to look at
9 the water column data and see every little
10 return, if we're clever enough in looking at
11 those, we can really see lease depths on wrecks.

12 And this is a great time, can be a
13 great time saver from a hydrographic perspective,
14 where you can actually start picking up each mast
15 and things like that.

16 And I know at least the UKHO has now
17 accepted this kind of water column data for lease
18 depths, and they don't go with a wire sweep or
19 things like that on rigs.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: And it's in our specs
21 and deliverables now.

22 DR. MAYER: And it's in NOAA's, thank

1 you. I didn't want to say that because I didn't
2 know. But I'm glad to hear that.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Put there by one of
4 your grad students.

5 DR. MAYER: And exactly. And here was
6 one of the NOAA students come down for her
7 master's thesis and basically looked at this
8 problem at the lab and did this study.

9 MEMBER GEE: And it's also been
10 accepted worldwide. There are other hydrographic
11 organizations, too.

12 DR. MAYER: This same kind of
13 combination of looking at better ways to depict
14 flow, but now in a 4-dimensional sense lets us
15 tie into things like sediment transport models
16 and look at coastal zones and what would happen,
17 where would erosion -- within an appropriate
18 model, where would erosion occur or not occur,
19 and we can actually use this very much for
20 decision-makers in terms of coastal planning.

21 I had another slide here which crashes
22 the machine every time which showed Hurricane

1 Sandy, a series of, there have been now seven
2 surveys.

3 One happened to happen the week before
4 Hurricane Sandy where there were all the subway
5 cars on an artificial reef off of Delaware. And
6 we've been able to watch those subway cars move,
7 erode, refill, break up, and now the sea floor
8 turning to basically its normal state.

9 PARTICIPANT: I think the depth of
10 water, too, is really near the subway --

11 DR. MAYER: Yes, 60 meters or so, yes.
12 So quite a bit of action, even that deep. Yes,
13 thank you. Thank you for pointing that out.

14 And then finally, and this is a place
15 I never really thought I would see much use for,
16 goggles that you actually see 3-dimension where
17 the things I'm showing in 3-dimension, or really
18 pseudo-3-dimension where you put a pair of stereo
19 goggles on, you get to see that.

20 And one of the exercises we've been
21 looking at now are looking at current models, but
22 not just of the surface, now looking through the

1 water column. So there are a number of current
2 models out there that give multiple layers, up to
3 30 layers in the ocean.

4 And for things like Deepwater Horizon,
5 it would have been fantastic for us to have it
6 then, to use the current models to see which way
7 a deep plume would be flowing. We had no, we were
8 just sticking CTDs blindly down trying to find
9 it.

10 But by following that model, and this
11 is something I'm actually taking a picture here
12 of what's being blurred because the goggles are
13 showing it in true stereo. So you'll see Tom
14 Butkiewicz who developed this with this. This is
15 the NCOM model running.

16 And he puts what he calls a dye pole
17 and I kept thinking about this magnetic dipole,
18 but he meant D-Y-E, dye pole, a pole that you can
19 put dye at any level, and you can see the current
20 flow at each different level as we saw.

21 And here's for the first time, I
22 really saw the value of being able to look at

1 things in true 3-D. And we also did a model of
2 this for Fukushima, looking at what would happen
3 to the radioactive plume.

4 And we can give appropriate properties
5 to the water mass, if they're oil-laden or
6 whatever. So they have the proper buoyancy
7 properties and will flow like that.

8 Another application for this kind of
9 thing is for AUV or glider planning. You can now
10 look at the full 3-dimensional water column
11 structure and plan your route out.

12 And this is the kind of interesting
13 thing at the lab. We have these kind of computer
14 science geeks who are wonderful. And what Tom
15 loves to do is develop these widgets. He doesn't
16 care about the oceanography or anything like
17 that.

18 He loves to develop widgets. And our
19 job is to focus that energy on doing it in a way
20 that serves our community. And so his, what he
21 writes papers about is this interesting widget
22 that he develops and then can plan out the route

1 at different levels.

2 And then it will do an optimization
3 calculation if it's an AUV or a glider. Does it
4 have to fight against the current, with the
5 current? What will the battery life be. And
6 then you can sit there and in 3-dimensions drag
7 and change the track to maximize the efficiency
8 of the flight.

9 And so I've kind of avoided the
10 hydrographic things, and now I'm going to get
11 into dangerous territory. And again, not so much
12 -- I guess our approach over the years for the
13 Chart of the Future is to build incremental steps
14 and not really address the true navigation issue
15 but the aids to navigation.

16 So one of the things we started to do,
17 and this is a lot of the work of Briana Sullivan,
18 is to start to create really Digital Coast pilot.
19 A coast pilot was a printed document.

20 And so what we created was a prototype
21 that allows you to basically see the images in 3-
22 dimensions, if you want, of the features. But

1 you can click on the feature, go to the image,
2 click on the image and go to the text
3 description.

4 But I think most importantly in terms
5 of Briana's contributions was her ways of going
6 through the database that exists there which was
7 very much a non-digital database and trying to
8 turn it into a digital database that can easily
9 be then visualized in a way like this.

10 And I think there's been very good
11 cooperation. I think Andy knows better than I in
12 terms of -- with the NOAA coast pilot community,
13 in terms of interactions there. And it's really
14 led to this thing which he calls the ChUM or the
15 Chart Mashup which is again a way of going
16 through and automatically extracting notice to
17 mariners, things like that and getting them into
18 a digital realm and a digital environment that's
19 an interactive, easily updatable, easily
20 displayable.

21 And I'll just, I'll let this run for
22 a moment because it gives you some ideas of the

1 different layers, including things that I know
2 when we were working on the Gulf, the thing I was
3 most amazed about is I was really, there was no
4 kind of up-to-date record of where the platforms
5 were.

6 That was kind of, we just had to look
7 out the window all the time. And I was surprised
8 about that. But this has, I guess there is
9 somewhere distributed a platform --

10 Yes, yes. And again, I think there's
11 been a very good interaction with the appropriate
12 NOAA offices looking at this. And some of these
13 ideas are being adopted. Andy, please?

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, that's right. And
15 I think the Marine Chart Division kind of
16 starting with Briana's work has made additional
17 progress on this and now uses this approach with
18 our weekly chart update web page on the charting
19 coast survey website.

20 DR. MAYER: Okay. And so now I'm
21 going to get to the final and probably most
22 controversial part, and this is what's always

1 frustrated me, and I come from a background as a
2 geologist and a geophysicist and I always wanted
3 to see and understand the sea floor.

4 And it's always this issue of when I
5 see a chart, maybe that is by far the very most
6 appropriate presentation for navigation, but
7 there are many, many other applications, and
8 there's so much stuff that we're missing when we
9 have full coverage multibeam data when we just
10 look at that chart.

11 I feel like it's a sin to -- what's
12 the word? Generalize, I guess. To take all that
13 wonderful, high resolution data and generalize it
14 into a few contours and selected soundings. I
15 sometimes say the word degrade, but I shouldn't.
16 I shouldn't.

17 And so as we thought about the Chart
18 of the Future, we just started to think, kind of
19 component by component, what are the things that
20 people might really want to see.

21 And I think we heard some of that on
22 Tuesday, and I think I was thrilled to see that

1 the idea of seeing currents and waves displayed,
2 and again, Colin and his team are working on this
3 is a much older visualization. It doesn't use
4 some of the latest components.

5 But having the ability as you're
6 navigating to see what the current field looks
7 like, both now and maybe ahead of the time could
8 be very, very helpful I think. I'm waiting for
9 you.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, and in this
11 particular case, you know, you could see the tide
12 flowing in and out of Portsmouth, and it's
13 potentially a tool for oil spill response
14 personnel to kind of see, well, if I spill
15 something here, where is it going to go?

16 DR. MAYER: And here, we're seeing now
17 in terms of significant wave height, again, the
18 development in our lab of a new tool set, and
19 this is a prototype now for a new nowCOAST
20 display that will start incorporating that into
21 significant wave height displays too in nowCOAST.
22 That's not quite on the books yet, but it's in

1 the works. It's soon to come out.

2 One thing, we have tide predictions;
3 we have tide data. Why can't the chart be tide
4 aware? And in this case, again, Portsmouth
5 Harbor running the tide model. You're seeing for
6 a given underkeel clearance a go/no-go caution
7 thing, zone.

8 You can do that in real time or maybe
9 even more importantly as a planning tool that you
10 can sit ahead and plan your route up and see, I
11 better not be there at that time, and get
12 feedback into the planning process.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: And I would point out
14 that Rick and his team did something similar,
15 because Rick was involved in that one as well
16 when he was a grad student.

17 DR. MAYER: I should say, Rick is one
18 of our proud graduates. I'm proud of him. I
19 don't know if he's proud of being a graduate.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: And so that concept
21 was used in the Long Beach pilot as well.

22 DR. MAYER: And something else we've

1 been doing again, trying to take advantage of
2 state of the art technology is using handheld
3 devices, the concept of augmented reality, being
4 able to look out at a georeferenced, holding a
5 georeferenced device, seeing a buoy, being able
6 to identify it, but also maybe noting a buoy's
7 out of place or things like that.

8 These are things that are just kind of
9 stewing along. And here is this small,
10 inexpensive, virtual augmented reality simulator.
11 And this is a tool for us to develop stuff to,
12 but I could also see, for \$1,000 -- not \$100,000,
13 \$1,000 -- you can have this in the back of a
14 bridge and just practice running up a harbor or
15 something that you're going into, not a \$60
16 million simulator.

17 And so all it is is basically a
18 laptop, and the screen isn't even necessary.
19 That helps us operate. It as a laptop and this
20 set of goggles. And this is, when -- we just got
21 a new research vessel, 48-foot research vessel,
22 had it laser scanned, and so this is an actual

1 picture of our bridge. This is coming into New
2 Castle in -- that's all real imagery in the
3 background.

4 We can change sea state; we can change
5 conditions. But superimposed on that -- that's
6 the virtual reality aspect. Superimposed on that
7 is the augmented reality, so all the buoys,
8 things like that. And we're just starting to
9 develop those kinds of things.

10 And again, maybe from a training
11 perspective, I'm not sure you want to navigate
12 this way. I wouldn't. Even I would say I
13 wouldn't want to navigate this way. But
14 certainly from a training perspective, a very,
15 very simple, easy and inexpensive approach.

16 And it has lots of amazing flexibility
17 in terms of -- and that's all -- I mean, there's
18 no cartoons there. That's all real data there,
19 real imagery of the coastline. And it's 57
20 objects I think.

21 Okay, and finally -- what?

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Do people get

1 seasick using that?

2 DR. MAYER: Yes, they can, yes. So
3 finally, and this is the challenge I put out:
4 what will the Chart of the Future look like? And
5 again, it doesn't have to be one thing. It's
6 totally adaptable for the situation, for what you
7 need.

8 It can be a standard display. It can
9 show the high resolution bathymetry. In this
10 case we have panoramas. It took us about, oh,
11 less than a day for Portsmouth Harbor to get a
12 complete 360 degree video panorama of the harbor.

13 Color-coded, whatever you want, just
14 the chart in there, the tide aware business. The
15 key is to have flexibility, a regular old chart,
16 linked windows, whatever you think is most
17 suitable for the need.

18 Or if you have a need to really -- and
19 you think it would really help the situation to
20 see the full 3-D situation, see the context of
21 your hull and your vessel. And I should again
22 say there's no cartoons in here.

1 This is all real data or real
2 bathymetric data, and the real data around the
3 harbor. This is showing how these panoramas are
4 made. But it's not that difficult a thing to put
5 together to be able to see the vessel in the full
6 context.

7 And again, maybe not as a tool for
8 navigating a big vessel or a small vessel, but
9 certainly as an aid to that navigation and
10 understand your environment and the situational
11 awareness and for many, many other applications.

12 This could be for my world in
13 geophysics, for habitat mapping and things like
14 this, this may very well be the primary mode of
15 display.

16 So let me stop there. And I don't
17 know what you want to do in terms of go on or
18 open for discussion.

19 MEMBER GEE: I think we've got, as I
20 said, we would like to I think have -- I have a
21 very short memory span. So unfortunately if we
22 leave the questions until later, I'll forget. And

1 I can't read my writing.

2 So I think -- I'm sure people have
3 some questions for Larry, or comments?

4 DR. MAYER: Or Andy.

5 MEMBER GEE: Or Andy. And Andy as
6 well. Yes, Ed?

7 MEMBER KELLY: Larry, what would the
8 scalability of this be because, you know, I'm
9 looking at dichotomy. We can't get accurate
10 surveys for the Intercoastal Waterway. And now
11 you're looking at this high definition, which is
12 also subject to, I presume, daily change.

13 So what's the practicality of the
14 scalability? How could this be used on a large
15 scale for a full coastal range, and how does it
16 get updated? And is this something that can
17 exist in a lab, or is it something that can be
18 funded and actually implemented?

19 DR. MAYER: Yes, so the scalability is
20 really just tied into the availability of high
21 resolution data. I mean, we could do this with
22 low resolution data, and in all honesty, I would

1 not want to do it.

2 I think you would see a depiction of
3 the sea floor that would just, it would leave you
4 cold, and it's not accurate enough.

5 MEMBER GEE: And that's why people say
6 that it's no use for navigation. I think the
7 comment we heard the other day, that's exactly
8 why.

9 DR. MAYER: But where we have, and
10 there's tremendous efforts now obviously to start
11 collecting 100 percent coverage, multibeam data
12 for more and more areas. And it's a simple
13 thing. I mean, I could put any bathymetry in
14 there at whatever resolution exists.

15 But it's certainly not a difficult
16 task once the data exists -- to come back to
17 Joyce's comments --- once the data exists to put
18 it in. So in that sense, and the other sets of
19 data, and what we hear from Carol about LIDAR
20 data, LIDAR data's a very appropriate scale for
21 this kind of visualization. And that, for a lot
22 of the coastal areas, is collected very, very

1 quickly.

2 So I think we have a -- there's
3 probably a beyond LIDAR range, shallower than 30
4 meters or so. There's a zone. I'm going to call
5 LIDAR range on the East Coast, you know, 10 to 15
6 meters. We'll hear from Carol.

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes, I mean,
8 basically 10 to 15 I would say is good for LIDAR
9 and anything --

10 DR. MAYER: Yes, and so there will be
11 a zone where it's going to take time, but it's
12 happening. It's coming along. It's really very
13 impressive the efforts that are around by NOAA
14 and by even local organizations.

15 And so it comes back again, how do we
16 find all those data sets? I mean, the State of
17 New Jersey after Sandy has done an amazing amount
18 of this kind of mapping.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: And incorporating
20 Corps of Engineers data in the channels. We
21 heard the problem of channel depiction. And so,
22 in many places, the Corps does have full

1 resolution multibeam.

2 DR. MAYER: Kim?

3 MEMBER HALL: Kind of a different type
4 of question. As you are able to get more
5 fidelity by adding more and more data sets to
6 provide a kind of overall picture, what is your
7 responsibility to protect that information.
8 Because once it becomes information somebody can
9 use, there's misuse and illicit activities.

10 You know, if you tell me where all the
11 tuna are and I'm a poacher, now I've got this
12 picture of the school running around that I'm
13 just going to go take my net and put it there.

14 So where's the responsibility for that
15 because as you get more and more -- I mean, I
16 know the Navy would just slap Secret/NOFORN on
17 it, and you guys can't really do that.

18 DR. MAYER: Yes, I think if you want
19 to address that. I'll let Andy answer first, and
20 then I'll offer.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, and Rick is
22 probably actually the best person to answer this.

1 But whenever NOAA does high resolution
2 hydrographic surveys now, we have to consult with
3 the State Historic Preservation Officer.

4 So there's historic wrecks that are
5 potentially subject to looting if it's released.
6 So all our surveys go through a screen by the
7 Historic Preservation Officers. We sometimes work
8 in sanctuaries, and we consult with the sanctuary
9 managers on that.

10 So that's a good point, and I don't
11 think all the ramifications are completely worked
12 out, but certainly NOAA is sensitive of that and
13 working on that issue.

14 DR. MAYER: Yes, so that's from the
15 National Security perspective. And I agree
16 totally with Andy: we follow whatever guidance
17 and constraints that are imposed.

18 You mentioned another part, the
19 fisheries aspect. And when we first started
20 doing multibeam mapping of fish schools, I would
21 give a talk about it, and people would say you're
22 going to find every fish in the sea. You're

1 going to lead to the destruction of every fish in
2 the sea.

3 And maybe it was a cavalier answer,
4 but my response was our job as scientists is to
5 find the truth. And that information is just as
6 important to the managers, too.

7 And so we provide that information to
8 the managers, and then they, it's their job to
9 set the appropriate fishing regulation. But it's
10 important.

11 The issue with the first multibeam
12 mapping of fish schools was that the standard at
13 the time was to use a single beam echosound, or
14 the EK60s, down the middle, and it would just go
15 down the middle of the ship.

16 And the fishermen contended that the
17 fish schools would part. They were avoiding the
18 vessel and so that the hydroacoustic estimates of
19 fish abundance were tremendously underestimating.
20 And so they were being restricted on counts that
21 were way too low.

22 And it turned out when we saw the

1 multibeam data, that was actually true. The fish
2 schools were avoiding the vessel, and so they got
3 a very, very low count. And the fisheries people
4 increased the total allowable catch because of
5 that, and that's why I got yelled at.

6 But I said but that was the truth in
7 that case. And so I'm just pushing off the
8 responsibility, saying it's the manager's
9 responsibility then to use the true data to find
10 what the total allowable catch is.

11 MEMBER HALL: I guess just when I see
12 some of those pictures, it seems like you could
13 accidentally include something. And if I'm a
14 smart, nefarious actor I'm going to go see that
15 because you're providing so much data in one
16 picture.

17 DR. MAYER: Yes --

18 MEMBER HALL: So how to control how
19 that picture gets seen with still telling the
20 truth.

21 DR. MAYER: This is a -- well, the
22 truth part is a different aspect. I mean,

1 national security is something, it's a line I
2 would certainly never cross. And always, I think
3 we all have to respect national security issues.

4 Many of these data sets start off as
5 publicly available anyway. So they're there if
6 we fuse them.

7 MEMBER HALL: Yes, it's just that the
8 government is always really good once you start
9 putting data sets together and it becomes
10 information, not just data. That's when we stamp
11 a nobody else can see it status on it.

12 MEMBER SAADE: Can I jump in? So
13 along those lines, for instance, we did survey
14 work exactly like this off the State of
15 California for the State of California. And the
16 whole goal of that was to release it to
17 everybody.

18 That included finding obvious
19 restricted areas for fishing so they could close
20 off areas to make sure fishermen didn't fish
21 there because it was so obvious that it was a
22 nurturing ground.

1 But it also meant that the surfing
2 interests, for instance, could take the multibeam
3 data and finally on their own determine why
4 Mavericks breaks at 30 to 40 feet, because they
5 did their own analysis of what the hydrodynamics
6 were of the wave front coming in because we
7 mapped this perfect little launch ramp that made
8 these giant waves.

9 That went viral. And from the State
10 of California's point of view, that was the
11 greatest thing ever. Everybody's using it for
12 their own reasons. It's not just the mariner,
13 it's not just the fisherman.

14 And I say you should make a comment
15 about commercial fishing sonars which are
16 essentially multibeams that every single fishing
17 boat has anyway.

18 DR. MAYER: That's true. Yes, I mean,
19 at least in Canada, the biggest owner of
20 multibeams in Canada are the fishing community.

21 MEMBER GEE: Lawson, sorry.

22 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, I mean, Larry's

1 right on. The coast pilot today, the hard copy
2 doesn't have a lot of utility for the modern
3 integrated marine management of an area.

4 So in Alaska we're looking at an
5 electronic version of a coast pilot that has all
6 this bathymetric information, particularly of the
7 roots that are being developed, the voluntary
8 routing.

9 But the most important part of this
10 coast pilot would be real time indigenous use on
11 the ice or in the open water or whatever so that
12 the master of the ship would have all of this
13 information real time as a ship comes up.

14 And it would be the modern electronic
15 coast pilot. But important part of it would be,
16 in fact, this 3-D, 4D information imbedded. Not
17 six months, real time. It has to be real time
18 because the ship is navigating.

19 This is all a new tool for enhancing
20 marine safety and environmental protection in the
21 arctic.

22 MEMBER GEE: Thanks, Lawson. Yes,

1 Susan?

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: From the
3 recreational perspective, I think it's really
4 exciting to see. I'm really curious to see what
5 we could do with it from an education perspective
6 to educate that boater because you really can get
7 a sense of things maybe without even being on a
8 boat in a much more realistic picture from behind
9 a computer screen.

10 I was really happy to hear about the
11 human factors element of it and was curious, have
12 they been looking at kind of how much someone
13 relies on the digital tool versus heads up in the
14 real world?

15 What we're seeing is a big increase in
16 boating accidents related to distracted boating.
17 And our biggest press release last year was
18 Pokemon Go. And if you're going to do Pokemon Go
19 on your boat, you need to have another person
20 keeping watch.

21 And failure to keep proper lookout,
22 one of the most violated nav rules out there. So

1 I would love to know more about that.

2 DR. MAYER: Yes, so I know of one
3 study that Colin has been doing that has been
4 looking, has been tracking because they can do
5 eye tracking stuff too. How many times people
6 are looking out the window versus looking at, in
7 this case I think it was a radar display or
8 something. But that can be carried a lot, lot
9 further.

10 So I think you're absolutely right,
11 that's going to become, it's a scary thing for
12 me. I was worried about building stuff so nice,
13 people don't look out the window anymore.

14 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I would love to
15 follow up with you on it. We're doing a study on
16 distracted boating, so it might be --

17 (Simultaneous speaking)

18 DR. MAYER: Great. Okay, that would
19 be really exciting.

20 MEMBER GEE: Yes, Joyce?

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Two comments. When
22 I was surveying in a 25 foot launch, the

1 experienced boat drivers, the coxswains that had
2 been on the ships forever, and we had a 3-D, not
3 a 3-D display but a display that you could follow
4 to map, it would drive them crazy.

5 And you would bring some 21 year old
6 who never steered a boat before, and they could
7 drive it perfectly because it's just a different
8 skill set.

9 DR. MAYER: There are definitely
10 generational issues.

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. But this
12 takes us way back when we first had the first
13 multibeam outside of the classified community was
14 on the NOAA ship Surveyor. And it went on in
15 1980.

16 And NAVOCEANO who was the expert in
17 the mapping said oh, that little system, we don't
18 need to worry about it. It won't get very good
19 data. And four years later, and we had already
20 published the Juan de Fuca data and things like
21 that, four years later the Navy comes knocking
22 and says all that data needs to be classified,

1 after the fact.

2 And there was quite a battle for a
3 while of whether that data would get classified
4 or not. So it was just a little historic
5 perspective on, you know, on data availability.

6 MEMBER GEE: Can I just comment a
7 couple of things I guess bring it to the
8 technology and what a number of you have said. I
9 think the human/computer interaction and the
10 intuitiveness of what we saw Larry provide is
11 kind of part, that is part of it.

12 What it relies on is the data
13 underneath. And we tend to focus on the
14 bathymetry, but there was all that other data
15 that's coming in. I think that's a difference
16 that's coming because of the technology for NOAA.

17 And we think of the chart before and
18 the coast pilot was compiled by NOAA> I think the
19 future of what Larry is showing, whether it's
20 lights, whether it's the shore, all those other
21 currents and things that are around, that isn't
22 necessarily going to be done by NOAA because the

1 technology is there to bring that in.

2 But it relies on that authoritative
3 data, I think we're saying about being able to
4 know that that is a reasonable data set that
5 you're using. But the technology moving forward
6 has got to be about the data and the databases.

7 I don't know how you access that to
8 better provide products for the different users,
9 whether that be Ed in a port or Sal on a cruise
10 ship or Susan with -- that's I think what we've,
11 the future we're going to from the chart really.

12 We talk about the paper chart going,
13 but we're talking about 200 plus year old
14 technology moving finally to something where we
15 have the opportunity to not just have an
16 electronic chart, but that information system.

17 It's kind of the D part of ECDIS is,
18 that's really changing. So yes, and Sam up the
19 back just wants to say something.

20 MR. DEBOW: Hi. Sam Debow. This is
21 a follow up to Ed's question. And then I have to
22 have question from my close colleagues. Rick,

1 when did you get your master's degree?

2 CAPT. BRENNAN: 2005.

3 MR. DEBOW: Twelve years ago. So
4 we've been seeing this Chart of the Future for
5 12, 15 years. And my question is it's only in
6 your lab. When are we going to operationalize
7 it? When are we going to put it on a NOAA ship?
8 When are we going to get it out there for people
9 to use?

10 The maritime universities, they still
11 teach navigation the same old way, 200 year old
12 method. Paper charts, visual sightings, and
13 plotting fixes. When are we going to get to the
14 next level, operationally?

15 PARTICIPANT: Rick?

16 CAPT. BRENNAN: I thought we were
17 going to have Christian Hempstead here. Maybe,
18 is he, was he coming?

19 (Off microphone comments)

20 CAPT. BRENNAN: Well, so this is the
21 question that we've been asking Christian every
22 time I would go back to a refresher training and

1 he would provide an ECDIS training course on
2 that.

3 And so really, you know, I feel like
4 at least on our NOAA ships we've been dealing
5 with this head-on with our ensigns because we get
6 a whole cadre of new ensigns and we're training
7 those guys.

8 And we have all of this technology, so
9 we're making our own charts and we're making the
10 charts that Larry is showing, so we take our DTMs
11 and we put soundings on them. And so we'll go
12 survey an area before we take the ship in and
13 make our own chart, and then go in and sail on
14 it.

15 So we know exactly what we want on our
16 charts. And we make the charts to look exactly
17 the way we want them. And so we get the best of
18 everything when it comes to that.

19 And then we also have to deal with
20 that human/computer interface issue of how do I
21 keep that ensign from looking at the computer
22 that's on the aft wall of the ship when we're

1 steaming 12 knots in the other direction and
2 making sure that, you know, okay well that's
3 great that that's where it's at but the window is
4 that way, friend, and that's the way you need to
5 look.

6 So we deal with that quite a bit. The
7 one thing I would like to point out that I think
8 is exciting is that when you go back to when we
9 did S57, you know, 30 years ago now or maybe
10 longer is that that was a top down driven
11 standards process, right?

12 And so that was designed and created
13 and worked on at a very high level and then
14 pushed out to the industry into the field, into
15 basically all of the users.

16 The thing that I think is really
17 exciting now, and where we're trying to take
18 this, and that's what the whole Long Beach
19 process was about, was the fact that with these
20 portable pilot units that are out there now,
21 they're unconstrained by IHO guidelines.

22 And so we can really start pushing

1 different data techniques and different products
2 through that portable pilot unit, test them out
3 in kind of nice, concise little real world
4 laboratories and see what works and what doesn't.

5 And you know, and the analogy that
6 I've been using is giving the mariner that eye
7 test. You know, does this one look better, or
8 does this one look better and try, and reiterate
9 very fast and kind of grow that from the ground
10 up.

11 So both between the PPU's and the ECS
12 systems, test that there and then push it to the
13 IHO and say we think that this has been tested,
14 we think that this is the best format and the
15 best available, you know, the best way to display
16 this, and then make it an international standard.

17 And it's a different approach. It's
18 a grassroots up instead of a top down. And so I
19 think to sort of answer Sam's question on that, I
20 think that's where we're trying to push that
21 technology up and into the industry in a
22 completely different direction. And I think

1 that's going to be very powerful.

2 DR. MAYER: Rick is absolutely correct
3 about that. When we started the Chart of the
4 Future project, we had two streams. We had what
5 we called the evolutionary stream which was going
6 to try to work within the standards and see how
7 far we can go which was not very far.

8 And then all the stuff you've seen
9 here, most of what you've seen here has been on
10 the revolutionary track instead of evolutionary
11 which basically said we're unconstrained by IHO
12 standards. Just let's kind of play around and
13 see what we would like to see.

14 But now as Rick's saying, the two are
15 starting to come. And so Briana is going to a
16 lot of strange meetings with TIGWG and IGWG and
17 the Current Working Group and this working group
18 trying to get a number of those types of displays
19 accepted now in the standard process. I think
20 Rick's absolutely right there.

21 MEMBER SAADE: So we need to move on.
22 I get to have the last word. So in answer to

1 Sam's question then I have a really easy
2 solution. Let's get the data out there.

3 We have all this data collected in
4 Alaska and everywhere else that NOAA and the
5 contractors are collecting is just sitting on a
6 computer somewhere.

7 If the users on all these vessels had
8 a chance to look at this tremendous amount of
9 information of imagery and other types of things
10 on the sea bed rather than just soundings and
11 lines, and they started to get used to it, and
12 they started to like it, that puts a demand on
13 everybody that's involved in this.

14 Or, and I'm aware of this because I
15 know some people in the industry, folks that on
16 cruise ships, if cruise ships are going along and
17 part of the display in the ship was this, a long
18 track line of the sea bed so you can see all
19 these interesting features that no one knows
20 about, that's another way to get the word out
21 there and get the public and the end users to get
22 excited about this stuff.

1 But until we do that, we're kind of
2 stuck in the rut of it always being in the labs
3 and not finding a way out to the public.

4 DR. MAYER: So the group that took
5 this on most quickly was the Navy submarine fleet
6 because they have to live in a truly 3-
7 dimensional, 4-dimensional world. And so they
8 were very quick adapter, but they also I think
9 can relieve some levels of chart regulation when
10 they need to.

11 MEMBER GEE: Okay, yes. Thanks,
12 Larry, that was, you got the discussion going.
13 And we want to now move on to the next
14 presentation. We will I think at the end of this
15 and then after the break, we'll have a brief
16 summary of what we did during the technology
17 working group.

18 But I think if we want to continue the
19 discussion sort of before lunch, we hopefully
20 will have time.

21 Now moving back to the ports, but more
22 in a broader port sense, not just bathymetry that

1 we often talk about. Marten from Esri is here to
2 present for us.

3 And we've heard about the Port of
4 Rotterdam and where I think people talk about it
5 from different levels and have different views of
6 it. And so we thought it was worthwhile from,
7 and is the program manager for the implementation
8 of GIS at Rotterdam to present to us that
9 activity. Thanks, Marten.

10 MR. HOGEWEG: Thanks, Lindsay. So
11 thank you very much for the opportunity to talk
12 here a little bit about the work that we do with
13 ports. I've been working with the Port of
14 Rotterdam specifically for the last four years or
15 so, focusing really on using data as indeed a
16 fifth modality for them.

17 Before that I worked at, with sort of
18 USCS Department of Interior on the national data
19 sort of problems, geospatial one-stop during the
20 Bush administration and geospatial platform
21 data.gov.

22 Kind of the theme among all of this is

1 that data can help drive decisions can help make
2 things go smoother, better, faster, and hopefully
3 cheaper from a port business perspective.

4 So a port obviously uses a lot of
5 different modalities, right? The Port of
6 Rotterdam is one of the largest ports in the
7 world. It has, for the longest time has been the
8 largest port in Europe with about 3,000 ship
9 movements a day, 2,000 to train cars sort of
10 moving throughout the port, thousands of trucks
11 going in and out.

12 And the port is a big port. It's
13 about 40 kilometers wide, west to east, and it's
14 built into the urban infrastructure of the City
15 of Rotterdam and a few other cities along that
16 waterway.

17 So it has a few very specific
18 challenges. And one of the things that the port
19 realizes is that physically they cannot grow
20 anymore. But they set an ambitious goal of
21 doubling their throughput over the next 15 years.
22 And that means they have to be smarter, right?

1 So they will not be the biggest port
2 in the world, those can be found in Asia, of
3 course. So they set their goal to be the
4 smartest port and to essentially one of the
5 things for example they said is to not leave a
6 centimeter of cargo space unused. Right, that's
7 one way you can grow.

8 So think about under keel clearance
9 there. So between cargo and other materials sort
10 of entering and exiting the port, it actually
11 goes through quite a few hands, right?

12 People who have a particular role in
13 handling the ships, pilots, harbor master
14 control, shoreline staff, but also people who
15 work on say the sale side of a port, right, port
16 development, trying to acquire new customers,
17 trying to do strategic planning for the port for
18 this 15 year period.

19 They all have their own asset
20 managers, they all have their own very specific
21 views of what a port actually is. Not very
22 different from what a local government would do.

1 If you are city planning, if you are
2 a law enforcement, if you are housing, et cetera,
3 you all have your own different views of the
4 objects, the assets in the port.

5 And so that is what the Port of
6 Rotterdam really sort of made to focus on a data
7 strategy. The goals that they try to sort of
8 achieve with that is to increase things like
9 efficiency, make decisions faster, using common
10 data.

11 Sort of everyone has the same kind of
12 view of what the port is, how wide is a berth,
13 how deep is a berth, and these sometimes sound
14 like trivial things but they're honestly not very
15 trivial in any cases.

16 Communicate more effectively with both
17 internally with other departments, between
18 departments. In many cases we see with
19 organizations not limited to ports is that
20 different departments don't necessarily
21 communicate, maintain their own data sets, et
22 cetera.

1 Attract and retain business, of course
2 the port business is a highly competitive
3 business. Think about western Europe between
4 Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, a lot of
5 different ports are trying to attract customers.
6 And so you have to distinguish yourselves from
7 those.

8 Improve awareness across the
9 enterprise, what's happening, what's going on, et
10 cetera. And then better managing, utilize the
11 assets. So asset management was one of the
12 drivers of this activity that we had with the
13 Port of Rotterdam.

14 They spent a lot of money on making
15 sure that quay walls are operational. If quay
16 wall is not operational, that is an immediate
17 loss of revenue for a port. So plan your
18 maintenance activities, plan your construction
19 activities with minimal impact on other things
20 that happen in the port.

21 So that led them to essentially
22 establish a number of what you might call systems

1 of record, the core systems. That's where you go
2 to get kind of the truth of the information that
3 the port handles.

4 And they established a GIS as one of
5 those systems of record. Between their
6 enterprise systems where they manage asset and
7 contract information, and document management
8 system as well as CAD systems, right, engineering
9 drawings are typically done in CAD systems. So
10 GIS became really an enterprise system just like
11 email or an internal portal might be an
12 enterprise system.

13 What they also did is create what you
14 might call a location strategy. And when we talk
15 about a location strategy, we distinguish these
16 six individual patterns, if you will.

17 One is to enable an entire
18 organization with the information. In the past,
19 Port of Rotterdam as an example, that was the guy
20 who was the GIS guy or the map guy, and he was
21 basically busy the entire day making maps for
22 everyone else in the port.

1 That was flipped around and everyone
2 in the port can now make their own maps. So
3 about 1,000 people working at the Port of
4 Rotterdam look at maps, make their own maps using
5 the same data as everyone else is using.

6 All right, so this is kind of a
7 ubiquitous mapping within an organization, and
8 outside of an organization.

9 Constituent engagement, there's a lot
10 of external players in a port, trucking,
11 truckers, shipping agents, and visitors, right?
12 I mentioned it's an urban area so there's
13 villages and other transportation networks in the
14 area.

15 Support decisions, enable field staff,
16 inspections that are done in the field. Everyone
17 has to understand the same objects in the same
18 information.

19 There's a lot of analysis that's
20 happening, right? So some of the visualizations
21 that we saw just before, some of those are in
22 some ways being done at a port as well to analyze

1 for example underground objects.

2 The Port of Rotterdam is deepening
3 some of the waterways over a stretch of 20
4 kilometers, deepening it maybe with a few meters.
5 There's tunnels, there's cables, there's
6 pipelines that go underground. There's
7 structures on either sides of the waterway that
8 you have to account for.

9 So they need to have these advanced
10 visualization and analysis capabilities.

11 And last but not least, manage the
12 data. Right? So yesterday we heard a couple of
13 sort of comments about data being old, bathymetry
14 changes, sort of the waterways change very
15 frequently and you've got to keep those things up
16 to date.

17 So we spend a lot of time automating
18 a lot of the processes around data management.

19 So the Port of Rotterdam activity
20 really was a kind of an organization wide
21 activity, from asset management to the harbor
22 master group that was part of this. We apply a

1 geo design concept which is really looking at
2 designing a port.

3 A picture in the middle of this
4 particular slide shows a master plan, shows the
5 current situation where you see on the left side
6 is the new area that was recently claimed, or
7 reclaimed from the North Sea. This is about as
8 far west as the Port of Rotterdam can go.

9 There's empty space there, there's a
10 lot of water there. In the future there will be
11 new terminals and quay walls and et cetera
12 designed there.

13 So do you make those container
14 terminals, do you make those refineries, do you
15 do liquid bulk or dry bulk? Where do you put
16 those things? And so the port is using spatial
17 analysis to help inform those decisions over the
18 next 25 years.

19 So internally, the staff within the
20 port has access to maps. I mentioned this,
21 right? So everyone in the port can do their
22 mapping within different departments of the port.

1 Specific thematic maps have been
2 created and made available. All of those are
3 based on the same underlying enterprise
4 databases.

5 All right, so here's an example. And
6 this may also seem kind of a trivial example, but
7 we see many ports having challenges with even
8 putting something like this on a map.

9 So when are the leases, when do they
10 expire, who's the lease holder, can we see the
11 contract documents for those. All right, so
12 really connecting all these different systems of
13 documents, engineering drawings, and spatial data
14 together in one view.

15 And this view might be configured for
16 someone who is in the sales department of the
17 port or the contracting department of the port.
18 A different department may see the same objects
19 but totally different view because they have a
20 different need than these.

21 What you see here is more specific to
22 the asset managers. So they look at a key wall

1 in different views, right? So top is a planar
2 view, the typical map display. The dots that you
3 see off the right in the blue areas are actually
4 locations of panoramic photos.

5 So 360 degree photos have been taken
6 all along the port. They do this on a yearly
7 basis. This allows an asset manager to take a
8 view of a quay wall and defenders and the
9 boulders that are on the quay wall without
10 actually having to go there. They can inspect
11 and visually see what the situation is.

12 Below that photo you see an elevation
13 view of the same quay wall. And you see objects
14 that are under water, the anodes that protect the
15 steel construction of the wall. You see the
16 fenders there and so on.

17 So this is a kind of a view that
18 allows you to see objects that are not directly
19 visible. If they do inspections of those anodes,
20 a diver goes in, they take the anode out, they
21 weigh the anodes. And then from there it goes
22 into a system that then predicts the degradation

1 curve of the quay wall that helps asset managers
2 plan their maintenance activities.

3 Very different view of the port. Of
4 course, navigation is a key aspect in the Port of
5 Rotterdam. So you see the bathymetry here. The
6 Port of Rotterdam actually operates their own
7 survey vessels and dredging operations. They
8 manage all that.

9 The port is a river port, so there's
10 a lot of sedimentation coming down. Plus, one of
11 the key distinguishing elements of the port is
12 that they are a deep water port. So the areas on
13 the left are one of the deepest port areas in the
14 world.

15 What you see on the western side is
16 this triangle, or I'm sorry, this rectangle that
17 is sort of a very deep area. So even though this
18 part of the port is not fully developed yet, the
19 port has figured out a way that water is actually
20 an asset to them.

21 So they leased out this particular
22 area to allow the finalizing of the construction

1 of the Pioneering Spirit, the largest
2 construction ship in the world. And they had to
3 dredge this particular area especially deep
4 because otherwise the ship wouldn't be able to
5 actually get into that particular location.

6 So that is the kind of thinking that
7 the port is doing. Right, so they see they have
8 water, it is an asset to them, it can generate,
9 help them generate revenue. How do we do this,
10 and one of the ways is to use the dredging.

11 This dredging is done on a very
12 frequent basis. You see the individual basins,
13 the red parts are shallower. Obviously there's,
14 when ships arrive there's a guaranteed sort of
15 nautical depth. There's a maintenance depth that
16 the port needs to maintain.

17 So one of the things we have done is
18 to use the AIS data feeds to get under keel
19 clearance data and to then sort of compare that
20 with the guaranteed depth in those areas.

21 So using that mechanism, we can
22 automate the process of deciding where to dredge.

1 And the port is trying to sort of implement this
2 mechanism of just in time dredging.

3 Right, you want to dredge right before
4 the ship arrives. You don't want to hold up a
5 ship because if you're dredging, plus if you
6 dredge a month ahead of time, then it doesn't
7 really help when the ship actually gets there.

8 All right, so data driven planning of
9 dredging operations, replacing literally paper
10 dredging with sticky notes, where did we dredge
11 last week, where do we go next, and so on.

12 The same data is being used in the
13 navigational charts. So the Port of Rotterdam
14 generates these themselves. As I mentioned, they
15 have their own survey operations. Those surveys,
16 they come in on a daily basis, frequently.

17 And we automated the process of
18 updating the bathymetry and the navigational
19 charts, so the port has updates of these
20 navigational charts a number of times a day,
21 really going from maybe once a year or so in the
22 past.

1 So that is sort of really helping them
2 sort of improve their ability to give the
3 visiting ships up to date information.

4 These same charts use the same
5 technology as you might see in the NOAA ENC
6 online application. And we're using this
7 information also now to start working with the
8 port.

9 Actually, it was interesting to see
10 some of the visualizations about route planning.
11 So we're working with the port now to help
12 shipping agents plan their visits to the port.
13 So safe passage, safe berthing.

14 And along the route from sort of point
15 of entry to an individual berthing location,
16 there might be different maritime conditions and
17 restrictions that apply based on the tide, based
18 on the weather conditions, et cetera.

19 And so we're trying to automate this
20 tying it into real time hydro and meteorological
21 measurements and sensor networks. And so this
22 will be something that we're working on next.

1 So in addition to this data foundation
2 that we created over the last couple of years,
3 we're now moving into actually utilizing the data
4 foundation to support very specific processes
5 within the port.

6 All right, so very different approach
7 is seen in the Port of Long Beach where we have
8 worked with their port security program, bringing
9 together local, state, and national, federal law
10 enforcement and disaster response agencies.

11 You see a couple of sort of examples
12 here of what you might call an event management
13 system. So if a ship with hazardous goods
14 arrives in the port, we need to be alerted.

15 If the City of LA decides to, or Long
16 Beach decides to organize a marathon, we need to
17 be alerted. If there is suspicious activity
18 because we're close to the border in the Long
19 Beach area, suspicious activity happening, we
20 need to be managing that, and sharing information
21 with all these different agencies.

22 All right, so ports are not just about

1 the work they do themselves. They also need to
2 connect with other agencies in the area or even
3 beyond.

4 In the case of the Port of Long Beach,
5 the system that we built there, again, replaced a
6 paper system. So in this case there was a daily
7 brief that was held, someone wrote a little
8 report, sticky notes on the wall indicate what's
9 happening where and so on with the system that
10 was put in place there, working jointly with many
11 different data providers and different agencies.

12 All of that can now be done sort of
13 electronically, can be done in the field from a
14 mobile device, can be done from the individual
15 agency offices, et cetera, all in a highly sort
16 of protected and secure environment.

17 So here's sort of a brief example. So
18 events happen, ships arrive. Obviously those are
19 the ship locations on the left hand side. We can
20 schedule events and see what's going on in the
21 port.

22 So all of this kind of comes to this

1 conclusion that information really is, has to be
2 seen as a modality, right, as a core aspect of
3 what a port does and how a port operates, and
4 honestly is not just limited to ports. This
5 applies to cities if you think about smart city
6 initiatives around the world or government in
7 general.

8 So you might think okay, we got a
9 handle on it, right? But we all live now in the
10 age of our fridges telling us that we need to buy
11 milk and the washing machines telling us we need
12 to add more soap.

13 Sort of personal story. We got a new
14 washing machine, and apparently if the thing
15 breaks, I can hold my phone to it and it will
16 tell me what's wrong and I can send it to the
17 manufacturer and it will ship me a part or
18 something. Something will happen.

19 So big data, right? There's various
20 flavors of big data going around. NOAA as an
21 organization is highly involved in big data
22 initiatives.

1 One of the things is volume. Right?
2 Some of the simulations we saw this morning,
3 those are, and actually the discussion yesterday
4 about the prediction models, those are becoming
5 very, very large volumes of data.

6 You do not download those data. The
7 gentleman next to me made a comment about this.
8 The data is available, but beware, right? So you
9 have to think about the different solutions.

10 The typical approach with big data,
11 voluminous data is to actually leave the data
12 where it is and bring the analysis, bring the use
13 of this data to this data. Right, so total shift
14 in a paradigm there.

15 So a website with, or an ftp site with
16 files to download, that's not going to work in
17 this new age anymore. You see this already with
18 various sort of satellite sources.

19 Think LandSat with USGS or think the
20 GOES 16 satellite that was launched recently.
21 That's going to make a lot of data available and
22 accessible. And how do you bring that data to

1 the end users.

2 The other aspect, or one of the other
3 aspects of big data is speed, velocity. So ships
4 don't move very fast. In a different context,
5 think about cars, right? Connected cars are
6 coming, autonomous cars are coming. They do move
7 very fast and close to each other.

8 Very unpredictable, at least as long
9 as people actually drive them. And so you need
10 to be able to handle large volumes of data as
11 much as you need to be able to, or frequency of
12 data, frequency of updates as much as very much
13 volumes.

14 So one of the things we did with the
15 Port of Rotterdam, you see a small picture there
16 in the lower right hand corner is we actually
17 store all of the AIS data. And they've built an
18 archive of maybe eight years by now, 15 minute
19 interval data of about 1,000 ships a day.

20 And you can kind of imagine the volume
21 of that. Out of this large bucket of data,
22 individual users, end users who do not understand

1 big data technologies, who do not understand GIS
2 per se even, they can extract information, they
3 can get the information they need.

4 It might be ship density. What is the
5 busy area in the port on a Friday afternoon or
6 Monday morning or during the weekday or so on.
7 And can we somehow mitigate this bottleneck.

8 Or in this case, count ships, right?
9 Ships, they draw a line somewhere in the port,
10 they count ships going in and out. And they use
11 this for capacity planning purposes.

12 They also use this in the case of
13 calamities. If there's a collision of some sort,
14 they can retrieve the track of the two ships, or
15 of the one ship if it runs aground somewhere, and
16 then replay and visit, combine this with those
17 360 degree views, they can get a fairly decent
18 picture of what's happening in the port.

19 Finally, in terms of big data,
20 variety. This may apply very much as kind of the
21 social sciences. Think the Census Bureau where
22 you collect many different types of information.

1 And in a port, this happens as well. But outside
2 of the port obviously there's other situations
3 where this comes.

4 So you've got to be able to handle all
5 of these data, right? When something happens,
6 when there's a storm, weather affects shipping
7 traffic greatly.

8 Whether it's a storm or whether it's
9 another situation, how do you deal with this
10 large data amount. So that is part of building
11 this strategy. You got to think about it ahead
12 of time, prepare your infrastructure.

13 The technology is here. So there was
14 a question about can we move this into operation.
15 Yes, you can. Technology exists. It takes some
16 planning, it takes some assembly. But you can
17 then create your environment that actually
18 captures the value of being a data driven
19 organization.

20 All right, so there's new
21 opportunities that you might uncover. There's
22 ways, location is an interesting thing. You

1 don't really create all these relations of
2 things. The fact that there is a name card on
3 the table, there's no database where I can look
4 this up but the name card and the table are close
5 to each other in order the people in the room are
6 in the same room and so on.

7 So location allows you to discover
8 relationships that were not obvious and patterns
9 that were not obvious. Make decisions faster
10 because the data is ready to go. Make decisions
11 better because you can evaluate alternatives, you
12 can understand uncertainty in data and so on, you
13 can be better informed.

14 And make decisions ahead of time.
15 Right, so reducing, so weather prediction, right,
16 so being able to forecast the development of
17 hurricane, maybe an hour or two hours ahead of
18 time actually will save a lot of life and assets.

19 You can also improve your efficiency.
20 So as an operation, this would be of course
21 critical to a port. In the case of Port of
22 Rotterdam where they say well this is really the

1 fine tuning that we can do over the next 15, 20
2 years to be able to achieve that goal of doubling
3 throughput. Reducing costs, improving processes,
4 et cetera.

5 Now this, in the case of a port, so I
6 spoke a lot about Port of Rotterdam, a little bit
7 about Long Beach, a port is not just limited to
8 sort of the water and the terminals and so on.

9 If you look at these pictures here,
10 those are transportation networks and congestion
11 that happens in those transportation networks
12 surrounding, for example, the Port of Seattle.

13 One the way here from the airport,
14 right, it's 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the
15 road is blocked and it's fixed, right? It's
16 stand still. So as a port you have to look at
17 the surrounding and sort of the hinterland.

18 So where does your cargo go? Case of
19 Los Angeles Port, you can see where the goods are
20 actually going. In the case of Rotterdam, the
21 goods might actually end up in Poland or in Czech
22 or in Hungary, far away from where the goods

1 actually arrive.

2 And how does it get there? So
3 European Union and is looking at these trends,
4 European Transportation Networks, and really
5 planning it not just from a single port
6 perspective, but now from a network of ports and
7 a network of sort of a logistics network if you
8 will, a supply chain at work.

9 So these are some of the thoughts
10 maybe I had about using data as a modality. I
11 think there's a lot of opportunity to use this,
12 take this approach with the United States ports.

13 We've worked with a number of those.
14 There's opportunities to kind of use data that
15 becomes available from federal agencies such as
16 NOAA, and also contribute back, right?

17 So one of those topics of
18 crowdsourcing navigational charts or bathymetry
19 data, I think there's a close relationship that
20 can be built there. Thank you very much.

21 MEMBER GEE: Thank you, Mark. Yes, I
22 think the comment at the start, I think we see

1 now as the data and the infrastructure support
2 that is really part of the infrastructure report,
3 and it's not just the hard physical keys and
4 ports.

5 The other thing is I think we're just
6 talking about technology here and it was just to
7 kind of bring that in to see, to give those that
8 haven't been exposed to it what was happening and
9 what, in this case, Esri is doing with the Port
10 of Rotterdam.

11 But I think on top of that was
12 interesting as some of the drivers in that slide,
13 I really liked that slide about the drivers of
14 what those were, of how an organization would
15 convert.

16 And that I see is a whole other issue
17 that's outside what we do is the drivers to ports
18 in the US and how does that relate and how does
19 that change because the business that there is
20 the technology there I believe to do this as
21 we're seeing. But to understand what the
22 business drivers are to accept that technology,

1 that's a whole other issue outside what we do,
2 obviously. Yes, so comments. Larry?

3 DR. MAYER: A question. The very high
4 resolution bathymetry that you showed that you
5 think is updated almost on a daily basis, is that
6 provided to the vessels too, or is that just for
7 the internal workings of the port?

8 MR. HOGEWEG: No, that is provided to
9 the vessels as well.

10 DR. MAYER: And how is it provided to
11 the vessels?

12 MR. HOGEWEG: They use, and so we
13 provide the data basically to the provider of
14 that device.

15 (Off microphone comments)

16 MEMBER GEE: And it's also provided to
17 the pilots as well through the portable pilot.
18 It's part of an integrated system if they have
19 the pilots actually are integrated into that.
20 And I think when they're going on a ship they log
21 in daily.

22 And also --

1 DR. MAYER: I can see it for the
2 pilots. I'm just wondering about the vessels
3 itself because if you're supplying it through the
4 ECDIS, there has to be an interface through the
5 ECDIS manufacturer. And how you do that on a
6 daily basis is something I think, Sally, you were
7 talking about last night.

8 If there's some way to get the data
9 directly to the vessel without having to go
10 through the ECDIS manufacturer, if there was a
11 standard format for distribution of that data.

12 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. Rotterdam
13 updated the charts with the IHO. This is the
14 same process you should use?

15 MR. HOGEWEG: Well, I mean, sort of
16 the data in the end that both the bathymetry and
17 the ENCs, they are available in the IHO standard
18 format. And those are then distributed to
19 various places.

20 MEMBER GEE: But it's interesting. I
21 think the port took the, I think there's an
22 agreement between the Netherlands Hydrographic

1 Service and the Port of Rotterdam for Rotterdam
2 to take the responsibility for basically doing
3 kind of distributed --

4 CAPT. BRENNAN: It's a completely
5 different system, right?

6 MEMBER GEE: Oh, it is.

7 CAPT. BRENNAN: It's a completely
8 different country, and they deal with it, and I
9 mean, so the ports there, they have the charting
10 responsibility. And so they are the ones that
11 deliver the chart to the mariner before they get
12 in.

13 And I'm not exactly sure what that
14 method is, if it's broadband or they, you know,
15 do it via satellite connection or the pilots
16 carry it out to them. But yes, they're updating
17 it and they control the entire thing.

18 And so they have responsibility for
19 the surveying, for the mapping, for the dredging.
20 They control all elements of it. So it's a very
21 desirable state to live in in that regard.

22 MEMBER GEE: Yes, and it was a good,

1 I think the important thing was that there was
2 the business decisions drove that. And that's I
3 think, that's outside this. But the technology
4 is there.

5 And so from our point of view, it was
6 just to show that the technology is there and
7 it's working, and then okay, everybody over to
8 the business to see how you can improve and make
9 things more efficient.

10 But I think one of the interesting
11 things also is this real transition from, in this
12 case, and this applies to many in this industry I
13 think is going from a product based organizations
14 to data driven organizations.

15 And that's a big change that I think
16 has happened to us without knowing, and we keep
17 seeing it. But it does need a shift in the
18 paradigm of how organizations operate. And see
19 the benefits of why they do that.

20 MEMBER PERKINS: Captain Brennan, how
21 prevalent is that model internationally of the
22 port being holistically responsible for the

1 surveying and the charting and the distribution?

2 (Off microphone comments)

3 CAPT. BRENNAN: Certainly northern
4 Europe, very prevalent there. I mean, that's
5 almost the de facto model of how it's run. So I
6 think there's a, certainly when you talk to
7 American ports, and Ed can correct me if I'm
8 wrong on this.

9 But I mean, most of the ports don't,
10 you know, they think they don't take on the
11 charting role and they don't even think of that
12 as really the port responsibility in a lot of
13 ways.

14 So at least in my conversations with
15 ports, they're really thinking much more about
16 all the shore side infrastructure and all the
17 things that happen once the ship actually gets to
18 them.

19 And to the extent that there is water
20 involved, it's very much focused entirely on
21 dredging. So it's not as holistic as this
22 approach is where they're looking at the entire

1 ecosystem.

2 I mean, I think we're getting there,
3 it's an evolution. But we've had the, I think in
4 the past we've had the benefit of having, you
5 know, much deeper ports and we haven't had the
6 ships pushing the limits of those ports like
7 we're seeing today. And I think that's what's
8 driving us in that direction now is that the
9 ships are starting to tickle the sea floor a lot
10 more than they used to.

11 MEMBER KELLY: Yes, Rick, I would
12 agree. The ports themselves are typically
13 concentrate on strictly dredging responsibilities
14 for the berths themselves and the connector zone
15 to and from the channel.

16 But other than that, they'll issue
17 controlling department and not really about
18 charting, but that they have the responsibility
19 for dredging that private area.

20 MEMBER GEE: I think that comes again
21 to thinking how they manage the ports. And one of
22 the, I guess my recent experience with the Panel

1 here and looking at the issues we've talked about
2 with construction and how these tie together and
3 with the dredging project or a construction
4 project in a port, and it seems to be in its
5 little silo, and then the charting is in another
6 silo, you know, part of the project is getting a
7 chart, getting the chart out.

8 To me, I think we're drawing a
9 boundary at the end of the dredging project
10 whereas the project's not finished until it's
11 charted whether who's doing it, it doesn't really
12 matter.

13 It's not even charted. It's the data
14 is available in an authoritative form in a
15 product for the person who needs to bring the
16 ship in. I mean, you can connect that better.
17 Maybe there's a change to discussion slightly I
18 think. So maybe.

19 MEMBER GEE: Yes, we remember also
20 it's a constant import of new data from different
21 parties. The berths are dredged individually on
22 different schedules, the main federal channels

1 are dredged on different schedules.

2 Depths changes, so there's a constant
3 flow. It's not like we do the whole harbor once
4 and then go back and do the whole thing again.

5 MEMBER KELLY: No, but I think the
6 technology to allow that management of that is
7 now coming available, and then it's how does a
8 business relate to that to improve the efficiency
9 of that.

10 MEMBER GEE: It's definitely room for
11 integration. The reality is now there's a lot of
12 different silos.

13 MEMBER KELLY: Yes, yes.

14 MEMBER BRIGHAM: I mean, this is all
15 about the strategic management of complexity,
16 right? But in this case, this port is so central
17 to the Netherland's GNP, I mean, essential huge
18 thing, I mean, our challenge is a bit more
19 diverse.

20 But in some sense, New York and
21 probably LA, and not necessarily here have done
22 this, but in rudimentary ways and not using 24

1 century technology.

2 But this is intermodal too. I mean,
3 you made a point that it's all the data of the
4 intermodal connections, the rail and the road and
5 the whole thing. I mean, there's a little bit of
6 that done in the United States but probably not
7 enough.

8 And it's all information driven and
9 it's all for efficiency, and it has some security
10 elements in it, but it's complexity, right?

11 MR. HOGEWEG: Yes. Especially on the
12 kind of the strategic planning side. We're
13 looking there. If you implement a particular
14 container terminal there or you improve the sort
15 of the capacity of the terminal, it's going to
16 result in more traffic movements.

17 Can the road network actually handle
18 it, and if so where does the bottleneck occur,
19 right? And can we do something on that road
20 network to kind of mitigate this.

21 MEMBER GEE: Sal?

22 MEMBER RASSELLO: I think that this

1 has changed a little bit the way a chart is
2 displayed, right? Now it's on electronic, it is
3 not as the few lines on the paper chart. Now we
4 have colors, we have, we can put 3-D in, we can
5 put all the fancy thing because of the
6 digitalization of the chart permits to do
7 whatever we want.

8 So we need to establish who's going to
9 take this on. I think NOAA is the best entity to
10 take this on end and put forward the way the
11 chart should be structured from the open sea,
12 from 30 meters of depth which is the fault depth
13 up to the pier, including what information you
14 mentioned for the Port of Rotterdam, we want to
15 know what is the depth by the pier to allow the
16 ship not just to transit, also to berth.

17 This is aware is the point is that
18 who's going to take this on and collect all these
19 silos. I told this information and put down the
20 process the problem to repair the product.

21 I also like what the Captain said
22 regarding we want to push through the little

1 pilot laptop to start this process. But I think
2 that's going to be a very long, take long time to
3 push into the IHO standards.

4 MEMBER GEE: The reason the portable
5 pilots, you know, because they had an immediate
6 demand to end the ECS. Those people had an
7 immediate use and it wasn't satisfying a
8 requirement.

9 (Simultaneous speaking)

10 MEMBER RASSELLO: -- still isn't
11 legalized, so it's something they use on the side
12 like we say yesterday. But it has to be on an
13 ECDIS chart. For the use of the bigger ship from
14 the small leisure boat, they have the same thing.
15 They have a chart, they have ENC.

16 CAPT. BRENNAN: I guess if I could say
17 one thing on that, I mean, I think with concerted
18 effort, I think we could get the standards
19 accelerated.

20 And so I mean when I was in grad
21 school, I mean, we had a hydro conference and,
22 you know, Larry said the grid should be the map.

1 And when you look at it, that's what one or two
2 is, the grid is the map, the gridded data.

3 So we're there. I mean, you know, I
4 know it seems like a long time. But when you
5 think about how long it took S57 to get in place,
6 it's really moving much, you know, it doesn't
7 seem like it but it is moving faster, and I think
8 it could go even faster if we had some dedicated
9 focus on getting that standard in.

10 But right now, that really takes
11 getting those prototypes tested, getting
12 agreement on that's the way it needs to go, and
13 then transferring our production systems over to
14 a method of producing that. And right now, we
15 don't have production systems in place to provide
16 gridded bathymetry products out to the mariner.
17 And that's a change that I'll, I think we're
18 going to brief on that at some point today. But
19 I can talk a little bit more to that later.

20 MEMBER GEE: Yes, thanks. And I think
21 it's just the comment we had yesterday about the
22 procedure navigation paper. I think this is part

1 of the issue is because there was a number of
2 voices that were in there and it was the thing
3 that's missing.

4 We're trying to drive from the bottom
5 but there is this kind of what's the business
6 push for that. I think that's something to go.

7 We're thinking about having a break
8 shortly, but should we open up just if there's
9 any outside questions or comments from both here
10 and outside now, and then we can go to a break?

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I think we'll
12 take a break early. It's scheduled for 10:30,
13 it's 10:15 now. And we have one more presenter
14 and then discussion of the technology working
15 group before 11:45. So we'll have an hour and 15
16 minutes for Carol's presentation.

17 Lynn, are there any comments from
18 either the floor or --

19 PARTICIPANT: Jon Dasler will be.

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, it's Jon.

21 MR. DASLER: Great. Jon Dasler, Dave
22 Evans and Associates. I think this all really

1 ties together. Precision navigation and the data
2 presentations and what's happening at the Port of
3 Rotterdam, I mean, I think what we see is sort of
4 as all these disparate data sets come together,
5 it's sort of the ransom note effect of piecemeal
6 and patched together data.

7 And at an e-navigation conference a
8 few years ago, in fact, the Canadian Hydrographic
9 Service was talking about that, doing a
10 hydrographic survey at a private terminal and it
11 didn't match the prior surveys and things were a
12 lot different, and it's just that they didn't
13 have the position of the piers in the right
14 position.

15 And so as we pursue I think precision
16 navigation projects, and increasing that
17 accuracy, I think we've got to look at also the
18 standards we're using. I mean, I don't think I
19 chose special order really meets the needs of the
20 precision ports requires.

21 Surveys could be done to a higher
22 accuracy. I think once that's out there,

1 everybody goes well, we can use zone times
2 because the Corps is still using a lot of staff
3 gauge measurements and everybody needs to get on
4 the same page if we're going to start pushing the
5 limits of these ports like the ships are doing in
6 these areas.

7 And you know, how is the shoreline and
8 the piers being positioned relative to the
9 soundings. And so I think moving that forward in
10 precision navigation, those kinds of standards
11 and getting all the agencies on the same page is
12 going to reduce the uncertainty of that, and I
13 think that's where we should be going.

14 MEMBER GEE: Any other comments back
15 there?

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, let's
17 adjourn until 10:30. Please come back on time.
18 And since I don't have much of a voice, I can't
19 yell.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
21 went off the record at 10:17 a.m. and resumed at
22 10:34 a.m.)

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Now please take
2 your seats, and we'll finish up the Technology
3 Working Group Panel. Lindsay.

4 MEMBER GEE: So just slowly turning
5 from, yes, from the previous meeting there have
6 been discussions about having some brief,
7 technology briefs, during the meetings.

8 And from the last meeting we requested
9 to talk about, we've talked about bathy,
10 bathymetric LIDAR. We know Mike Aslaksen, his
11 group have been doing this type of bathy LIDAR.

12 But since we have Carol on the Panel,
13 and she's an industry expert, we've invited her
14 along to give us a brief on that.

15 MEMBER LOCKHART: Thank you. Okay, so
16 over the past couple of years on the Panel we've
17 had questions come up about bathy LIDAR. Often
18 in the sense of, well, it sounds like bathy LIDAR
19 would be a good tool for this, and sometimes the
20 answer is, no, it's not, but we didn't really
21 give further explanation on that.

22 And sometimes we're not using where we

1 maybe could be. And so we wanted to talk about,
2 a little bit about the tools we use in
3 hydrography, as the Technology Working Group.

4 So we're going to try and explain
5 what's a fairly technical subject, but we're
6 going to attempt to do it in plain English. And
7 I'm going to pace around and wonder around, so
8 that I don't fall asleep, far less you guys.

9 So, let's see. How am I supposed to
10 point somewhere specific? The button in the
11 middle?

12 (Off microphone comment)

13 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes, that's what I'm
14 hitting. Okay. So, we have, I have a lot of
15 graphics in here. And actually, some of them are
16 pretty old graphics, but they are still
17 applicable so I'm going to use the old graphics.

18 Some of the graphics I got from the
19 Army Corps of Engineers down at JALBTCX. This is
20 the Joint Airborne LIDAR Bathymetry Technical
21 Center of Expertise. They've been doing LIDAR
22 bathymetry along the shoreline for some years

1 now.

2 And I also got some graphics from
3 CCOM. So thanks to you guys for that.

4 I didn't reach out to Mike and get
5 graphics from him, I probably should have done
6 that so I had some more up to date information in
7 here. But he gets to brief you guys all the
8 time, so.

9 Man, I'm standing in just the wrong
10 place, I think, for this.

11 MEMBER SAADE: The battery might be
12 low.

13 MEMBER LOCKHART: The battery might be
14 done, yes. Here we go.

15 So, let's start about, start looking
16 at the operational concepts. Why do we want to
17 use bathymetrical LIDAR?

18 We're all aware, when we're on a
19 vessel and we're trying to survey with multibeam,
20 we're getting a corridor of information
21 underneath the vessel. And that corridor of
22 information becomes smaller and smaller as the

1 water depth gets shallower. So it becomes less
2 and less efficient.

3 Bathymetric LIDAR provides consistent
4 and predictable swath widths. So it makes it a
5 much more efficient technology to survey like a
6 large expanse of shallow water.

7 And by shallow water we're talking
8 about from zero meters' water depth to around ten
9 or 15 meters. Beyond that it's still actually
10 pretty efficient to survey with vessels.

11 And certainly, if you're doing object
12 detection would better be using a vessel beyond
13 15 meters water depth.

14 So if we were to compare a LIDAR
15 multibeam systems for, say five meters water
16 depth, you're going to get more dense data with
17 multibeam, but it's not as efficient. And you
18 certainly get plenty enough dense data with the
19 LIDAR system.

20 And certainly the LIDAR is going to
21 give you a much more fully picture of the
22 seafloor than doing a single beam survey in that

1 same environment.

2 The LIDAR also has a benefit there.
3 It limits any safety concerns of operating
4 vessels in shallow water. Sometimes uncharted
5 water.

6 And you can also do a LIDAR survey
7 where it's just not practical to do a vessel
8 survey. So in shallow water river environments,
9 environmentally sensitive reef areas, in remote
10 and areas that are hard to get to with a vessel.

11 And I'm going to skip that last bit
12 because we're time limited.

13 So bathymetric LIDAR has been around
14 for a long time. It's been around since the
15 '70's. It mostly started with Military
16 applications for submarine detection and mine
17 detection.

18 And only in the past 15 years or so we
19 really started to use it for regional mapping and
20 for hydrographic mapping purposes.

21 The general -- we're not going to go
22 through all the sensors here -- but the general

1 trend has been that the systems, as they've
2 progressed, have decreased in size and weight,
3 which means we no longer need dedicated aircraft.
4 We can put systems in an aircraft that have a
5 standard camera hatch.

6 And as they've got smaller and
7 lighter, they're capabilities have increased. We
8 fire the laser faster so they have high pulse
9 repetition frequencies.

10 And what that means for us is denser
11 data and wider swath widths. But we've also
12 added additional sensors to the system.

13 So now typically most systems are
14 running with a camera. Some sensors are also
15 running with a hyperspectral sensor. We're
16 getting topo LIDAR as well as bathymetric LIDAR.
17 All from a single pass.

18 There are some anomalies to that. And
19 we can see that if we look at the JALBTCX LIDAR
20 program.

21 They started surveying in 1994 and the
22 laser was firing at 200 pulses per second. As

1 time has gone on, they have basically increased
2 how fast the laser is firing, so again, we're
3 getting denser data, wider swath widths. And
4 they've increased the capabilities of the system.

5 They started off in 1994 just
6 collecting bathymetry on a tidal datum. They had
7 to have a tidal datum. They had to have tides.

8 As the years progressed, they added
9 the ability to survey on the ellipsoid, which
10 also allowed them to then collect data on land as
11 well. Then they added a camera, they added a
12 spectral imager.

13 The CZMIL system came online in 2012,
14 and that's the system they run now. Both the
15 Army Corps and NAVO run that system.

16 It's the anomaly in that it is not a
17 smaller LIDAR system, it is a behemoth. But it
18 does do everything from bathymetry through to
19 spectral imagery.

20 And the idea of that system was to be
21 able to do data fusion. There is debate on how
22 successful it is of that, but it is out there.

1 So some of the current sensors, we can
2 basically split current sensors out there into
3 two categories. There are, what I sometimes
4 refer to as traditional or high-power sensors,
5 they're basically deep channel sensors.

6 They can see twice as deep as the
7 other category of sensors, which are the lower-
8 power sensors.

9 The deep channel systems, some of
10 these have been around for a decade. The SHOAL
11 and LADS systems both are, Fugro runs both of
12 those.

13 And then the newer deep channel
14 systems, the Optech CZMIL that we just briefly
15 discussed, and Leica have a HawkEye III. Those
16 two systems both have methods to get denser data
17 in shallower water, as well as collecting deep
18 channel data.

19 The low-power systems have basically
20 one thing in common, and that is, they are using
21 less power so they're very much smaller than the
22 deep channel systems. They also have the

1 ability, because they're putting less power out
2 in each pulse, their beam divergency isn't as
3 large. And so their footprint size, when they
4 hit the sea surface, is a lot smaller.

5 So in general, we're getting denser
6 data from the low-power systems, but we're also
7 getting more accurate data from them.

8 And most of the, we're not going to
9 talk about the first two sensors on that list
10 today, we're mainly going to talk about the
11 Chiroptera II, which is a sensor we run, and then
12 the Riegl sensors, which Mike runs.

13 All of these sensors run under a
14 similar operational theory, so we're just going
15 to backtrack and explain how these sensors
16 actually work. All of these sensors typically
17 have some kind of near infrared laser or a topo
18 laser. And also, a green laser.

19 The older systems used to do this by
20 using a frequency doubled ND:YAG Class IV laser.
21 But nowadays the trend has been to use
22 independent lasers. And there's actually a lot

1 of benefits to doing that, which we'll discuss as
2 we go through this.

3 In all cases, the laser is basically
4 firing against the scanner mirror that's moving
5 around, or a circular palmer scanner, to create a
6 swath of points as the plane is moving along.

7 So the green laser is the one that
8 we're actually using to measure the sea bottom.
9 It basically hits the surface, it goes through
10 the water column and we get a return from the
11 seafloor. But we're also getting information
12 from the sea surface and all the way through the
13 water column as well.

14 The infrared return is the one we're
15 using to get a better identification of the sea
16 surface. It does not penetrate the water, it
17 reflects off the water, so we can more accurately
18 measure where the sea surface is there.

19 The older systems also had a way of
20 measuring the sea surface called the Raman
21 return. That's not actually used in any of the
22 newer systems. And there are issues with using

1 it.

2 It's basically caused by the green
3 molecules getting excited right below the sea
4 surface. And there's some elastic stretching.

5 And it actually gets returned to the
6 sensor as red energy. And that can be measured
7 to indicate where the sea surface is, but it's a
8 volumetric return that's coming from slightly
9 below the sea surface. And we don't know exactly
10 how far below the surface it's coming from, so
11 that adds inaccuracy into our data if we use that
12 as a surface return.

13 However, it did serve a purpose when
14 the sea is flat glassy calm, the infrared pulse
15 will bounce off and we may not get a surface
16 return. And so the Raman return was actually
17 really useful in those instances. Because a
18 return is better than no return at all.

19 So when that green beam comes down and
20 it hits the water surface, there's a lot of
21 complex interactions going on with the water
22 surface. And then there's a lot of complex

1 interactions going on as that light travels
2 through the water column.

3 As the light is traveling through the
4 water column, it's scattering, it's being
5 absorbed. There's a bunch of volume back scatter
6 going on before it hits the seabed.

7 And this graphic is used a lot just to
8 show all of these complex interactions. But if
9 we look at this in a slightly different way, this
10 is time going along the bottom here.

11 So when the green beam enters the
12 surface, we get a big return off of the surface.
13 Typically, not always. But typically, we get a
14 big return off the surface.

15 And then as the green energy is going
16 through the water, we get a lot of volume
17 backscatter. And then we get a stronger return
18 again off the bottom return.

19 In reality, the bottom return is
20 typically much more weaker than the surface
21 return. But again, I say not always.

22 In very clear water, and especially

1 with these lower-power systems with smaller
2 footprints, sometimes we get a lot weaker return
3 off the surface in clear water because it's not
4 as obvious a boundary to the system. And so
5 sometimes those bottom returns, in clear water
6 areas, are actually strong than the surface
7 return.

8 Some differences between the sensors.
9 Some of them have different scanning patterns.
10 There is a trend now towards an elliptical
11 scanning pattern. And most of the sensors we use
12 nowadays actually use a full elliptical scan
13 pattern.

14 There's a lot of benefits to that, and
15 we'll describe those as we'll get some data
16 examples here later. But the main benefit is
17 you're getting multiple look angles in a single
18 pass.

19 So you're looking forward and then
20 you're looking backwards behind you as well. All
21 from the single pass. And that has a lot of
22 benefits, which we'll discuss.

1 The CZMIL system that the NAVO and
2 JALBTCX guys use is a little different than every
3 other sensor. Every other sensor, as sensors
4 have progressed, have used a laser that fires
5 faster to increase their data density.

6 The CZMIL system is using elliptical
7 scan pattern, but it actually uses a technology
8 called segmented detection. When the light
9 returns to the sensor.

10 So they send out a single pulse every
11 10,000 times a second basically. But on the
12 return of that signal, they split that light
13 physically and they go into seven different
14 channels and they get seven different returns.

15 This only happens in the shallow
16 seabed and on land, to increase their data
17 density there. They need a wider field of view
18 to see deeper, so in the deep channel they're
19 only getting one return per outgoing pulse. But
20 in the shallow channels they're basically getting
21 seven returns pulse.

22 Like I say, every other system does

1 that differently. They basically increase the
2 rate of fire to increase data density.

3 And there's a lot of arguments for
4 what's the best approach, but I think we're
5 starting to see that the best approach is just to
6 fire the laser faster.

7 Deep channel sensors have to have a
8 larger beam divergence. And it's not because
9 they, they could have a smaller beam divergence.
10 There's a lot more power in each pulse as the
11 laser is fired. And if you don't diverge the
12 beam, you will basically blind everybody on the
13 ground.

14 So it has to be, the beam divergence
15 has to be larger for eye safety. Blinding people
16 is not good for business.

17 So that's why these low-power sensors
18 are able to use small footprints. There's not as
19 much energy in each pulse.

20 Now, what that means is they don't see
21 as deep into the water column. The deep channel
22 sensors will see roughly twice deep as the

1 shallow channel sensor.

2 But depending on the project,
3 depending on the water clarity in your area, you
4 have to pick the right tool for the job.

5 Now historically, shallow water
6 discrimination has been a problem for bathymetric
7 LIDAR. These systems that have larger
8 footprints, and these are wave fronts from a
9 SHOAL system that I got from JALBTCX, the problem
10 in shallow water, and we're talking about very
11 shallow water, about zero to a meter in a half
12 water depth.

13 In the wave form you get a very clear
14 surface return and then you get a clear bottom
15 return. So there's two humps on that wave form,
16 on the very left there.

17 As we come in shallower, those two
18 little blips on the wave form start to merge
19 together. And it's really hard to discern
20 between the two.

21 Now, what that means is it's hard to
22 calculate the depth. The way we're calculating

1 depth with these, is basically measuring time
2 between the surface and the seabed. And if we
3 can't measure that time, because we don't know
4 where those returns are, we can't get a depth.

5 Now, some of these sensors got around
6 that by developing some shallow water algorithms.
7 But the newer sensors don't really have that
8 problem.

9 So again, we'll look at a comparison
10 between CZMIL and the SHOALS. This is an actual
11 SHOALS wave form. It's from Ft. Lauderdale in 25
12 meters of water.

13 The water is relatively clear here.
14 You can see the surface return, you can see the
15 bottom return.

16 If we put a CZMIL wave form on top of
17 that, it's exactly the same seabed, reflects the
18 same water clarity, same water depth. You can
19 see that there is a lot higher signal coming from
20 the CZMIL. It has a better signal to noise
21 response than the older system did.

22 And there is also a shorter system

1 response time. So we can discern those blips a
2 little easier.

3 So if we look at the same thing in
4 shallow water, so this is the same thing in a
5 meter and a half of water, the black line is the
6 CZMIL system, which has a shorter system
7 response, and you can see that it's very clear to
8 see the surface and the bottom return, and it's a
9 lot harder to see it in that red wave form, from
10 the older system that had a longer system
11 response time.

12 So we should be able to, with better
13 signal to noise and better system response, be
14 able to detect the bottom, not only deeper, but
15 also do better in that shallow water region.

16 And this is just another example of
17 the same thing. It's a Chiroptera wave form in
18 1.2 meters of water against the 29 nanosecond
19 response time. Which is basically the SHOALS
20 response time wave form.

21 And again, you can clearly see a
22 surface versus a bottom return.

1 So if we group all these sensors back
2 together, I think basically what we're trying to
3 show here is the flying speeds, the flying
4 altitudes for all of these things are very
5 similar.

6 Now, the swath widths are actually
7 fairly similar too. But the main difference is
8 these low-power sensors are smaller, they're
9 lighter, they're firing the laser a lot faster.

10 In case of the Riegl, it can fire up
11 to 550 kilohertz. I don't think anybody is using
12 it, firing it that fast. Usually 125 to 250.
13 But they're getting a much denser data than the
14 deep channel sensors.

15 I want to talk a little bit about
16 accuracy. All of these systems basically say
17 they meet IHO Order 1. Jon Dasler there just
18 mentioned that that's not really good enough
19 anymore for some of the things that we're about
20 doing.

21 In our experience, our accuracies are
22 actually a lot better than that in these newer

1 sensors.

2 So almost a decade ago, when I was
3 still at Fugro and Ed was still at Pelagos there
4 as well, we came up with a way to empirically
5 measure our uncertainty over LIDAR sensors. And
6 we're still using a lot of that similar
7 methodology right now to measure for our sensors.

8 So this graph is basically showing,
9 the black line is the allowable uncertainty for
10 IHO Order 1. The red line is IHO special order.
11 The blue line are actual calculated vertical
12 uncertainty for either the Chiroptera or the
13 HawkEye III. They're basically the same sensor.

14 And as you can see, it's actually
15 below special order. The accuracies we're
16 getting with these new systems are far better
17 than actually I really ever expected to get from
18 a LIDAR system.

19 The green line underneath that is
20 basically the root mean square error. Because in
21 the topo LIDAR world that's how they like to talk
22 about their accuracy rather than using

1 uncertainty. So I just devolve it down to the
2 RMSE.

3 But the RMSE has basically gone from
4 five centimeters to just under 18 centimeters in
5 50 meters of water depth. Which is pretty
6 incredible.

7 And that five centimeters, or ten
8 centimeters' uncertainty on the front-end, is the
9 static error in that IHO equation. So we have an
10 error that's not dependent on depth. It's
11 basically the error that we're getting from our
12 source datums and our datum transformations,
13 before we ever go below the water surface.

14 So looking at these systems, this is
15 the biggest system and the smallest system
16 currently operating. The CZMIL is large. It's
17 maybe not clear how large from this image.

18 The LIDAR sensor head there is just
19 over a meter in height. It's huge.

20 They have done a pretty good over the
21 past year or so of reducing the size of the
22 thermal unit and reducing the power requirements

1 of the sensor. So it's a little bit smaller now,
2 but it's still the biggest sensor out there.

3 The 820-G, I think mostly in the U.S.
4 these have all been switched out for 880-G's, but
5 the 820-G is probably the smallest sensor running
6 out there right now. It doesn't see as deep, but
7 it served a purpose and got us to what is now a
8 pretty good sensor in the 880.

9 Leica took a little different
10 approach. They made a modular sensor design. So
11 they start off with a shallow bathymetry in the
12 Chiroptera so it has a fully functional topo
13 laser and it has a shallow bathy laser.

14 You can then just add a deep channel
15 to that, and they call it a HawkEye III. But
16 it's essentially the same system with a deep
17 channel added. You can also pull the shallow
18 bathy laser out completely and turn it into a
19 fully two-head topo system.

20 So if we look at those systems, this
21 is the Chiroptera system. So on the left you see
22 the controller unit and the electronics. We have

1 the operator display and then the actual sensor
2 head. It's sitting in the gyrostabilizer mounts.

3 And then the deep channel, if we add
4 the deep channel to that, so this is the same
5 thing but with the deep channel added. That deep
6 channel is huge.

7 So you can see the increased weight,
8 the increased power required to get twice as deep
9 in the water column. It's a lot more effort.
10 It's going to have to go in a different aircraft.
11 The aircraft is going to have to generate more
12 power.

13 So operationally, when we think about
14 using LIDAR, the first thing we have to do, when
15 we're given any survey areas, decide if it's a
16 suitable tool or not. It's not always going to
17 be a suitable tool. And we don't want to use it
18 where it's not suitable. Nobody wants an
19 unsuccessful survey.

20 So we have to think about things like
21 water clarity, seabed reflectivity, the weather,
22 the expected terrain and what depths. If we

1 think it's going to work, what depth do we think
2 we're going to get to.

3 A successful LIDAR survey, if you
4 can't penetrate to that expected depth, it's
5 still not successful. Even if you got a little
6 bit of data. If you didn't get to the depth that
7 the client needs to see to, it's not a successful
8 survey.

9 So we have to try and figure out what
10 depth we think we're going to get to, before we
11 ever go there.

12 So the depth penetration depends on
13 the water clarity, sometimes referred to as
14 turbidity. And it also depends on the seafloor
15 reflectance.

16 We're dealing with light. Light gets
17 absorbed by dark surfaces. If the seafloor is
18 dark, it will absorb the light and we will not
19 get a return. So we have to know these things.

20 In general, the high-power sensors see
21 two to three times the Secchi depth. It's kind
22 of an easier, user friendly way, to think about

1 water clarity. There are more mathematical ways
2 to do this.

3 Low-power sensors, this slide is
4 wrong. Low-power sensors get to usually about
5 one and a half times the Secchi depth in general.

6 A Secchi depth is basically you take
7 this little white disc, that you see there, you
8 lower it into the sea until you can't see it
9 anymore, start to pull it back up, and when you
10 see it again, you measure the depth of the rope
11 it's hanging off of and that's one Secchi depth.

12 Basically, you see one Secchi depth
13 with your human eye. So a passive sensor, like a
14 hyperspectral sensor, is going to see to one
15 Secchi depth.

16 So if a client has Secchi depth for an
17 area, that's really useful when we're trying to
18 figure out if this is a suitable tool or not.
19 But there are other ways to get that assessment
20 if you don't have Secchi depth information.

21 So one of the things we do is we use
22 AquaMODIS satellite imagery. We look at the

1 historical imagery.

2 They have a diffuse attenuation
3 information at 490 nanometers, which is really
4 close to the 532 nanometers we use bathy LIDAR.
5 So it can give us an indication of how deep we
6 think we're going to penetrate the water.

7 And so we'll look at monthly data over
8 a number of years and try and figure out if there
9 is a best season to go and survey somewhere.

10 There are other areas where seasonal
11 assessment isn't as useful. It maybe that the
12 tides and currents are more important.

13 Sometimes we can get a really
14 successful survey if we go and survey it slack
15 tide. At slack tide, the sediments drop out the
16 water column and lay on the seafloor and we can
17 get great data. But if we try and survey in that
18 same area, when the tides running or the current
19 is high, that sediment is back up in the water
20 column and we cannot penetrate that water column
21 to see to the seabed.

22 So you have to think about all these

1 things and look at the environment you're working
2 in. Or going to be working in, to see if this is
3 the right tool for the job.

4 Likewise, we have to look at
5 temperature because temperature basically effects
6 whether you're going to have to use an air
7 conditioner in the plane or not.

8 If you're using a deep channel system
9 that requires a lot of power, and then you know
10 you're also going to have to run an air
11 conditioner. That's going to affect your
12 aircraft choice, it's going to affect your cost.

13 We have to look at wind to see if it's
14 going to affect the crabbing angle. If you're
15 going to crab the plane along a line, it's going
16 to affect your effective swath width, if you
17 like.

18 So you may want to plan your flight
19 lines based on the prevalent wind direction,
20 instead of just dumbly looking at how to run the
21 fused amount of lines. You have to take these
22 things into account.

1 We can't operate when it's raining.
2 In heavy rain, we'll get a return off the rain
3 before we ever hit the sea surface. So not only
4 is that just you don't get any data, if you hit
5 that rain really close to the aircraft it's going
6 to come back up, it's going to fry your
7 detectors. So you don't want to do that.

8 The cloud ceiling obviously has to be
9 above the aircraft for the same reason. We can't
10 fire through cloud.

11 And then sea state is important
12 because we can't penetrate white water. Light
13 cannot penetrate those bubbles. And so if the
14 sea state is really high and there's a lot of
15 chop, you probably don't want to go out and
16 survey that day.

17 That goes also for wave zone areas and
18 river rapids. So there's a lot of things you
19 have to take into account, to figure out when is
20 the best time to go and do this survey.

21 And once you figured that out, then
22 there is all these other operational

1 considerations. You know, where we're going to
2 base your locations from, do you need a deep
3 channel sensor, do you need the shallow channel
4 sensor, what are the expected depths. And then
5 we have the whole datum issue.

6 We do get kind of spoiled when we're
7 flying along the coast line of the U.S. We have
8 great data from CO-OPS, great data from NGS that
9 allow us to basically go and fly. We're always
10 collecting on the ellipsoid.

11 And we can translate that pretty
12 easily into any tidal datum we want. But it's
13 because all that work has been done and the data
14 is available from these organizations.

15 We do go and survey in other areas
16 ourselves where that data doesn't exist at all.
17 We have to then think about putting in tide
18 gauges. We have to keep them in there for a
19 month or two.

20 We have to develop datums, we have to
21 develop the swift from the ellipsoid to those
22 tidal datums. Sometimes that's straightforward,

1 sometimes it's not. Sometimes there's not a
2 useful geoid model in the area.

3 So there can be a lot of complications
4 to doing these surveys, especially if you're
5 working in remote areas. And then we also have
6 to think about air traffic restrictions, flight
7 permits, all those kind of things as well.

8 So I think the point is just to say
9 that there are a lot of operational
10 considerations. If you go out and by a LIDAR
11 sensor and go to do this for the first time,
12 there's a chance you're going to overlook some of
13 these details. It may cause you a little
14 heartburn, you'll get there eventually.

15 So, I wanted to close by just showing
16 some more recent data. This is an example of
17 data off of, it's just actually just off of Port
18 Angeles. It's where the Elwha River empties out
19 and the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

20 The point of this slide is to show
21 that we are getting data real shallow now. So we
22 have seamless topo and bathy data, collecting on

1 a single pass.

2 The sensor has a camera on it too, so
3 you've colorized the point cloud. These are
4 actual points, this is not an elevation model.

5 And we're getting good definition of
6 the steep slopes. We're getting seamless topo-
7 bathy data.

8 This is another example, again, from
9 the Elwha River. The advantage of the elliptical
10 scan, seeing in multiple directions.

11 And also, these newer sensors, we get
12 multiple returns from the wave form. So we can
13 get up to four returns from the wave form.

14 Older sensors, you used to have to
15 choose between getting the strongest return or
16 the shallowest return. Now we get all of those
17 in a single pass.

18 And what that allows us to do with the
19 elliptical scanner, the multiple returns, is we
20 can see underneath the vegetation. So the green
21 in this slide is basically the ground on the
22 land.

1 We've got the vegetation in the white
2 and then the slant is actual bathymetry. And in
3 some cases, we're getting very, very shallow
4 bathymetry, but it's good bathymetry.

5 This is another example where trees
6 have fallen over down that steep hillside, and we
7 have a bunch of logs sitting on the water
8 surface. And, again, we're still getting good
9 bathymetry underneath those logs because we're
10 seeing multiple look angles in a single pass.

11 Now, I mentioned we can't penetrate
12 white water, but this is one of the advantages of
13 the elliptical scan. There are a couple of
14 seconds between the front of the scan passing a
15 location and the rear of the scan passing that
16 location, and that gives the waves enough time to
17 move.

18 And because we're also looking in
19 different directions, we can actually get
20 penetration in that white water zone. We're not
21 seeing through the white water, it's just that
22 the white water has moved.

1 So this is a finalized point cloud
2 again. This is in Florida. So it's been
3 colorized so you can see where the waves are, but
4 that's all actual real usable bathymetry there.
5 Everywhere you see a point, that's a real valid
6 point. So we got full coverage in the wave zone
7 in Florida.

8 Which you're not going to get that
9 everywhere, but you will get a lot better
10 coverage than you're ever used to.

11 The detail we get from these newer
12 sensors is pretty amazing. Mike has shown a lot
13 of cool images when he's presented in the past.
14 Along with Juliana.

15 And the detail really is astounding.
16 But it's not just the detail, it's the detail is
17 also more accurate. And I think that's an
18 important thing to remember. The data is not as
19 fuzzy as it used to be, it's a lot clearly than
20 it used to be.

21 This is some smaller channels for
22 recreational boaters going into their berths in

1 the Florida Keys. And you can see some of the
2 details as those channel end, where the corral
3 and rock piling up. It's really pretty cool.

4 And lastly, I wanted to talk about
5 some of the value-added things that we don't
6 always talk about when we talk about bathy LIDAR.

7 So this was a project. It was a
8 demonstration project we did off of Germany,
9 quite a few ago now. It was using a Chiroptera
10 sensor.

11 And we have about eight lines of LIDAR
12 data in here. The area was a lot larger, I just
13 pulled out a snapshot of it.

14 We're going from very, well, very
15 close to land. The land is actually right in the
16 bottom right corner in the kind of pinkish hue
17 there, to about eight meters water depth in this
18 image.

19 But we don't just get depth, we also
20 get the intensity of the return. So we can look
21 at the reflectance of the seabed and we can start
22 to use that to think about what is there, what is

1 on the seabed, what type of seabed is this.

2 In this case, they were interested in
3 using this technology to map their seagrass.
4 They wanted to know if their seagrass beds were
5 growing or if they were depleting.

6 Now, it's not quite as simple as this,
7 there are challenges to doing this. And it is a
8 little bit academic still.

9 What you start with is raw intensity.
10 And as the signal is going through the water
11 column, there are losses associated with that.

12 And so as you get deeper, the signal
13 return is getting, is essentially getting darker.
14 And so you have to correct for that, because the
15 raw intensity is not just the intensity of the
16 seabed, it's effected by the water column you're
17 traveling through.

18 If your water clarity changes, you
19 will get a different answer than if it was
20 clearly the day before. So you have to correct
21 for all those things before you can really use
22 this as the actual seabed reflectance.

1 But once you have that and you've
2 normalized for depth and the water clarity, you
3 can use this to try and classify the data.

4 So we had digital camera imagery off
5 of the sensor too. So in the very shallow water
6 we could, we didn't have any ground-truth in this
7 case, so we tried to identify ranges based on
8 where we know there was seagrass in the real
9 shallow areas, from the RGB imagery.

10 Picked a range of intensity, so we
11 thought delineated seagrass, and then used that
12 to classify the image. Then we changed that to
13 vector, and used that vector basically to
14 classify the raw LIDAR point clouds.

15 And so if we take a look at the cross
16 section through this area, this is basically, the
17 bottom image here, the dark blue, is essentially
18 the seabed that doesn't have seagrass on it. And
19 the cyan color is essentially where there is
20 seagrass.

21 In this case, the seagrass was only 25
22 centimeters high. That would have been really

1 difficult to detect some other way.

2 So we did this three times, I think,
3 over the course of three years. Not always in
4 the same season.

5 And it was possible, even with no
6 ground-truthing or anything else. And this is a
7 fairly rudimentary way to do the classification.
8 But it was fit for purpose and it was kind of an
9 interesting project.

10 Finally, I did mention there are other
11 sensors on these systems nowadays. We always run
12 within our CD30 camera, for example.

13 So we can do true color imagery, we
14 can color infrared. Or you can do an NDVI image,
15 which gives you information on vegetation health.

16 Purely by accident, we actually
17 created one of these images that crossed into
18 water, and the water was relatively clear and we
19 could see algae growing in the water column. We
20 haven't really looked into that anymore to see if
21 that's a useful thing or not, but it was just
22 kind of a curiosity that I thought I'd mention.

1 And finally, I'll leave you again,
2 with another image of the Elwha River coming into
3 the Straights of Juan de Fuca. That is not a
4 photograph, that is a LIDAR point cloud.

5 So the detail we're getting from this
6 data now is truly amazing. It's far better than
7 it was a decade ago. And I think that's kind of
8 the point I want to leave you with.

9 I've kind of skipped over talking
10 about object detection and other technical
11 things, I'm happy to answer any questions anybody
12 has on that, if they want to get more technical.
13 But that is it, I'm done.

14 (Laughter)

15 (Applause)

16 MEMBER GEE: Any questions?

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I would like to
18 hear a little bit about object detection. I
19 recall several years ago working at the New
20 Hampshire website and going, you mean it doesn't
21 detect rocks, because they were dark I think.

22 What's the status of that? And how

1 does it integrate to object detection needs in
2 IHO and so forth?

3 MEMBER LOCKHART: So there were some
4 challenges with the older systems that had those
5 larger footprints and the data wasn't as dense.
6 And so when we got in shallow, there would be a
7 footprint here and then there would be a
8 footprint over here. And there would actually be
9 a gap between those two footprints.

10 So you weren't actually eliminating
11 the full seafloor. And so that was one of the
12 problems with the older sensors.

13 And then those, depending on the
14 system you are using and how you used it, you
15 know, the larger footprint kind of mushes out the
16 seafloor a little bit, so you weren't always
17 seeing the shoalest depth.

18 Could they do object detection? In
19 the right environment, yes. But you have to be
20 very careful about where said you could do that.

21 And I mentioned earlier, if you're
22 going beyond 15 meters of water, you better not

1 be using any LIDAR system and claiming you're
2 doing object detection. It's not going to work
3 that way because that footprint is going to
4 spread as you get deeper into the water.

5 But now with these, with the much
6 denser data that we have, the data is more
7 accurate now. We do object detection. We
8 basically do.

9 You're going to have more challenges
10 with it per water clarity, but because the data
11 is denser, it's going to be more obvious where
12 you have a gap in your data. If you didn't get a
13 return, then you can't claim there's an object
14 there or not. You're just going to say, I don't
15 know what's there. And those gaps are a lot more
16 obvious when you have denser data.

17 But actually, the last two years, most
18 of our work, and our company has been doing this
19 for nautical charting purposes, and we are doing,
20 some of those surveys are Order 1a, or Order 1b,
21 and don't require object detection, but a bunch
22 of them are Order 1a and they do require object

1 detection. And we are doing that and we are
2 certifying that we are detecting objects in those
3 areas.

4 Now typically, if we're doing object
5 detection, you will still fly to go 200 percent
6 coverage, because we want to pass over an area
7 twice. Because sometimes it is hard to resolve
8 whether there something is a shoal of fish that's
9 just moving through or if it's an actual object.
10 And so we like to fly at 200 percent just to give
11 us that comfort factor.

12 But yes, the bottom line is now it's
13 really easy to see where you are missing data,
14 and then you don't know what's there. Rachel.

15 MEMBER GEE: Rachel.

16 MS. MEDLEY: Hi, Rachel Medley, Office
17 Coast Survey. Carol, you mentioned about having
18 to do sort of a lot of prep and recon before you
19 go out and determine, are you guys employing
20 satellite-derived bathymetry as sort of a
21 preliminary recon tool or are you using that in
22 conjunction to validate or --

1 MEMBER LOCKHART: We have. Actually,
2 we have done that too. And sometimes that can be
3 pretty useful. But we don't do it all the time,
4 in all honesty.

5 And a lot of times, now our clients
6 are getting a lot smarter so they're not
7 necessarily giving us those areas where it's not
8 going to work anyway. So it's a little bit less
9 of an issue.

10 And then satellite bathymetry doesn't
11 really work when we're doing stuff really close
12 to shore and rivers. And in complex environments
13 the detail isn't there, from that imagery, to
14 tell us what we need to know.

15 But yes, we have. We have done that
16 in the past.

17 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, I mean, Ed and
18 Carol, and maybe even Lindsay can comment. I
19 mean, it's great technology. It's hard to apply
20 to Alaskan waters because we have the complexity
21 of everything you talked about, Carol.

22 And so the prep work, it makes it

1 hard. I mean, you got sediment all over the
2 place, I mean it's a very --

3 But for specific jobs, like putting
4 pipelines on the seabed and whatever and looking
5 for ice scatter, and all of that stuff, I mean,
6 hugely important.

7 But I suspect the preparation to do an
8 area, in Alaska, the prep looking at ocean
9 currents and all the sediment, and looking at
10 satellite imagery, be hugely important, is really
11 a lot of work.

12 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes, that's true,
13 Alaska is definitely a challenging environment.
14 And one of the challenges of Alaska is just the
15 shorter survey season. It's a shorter survey
16 season if you're on a vessel.

17 It's an even short survey season if
18 you're trying to do LIDAR, because the clearest
19 water clarity is right after melt. And then as
20 soon as you get a few days of sunshine, the algae
21 blooms and you can't do anything.

22 So you have to hit that window

1 perfectly. It can be done, but you really, you
2 have to nail your planning. And sometimes you
3 just get lucky and sometimes you don't.

4 It's definitely a challenging
5 environment to work in. It can be done, but it's
6 not easy. Ed.

7 MEMBER SAADE: So we've been there a
8 few times in the past and got huge data sets.
9 One of the efficiencies was to intentionally pick
10 a couple of three locations. Far apart from each
11 other. Hundreds of miles apart from each other.

12 So that you could take advantage of
13 the aircraft legs and be able to, maybe you are
14 shut down in one portion of the state and you can
15 go off to another part of it.

16 But we also used it pretty extensively
17 as a recon tool, in complex areas, to be able to
18 bring the small boats in, in a much more safe,
19 confident matter. And that worked out really
20 well.

21 MEMBER GEE: Question here. Scott.

22 MEMBER PERKINS: Yes. We've seen a

1 really paradigm shift with the technology on the
2 terrestrial LIDAR. With the Geiger mode and the
3 single photon, in that change in technology.

4 Is there a similar change in
5 technology that's going to impact bathymetric
6 LIDAR?

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: I think the biggest
8 change we've seen over the last four years is
9 just that increased data density. From being
10 able to design a laser that can fire a lot
11 faster. And that's a paradigm shift that
12 happened in the topo LIDAR earlier, right?

13 I'm glad you brought up the photon
14 counting in the Geiger mode. So obviously Sigma
15 Space is running around saying that they have a
16 green laser, they get bathymetry. Yes, kind of.

17 So they get a return. They can see
18 the seabed, sometimes, if the water is clear. It
19 is not an accurate depth. And that's really
20 important.

21 When I mentioned those flying
22 altitudes we're typically, the optimum flying

1 altitude for any bathy LIDAR is typically around
2 400 meters. Above ground level.

3 And you can collect bathymetry. I
4 mean, we've collect bathymetry just through
5 testing. We'll fly at 1,200 meters high. We
6 still get a return. It's not an accurate return.

7 It will show us the general shape of
8 the seafloor, but the depths are getting worse
9 and worse as you start to fly higher. And so you
10 don't meet your accuracy spec.

11 And that's the problem with Sigma
12 Space and some of these other systems right now.
13 Because they have a green laser, it does
14 penetrate the water and they get a return. But
15 it's not corrected for everything it needs to be
16 corrected for. And they're not getting an
17 accurate depth.

18 Will it be possible to do that in the
19 future? Potentially.

20 But there are other challenges with
21 flying so high on a coastline. There is always
22 fog, there's always cloud cover along a

1 shoreline. There's actually a lot of advantages
2 to flying at that lower altitude.

3 MEMBER SAADE: Do you have an opinion
4 on autonomous platforms or timeline?

5 MEMBER LOCKHART: Wow. Yes, kind of.

6 (Laughter)

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: I think we may get
8 there eventually, but I feel right now it's
9 actually a little bit of a red herring.

10 Because the systems are typically
11 still fairly large. And I kind of look at it a
12 little bit like the AUV world.

13 You know, a decade ago everyone felt
14 AUVs were going to be the latest thing. Well,
15 now we're starting to see that actually maybe
16 autonomous surface vessels are more useful for a
17 lot of the stuff we do. Definitely AUVs have
18 their place, but maybe shallow water isn't that
19 place.

20 And I kind of feel like there's a lot
21 of excitement about the unmanned systems right,
22 but the problem with them right now is they don't

1 reduce the number of people you need to have in
2 the field to operate them, so there's no economic
3 benefit to going to that model right now.

4 That will change in the future, and it
5 will probably change somewhere other than in the
6 U.S. first. That's kind of my opinion.

7 MEMBER GEE: Okay. We just want to
8 move on, but two more questions. One from Dave
9 and then Gary. So Dave first please.

10 MEMBER MAUNE: Carol, topographic
11 LIDAR has the quality levels that have now become
12 common place that people refer to QL2, QL1, QL0
13 LIDAR. And the topobathy and bathy LIDAR
14 communities are trying to come up with
15 bathymetric equivalence to that.

16 And right now, JALBTCX is promoting
17 the use of the IHO formula that's the square root
18 of A-squared plus B time D-square. Are you
19 familiar with that formula?

20 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes.

21 MEMBER MAUNE: Where the A is non-
22 depth dependent and the B is depth dependent.

1 When you mentioned five and ten
2 centimeter accuracy on one of your charts --

3 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes.

4 MEMBER MAUNE: -- was that an RMSE
5 number or an accuracy at the 95 percent
6 confidence level?

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: The RMSE is five and
8 the 95 confidence level is ten. And that's
9 basically coming, that number we're starting with
10 is the non-depth dependent part of that.

11 MEMBER MAUNE: Yes.

12 MEMBER LOCKHART: So it's the A number
13 in that formula.

14 MEMBER MAUNE: yes.

15 MEMBER LOCKHART: And it's coming,
16 typically, from the errors we know exist in our
17 source datum. Whether that be the ellipsoid or
18 something else. And the transformation we have
19 to do to get to our tidal datum.

20 MEMBER MAUNE: So the --

21 MEMBER LOCKHART: Or our orthometric
22 datum or whatever. The error that exists in our

1 GI model.

2 So that will change a little bit.

3 This is just kind of a nominal number that we
4 came up with for our system, for where we've been
5 operating.

6 But yes. I mean, they're working on
7 those QL levels for the topobathy.

8 I think that's part of the problem
9 they're having right now is not everyone has done
10 a good job of actually measuring the uncertainty
11 in their sensor. And so we're starting to pick
12 numbers.

13 And maybe our sensors don't actually
14 fit within those numbers and we may be setting
15 ourselves up for failure. I think people are
16 starting to look at that in their sensors now.

17 And there's certainly been a lot of
18 push, and NGS is a huge push to try and develop
19 TPU for their Riegl sensors. And there's been a
20 big push in the academic industry to try to do
21 that.

22 But this has been going on for years.

1 I mean, that was a decade ago that we came out
2 with the empirical way to do it. And we did it
3 empirically because there was no way to do it at
4 the hardware level.

5 I mean, this has been going on for a
6 long time now. We do need to understand the
7 accuracy of our sensors better so that we can
8 start to talk about quality levels in a more
9 meaningful manner.

10 MEMBER GEE: Well, if you are
11 confident that you can achieve elevation
12 accuracies of ten centimeters at the 95 percent
13 confidence level, that's pretty good.

14 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes, I think so. I
15 was amazed to be honest.

16 MEMBER GEE: Gary.

17 MEMBER THOMPSON: So just to follow-up
18 on Dave's. So with QL1 and QL2, we do
19 independent QC points to verify it.

20 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes.

21 MEMBER THOMPSON: So with underwater,
22 a little more difficult, so how do you verify

1 your accuracy?

2 MEMBER LOCKHART: It varies by client.
3 So some clients don't want to pay for independent
4 QC so there is none.

5 Our clients that we've been doing all
6 our nautical charting stuff for, for the past
7 couple of years, we have gone out and collected
8 multibeam patches in various areas.

9 We collect hat multibeam on the
10 ellipsoid using the same methods, so we're
11 comparing apples to apples. In very shallow
12 water, sometimes we'll just go out and wade into
13 the river.

14 We've developed our own autonomous
15 surface vessel, that's a little tiny portable
16 version, that we can go out and go, we can put a
17 single beam or a multibeam on it and go out and
18 collect some datums without putting somebody in
19 the water, to try and just get some ground-
20 truthing too.

21 But we also ground-truth it on land.
22 And we calibrate over land, actually, for all of

1 the channels. Both the bathy channels and the
2 topo channels.

3 MEMBER THOMPSON: So over land do you
4 have, you depend totally on our GNSS IMU or do
5 you have ground control points that you use?

6 MEMBER LOCKHART: Over land we always
7 have ground control points. We can calibrate the
8 angles and do all the boresighting with goals,
9 but there are some timing issues that we need to
10 take out of the sensor or we need to make sure
11 that we take out of the sensor base. And that's
12 largely based on the length of the fiberoptic
13 cables.

14 So if you change that fiber optic
15 cable, those timing things are going to change.
16 And the ground-truth helps with making sure you
17 have those right.

18 MEMBER GEE: Okay. Thanks, Carol,
19 that's great.

20 PARTICIPANT: Thanks.

21 MEMBER GEE: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

1 MEMBER GEE: I think we have about 25
2 minutes left, I think, through until the public
3 comment time, but that can be, I don't think
4 we'll have any public comment until after we
5 finish this.

6 The next stage was the -- if we can go
7 back to the PowerPoint, that was the first one
8 again.

9 I would like to stand up too, but I
10 don't think I'm capable of standing up and
11 holding onto a microphone, so I'm going to stay
12 and sit here. I'd probably drop it.

13 Yes, so this is just a brief summary.
14 What we're going try and do was some of the --
15 just give you a summary of the activities of
16 Technical Working Group over the last, last
17 almost year now. Just over a year.

18 And we started with trying to -- I
19 guess it was to understand what were we going to
20 do and how can we contribute. And we really
21 wanted to get a feel of, one, how can we
22 contribute.

1 We don't really know what's going on
2 at NOAA, I guess, was one of the things. We
3 wanted to get some briefings about what was
4 happening so we could comment.

5 And then also to get just some
6 industry input about what they might be doing
7 that might be applicable to that.

8 So, one of the other things I think is
9 what we've seen is across, and as I said earlier,
10 the technology is across all of the issues
11 papers. And so we tried to contribute to most of
12 those.

13 There is, and Ed and I will discuss
14 this at the end, we put a draft around about a
15 technology transfer paper or the benefits of
16 technology transfer we've seen so far. And then
17 just a brief at the end, what we think is next.

18 So as I was saying, the Technology
19 Working Group was --- Ed put together the terms
20 of reference and it was like, yes well, we wanted
21 to contribute in some way and recommendations,
22 advice, all those things. But it was really we

1 had to understand that first.

2 And so that was, then moving on to the
3 monthly meetings. We tried to do it mostly
4 monthly, but I think it's a struggle sometimes
5 meeting that.

6 We have other meetings now, and maybe
7 that's something we can discuss at the end of the
8 --- tomorrow, about there are a number of
9 meetings and doing it monthly might not be
10 realistic.

11 They were, kind of started with a
12 reasonable attendance from others in the HSRP.
13 And I don't think we started as just for the
14 Technology Working Group, we hoped that they
15 would be available for everybody and some people
16 would come when they could, but I think we
17 acknowledge that's not easy. So we would like
18 everybody to let us know on that.

19 We had an initial meeting up at the,
20 when JHC/Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping had
21 their annual review with NOAA, and that was our
22 first meeting. We went on from there.

1 We move on and just go through. What
2 I was going to do was just go quickly through the
3 meeting so you've seen who we've talked to and
4 what we've done.

5 The first one up there was John Hughes
6 Clark, presented about, he was on the
7 independent, what's that called, the fleet
8 review, which is out now. I think it's
9 published. So I actually haven't read that.

10 But he gave us, specifically about his
11 contribution to the, into that about sonars and
12 what the goals were. And it was good to see.

13 I think there was nautical charting
14 and that habitat, you know, that combined, here
15 we are mapping for mapping, not just for nautical
16 charting.

17 And there was certainly focus in what
18 he presented to us, was about autonomous systems.
19 Which I think is a thread we're seeing. And then
20 the paper for NOAA, we can comment on that later.

21 Please, if anybody has any comment as
22 I go through this, quickly, please interrupt and

1 let me know.

2 The next one we then, then being the
3 precision navigation. There's been discussions
4 about that. And this is, yes, it was the same,
5 we didn't have contact.

6 We had Neil Weston actually present
7 it, I'm not sure, you were aware, I think, Rick,
8 or you got Neil to present?

9 CAPT. BRENNAN: I augmented Neil.

10 MEMBER GEE: You augmented Neil
11 presented. You don't want to talk to us, just
12 say it.

13 But there had been other presentations
14 and so that was sort of one of the, it was good,
15 because it was when that precision navigation
16 paper kind of started. When Sal and Anne kicked
17 that off.

18 So it was interesting to see the
19 presentation about the reasons for doing that and
20 what was done and how, in particular, the
21 customer engagement I think was an interesting
22 part of the presentation.

1 Again, I think coming from the
2 business side of that, I think you have to be
3 careful to separate out customers and users. And
4 as we move into the new -- like, everybody is a
5 chart user, but one of your biggest customers
6 actually might now be those commercial portable
7 pod ECDIS systems. So your users of the data.

8 And what they produce is the mariner
9 or the recreational pilot. But the products,
10 let's say a recreational boater, in the future
11 may never be, they may not directly be our
12 client.

13 If you're talking a business sense,
14 the channel might be through an integrator and a
15 distributor of those systems. So I think that's
16 something to also think about as we move forward
17 with that.

18 Rick then did present, well, I didn't
19 want to present twice in a row, that was what it
20 was, Rick presented. And we're trying, working
21 through the data here.

22 So it was interesting, we went from,

1 John talked about systems on ships, then we
2 talked about, where we jumped to the end, the
3 precise navigation, but then came back to Rick,
4 presented about the quality control of the data
5 that comes from the, both the ships and also the
6 contractors.

7 And working through from the grid of
8 data and some tools they've generated, just to
9 fill the gaps of what they need to meet the
10 requirements for nautical charting. So there was
11 the flyer finder and then the feature scanner and
12 those sort of things, just specifically for
13 nautical charting, to get the QC done for that,
14 to then move on to the chart product.

15 So that was useful to see that.
16 Interesting to see, I think, that there are still
17 tools that need to be built to support the ---
18 internally.

19 And I actually talked to E.J. during
20 the break and I think we had -- Neil was
21 associated with the working group, but we'd
22 certainly like, I think E.J., to be now

1 associated with, however that works, with the
2 work -- Technical Working Group, as we move
3 forward.

4 Cleveland, I couldn't make the second
5 meeting, but I was virtually there for 20
6 minutes, I think. And I was out on the Nautilus
7 doing a survey.

8 But it was kind of interesting,
9 because there was a couple of issues that were
10 dealt with, that we were surveying and mapping
11 seeps off the west coast. And I was able to call
12 in and show you what was going on because of the
13 telepresence.

14 We've heard about the communications
15 and what we can do these days. And I'll
16 mentioned what Ed and Fugro have done, but it
17 really is happening now. And NOAA themselves are
18 doing this.

19 The Okeanos. The last cruise they did
20 out in Western Samoa, the survey, the lead mapper
21 was running it out of the CCOM Lab. And so, I
22 mean, he was running -- they actually had people

1 onboard, but you could get onboard and change the
2 settings for the sun or on those things.

3 So this is an evolution that is
4 happening now. And I think the technology that
5 underlies that is there already and we're doing
6 it.

7 Dickie Martin who's the lead, what's
8 his position now?

9 PARTICIPANT: He's the head of the
10 R&D.

11 MEMBER GEE: Head of the R&D in
12 Lafayette. He presented on some of the things
13 that Fugro is doing. And very similar, it was
14 about the current technology.

15 We went through a bit of history on
16 the technology, but hey, we're moving forward
17 now. And certainly that underlying architecture
18 and all the technology that's supporting.

19 And it's interesting to see Fugro as
20 the commercial, largest survey company, I guess
21 globally. And really, it's different.

22 What we are talking about with Martin

1 early, it's the real business decisions driving
2 the way the technology moves forward. And I
3 think that helps both government and industry in
4 reviewing that.

5 And one of those was the MH370. Where
6 it was driven that they needed to get the data
7 back for analysis by the Geoscience Australia and
8 others, to make sure that they were getting
9 through the data, and if there was any targets
10 there they could find them.

11 And then that was getting the
12 communications to be able to send the data back,
13 to allow that to happen. You know, pseudo-real
14 time next day kind of thing. And that was
15 interesting to see that, again, in that.

16 And then moving through the big data,
17 how automation is part of that and how we need to
18 keep driving that. And again, driven for a very
19 commercial, commercial reason.

20 We then went from QC to the database.
21 Kurt Nelson and Marcus Cole presented on some
22 work they're doing on a prototype database on

1 Puget Sound. On the NOAA database, up in this
2 area.

3 And again, I understood it was kind of
4 a bathy database specific -- well, navigational
5 bathymetric database. So that was for a
6 particular purpose.

7 And it's interesting, and I guess that
8 there's further discussion of other databases and
9 how that fits. Now we're talking about having
10 that database-driven solutions. So should the
11 database be a navigational bathymetric database
12 or should that be something else?

13 But I think that was interesting to
14 hear, how that's going and potentially supporting
15 both general charting and the precise navigation.

16 Just so we did, and I think I said
17 earlier, we have concentrated on the Coast Survey
18 side of it. But I think we're fortunate with
19 Gary's -- the paper he presented was really
20 related to NGS.

21 And from -- oh, Rich is gone, but we
22 did do something for the, I think, the CO-OP side

1 of the house is up in the University of New
2 Hampshire, John Kelly is embedded up there, and
3 he's been working with the nowCOAST, and does
4 some of those predictions.

5 And it was interesting to see, again,
6 Larry presented some of the dynamic versions of
7 how being up there, the research has kind of gone
8 straight across into this. And I think the
9 advantages of him being there and being involved
10 in that, we're seeing immediately transfer and
11 being useful for NOAA.

12 And he was also involved with some of
13 the precision navigation experiment out in Long
14 Beach. So I think that was interesting.

15 Let me leave that for later.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I just have a
17 question, Lindsay.

18 MEMBER GEE: Yes.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Are all these
20 present, or maybe to Lynn, are all these
21 presentations available on our website?

22 MEMBER GEE: No, just let me, I'll

1 answer it. I was thinking about, as I'm going
2 through these, I thought, yes, we better get
3 those up on the website sometime.

4 So I have them all now and it would be
5 really, that's a really good idea. I'll make
6 sure they get put up. So, Lynn, I'll talk --

7 (Off microphone comment.)

8 MEMBER GEE: Yes, I think I've got
9 them as PDF now so I can put them all up.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I think that,
11 especially for audience that hasn't had a chance
12 to see these, that it would be valuable.

13 MEMBER GEE: Yes. We weren't quite
14 organized enough to -- actually, Lynn had created
15 a space for us, but we hadn't put it up for us.
16 So I apologize for that.

17 The next one was to just get a feel of
18 a large survey, and it was related to contract
19 surveys that NOAA does. And this was Penobscot
20 Bay survey up in Maine. David Millar presented
21 on that.

22 And maybe Ed wants to comment. Yes.

1 MEMBER SAADE: So, Rachel, here's the
2 answer to your question. Yes, satellite derived
3 bathymetry, bathymetric LIDAR and then topo LIDAR
4 and then the acoustic systems onboard the vessel.
5 All to enhance the data set, but also to make it
6 more efficient.

7 Because you could use, as you step
8 from left to right, before you get the vessels in
9 the water, you again find a much more efficient
10 way to approach the survey.

11 MEMBER GEE: Yes. So that was what
12 was done up in Penobscot Bay. I think you're
13 going back again this year.

14 MEMBER SAADE: Going back this summer.
15 Yes.

16 MEMBER GEE: Summer. Then finally,
17 the last one we had at just the start was before,
18 was John Nyberg. Just gave us an update on the
19 charting and the current progress with that, and
20 then looked at the transition from the NCS2 to
21 ENC First.

22 And then also an update on the load of

1 the charts into the NIS. And also, then gave us
2 a quick summary, which Travis has done here for
3 us all, about the charting plans.

4 So that was kind of the summary for
5 the, and I think we covered a lot. Just to get a
6 bit of mix of both us, understanding what
7 activities NOAA were involved in that we were not
8 aware of. And it's really hard.

9 And we're kind of cognizant of being,
10 as an Advisory Panel, we all love technology so
11 we like to get to the weeds, but we realize
12 that's not kind of our role. But, yes, we can't
13 help it sometimes, so we have to do that.

14 So out of that there was, I guess
15 there were some themes that, there were others,
16 that we want to talk about. So automation and
17 autonomy was certainly something that was -- and
18 now we have that. So it's kind of appropriate, I
19 think, that we continue that.

20 And I'm not sure how we respond. I
21 think there's a, maybe that's for tomorrow to
22 discuss this further, whether it becomes an issue

1 paper or how it's addressed.

2 MEMBER SAADE: There's no tomorrow.

3 MEMBER GEE: Oh, this afternoon,
4 sorry. Yes. Yes, not tomorrow, this afternoon.

5 We have to respond to Shep, I guess on
6 that, in how we decide we want to do that. But
7 it was certainly a theme we saw from, right from
8 the beginning of autonomous systems in ships
9 through to the Fugro real drive for lots of big
10 data, its automation in processing. And right
11 through was still a really big driver.

12 And I think I mentioned it briefly the
13 other day. One, this is all about data gathering
14 and automation on autonomy there, but I think
15 what we haven't mentioned is autonomous ships
16 that are going to be navigating the world soon.
17 You know, we might not like it, but it's coming.

18 And I think that's where it's great to
19 see the human/computer interaction. And what
20 Larry presents is the way we see it and the way
21 we can analyze the data.

22 But the other big change, why this

1 becomes more data driven than products, is
2 there's nobody involved in an autonomous system.
3 So you have to have the underlying data to
4 support the algorithms to be able to make those
5 decisions, coming into a port or navigating
6 autonomous.

7 So I think that's another shift that
8 kind of adds another point of the transition for
9 NOAA, I think from a product-centric to a data-
10 centric. Because you're going to have autonomous
11 ships. And that's something that you have to
12 support in the future.

13 So that's something that just is, I
14 don't know how we address, and I don't think
15 that's in the paper from Shep, I don't know, but
16 I think it should be. There should be something
17 that that flows into.

18 And that's a bit related to the ENC
19 and RNC. What are the products beyond those and
20 how do they tie together. And again, it's the
21 information system.

22 It's kind of a repetitive theme. It's

1 the data. It's not the economy that's stupid,
2 it's the data. Sorry.

3 MS. BLACKWELL: I just want to broaden
4 it a little bit, what you just said about
5 autonomous ships, and broaden it to autonomous
6 everything. I mean, so we're talking land, air
7 and sea.

8 MEMBER GEE: Right.

9 MS. BLACKWELL: And again, that's the
10 importance of having that reference that
11 everybody is using. So all those things are
12 connected.

13 MEMBER GEE: Yes. Both, all in X, Y
14 and Z, right? So, yes, I agree.

15 MEMBER BRIGHAM: I was a member of the
16 group, but only sat in on a couple of meetings
17 from Rick's brief and Neil's and others, and I'm
18 sitting there as the Chair, in the Arctic Working
19 Group, trying to think, how do we use all these
20 new technologies to enhance the frontier, Arctic
21 frontier. So that's one area.

22 But I think our Working Group will

1 take a look at using these technologies and
2 trying to harness some in actually designing a --
3 or at least have the elements of an electronic
4 coast pilot, that would include bathymetry and
5 lots of stuff.

6 For not the whole of the United
7 States, but for the area that probably needs it
8 the most, which is Bering Strait, the whole of
9 the U.S. Maritime Arctic from the Aleutian Chain
10 to the Canada/U.S. boarder. So I think our next,
11 kind of a project.

12 And maybe we can have some ideas, by
13 New Hampshire, on what an electronic coast pilot
14 might look like, and for a specific region,
15 harnessing display technologies and whatever.
16 But putting it in the pilot house real-time.

17 MEMBER GEE: I think that's something
18 with the -- what you said about specific areas,
19 it's specific areas and customers and segments
20 and those sort of things, is the technology
21 should be there as an infrastructure, to allow
22 those different products now.

1 So this is the driven data kind of,
2 the recreational boater to someone in the Arctic
3 to, you know, is something we should be able to
4 support better.

5 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, but of course in
6 the Arctic, where we don't have a lot of data,
7 and we don't have massive -- this is where if you
8 integrate it all in a seamless way and you get it
9 to the pilot house, I think, and we also kind of
10 touch on the integrated ocean management aspect,
11 which is all the sectors, including indigenous
12 people and their use, integrating it all into the
13 pilot house to enhance safety and environmental
14 protection.

15 MEMBER GEE: Yes. Kim.

16 MEMBER HALL: I just wanted to say, I
17 feel like I really missed out, based on
18 everything that you went through, with the
19 presentations, I don't think I quite understood
20 how involved the Technology Working Group was.

21 I mean, we get all sorts of emails so
22 it's not anybody's fault, I just wanted to, I'm

1 bummed. Because I think it's really hard to
2 actually pull these out, when I'm looking at that
3 list of things, as individual things that are
4 only for the -- and I know that the Technology
5 Working Group is now for everybody, I thought it
6 was very much more specific. I did not
7 understand the breadth of what that group was
8 looking at.

9 But I'm a little concerned because I
10 think some of those presentations that you had,
11 are things that should have been at meetings like
12 this. Or on the monthly call for the full Panel.

13 MEMBER GEE: Yes.

14 MEMBER HALL: The precision navigation
15 one, I mean, we really could have benefitted as
16 we're developing that paper.

17 So I don't know how we have some
18 communication about what's going on, a little bit
19 more directed on here's what's going on. Because
20 again, I don't know how you sometimes can
21 disconnect and say this is specific for
22 technology, because everything is kind of co-

1 mingled.

2 But you guys did some cool stuff and
3 I'm going to plan to be a little bit more
4 present, especially if you can do it every other
5 month.

6 MEMBER GEE: Yes, I know. And I think
7 that's something we should discuss. Because
8 there's a planning engagement.

9 I never knew that was there. I sort
10 of turned up for half of them. And I wasn't
11 quite sure if that was for the whole Panel or
12 just a specific group.

13 And again, I think it's the same
14 thing. I learned a lot out of those discussions
15 that I wouldn't have known and so, how, there's a
16 lot of us and how do we corral us. I mean, we
17 all have jobs and those sort of things. So I
18 agree.

19 MEMBER SAADE: So we met last time in
20 Cleveland, came up with the idea to have the
21 technology session like this, and started with
22 Carol's presentation, which Carol's was great. I

1 think all three of them were really beneficial to
2 the group. So --

3 MEMBER HALL: I think this is the
4 perfect way to -- I think there needs to be a
5 session that we run, like this, based on what the
6 working groups are working on, because I just
7 didn't know and I am learning a lot. And this is
8 just, what I think these meetings should be
9 about.

10 Regional information really matters,
11 but also kind of these larger subjects that
12 aren't specific to one region, but that could
13 help NOAA. This has been, really for me, the
14 most interesting of HSR Panel that I have, and
15 this is my third meeting, for me, as a member of
16 the Panel, trying to learn what we're doing, for
17 things that are outside my wheelhouse. So I just
18 wanted to thank you for that.

19 Because I think this is really
20 something that we should replicate in the future
21 and maybe expand a little bit.

22 MEMBER SAADE: So that was going to be

1 one of my questions is, what do we do next? So
2 if it's okay with you, if we can continue this
3 discussion, what do we next would be great.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. Let's, I'm
5 just looking at time --

6 MEMBER GEE: We do the discussion
7 paper now?

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Actually, let me
9 quickly ask if there is any comments or question,
10 public comments or questions, from the audience?

11 MEMBER SAADE: Dave.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: What's that?

13 MEMBER SAADE: Dave had one.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And then we'll
15 continue with what the Technology Working Group
16 needs to do, until we break for lunch.

17 MEMBER SAADE: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And anything, what
19 I want to say is, we've got a lot to get through
20 after lunch.

21 MEMBER SAADE: Right.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And part of it is

1 the papers, and you have a paper to discuss.
2 Rick Brennan has very generously volunteered to
3 give us a precision navigation update, much like
4 Admiral Smith gave us, on the underlap issues.

5 We also need to have a briefing on,
6 just a five-minute briefing, on developments in
7 the fleet. You know, the fleet funding.

8 And we've got three -- two more papers
9 to get through. Well actually, we need to have a
10 discussion on precision navigation, we need to
11 have discussions on your paper and on the two
12 that Bill and I authored. Plus, we have the
13 letter. So, I just want everybody to be aware.

14 MEMBER GEE: Yes. I think for the
15 discussion paper, we would circulate it, or
16 you've got it, I don't think we saw that as a
17 long discussion this afternoon.

18 We would, if we have time now, we'd
19 just like to say okay here it is, and get Ed to
20 give you the background of that and then say,
21 okay, what should we go forward with. I think
22 that's it for that paper, I think.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. And I think
2 that's more appropriate this afternoon. So first
3 of all, let me ask if there's any questions from
4 the public, anywhere?

5 MR. DASLER: It's a historical
6 comment. So Gary had a great question on, how do
7 you validate data in hydrographic surveys.

8 So often times you can use, what we
9 refer to fiducial marks, right. So there are
10 features on the seafloor that don't change. So
11 as you do repeat surveys or you're running
12 crossline analysis, you can look at that
13 repeatability.

14 So there are a lot of things. So when
15 they talk about TPU, usually that's a priori,
16 which typically is pretty broad. So we have
17 clients that need tighter accuracies than that.

18 So for example, Idaho Power does a lot
19 of work on Hells Canyon in monitoring gravel
20 movements. So repeat surveys are key.

21 But you can use fiducial marks to look
22 at the repeatability of the surveys and then even

1 use the TPU as a scaler on that, to get a better
2 handle on that.

3 So as an example of IHO special order,
4 the best accuracy, under IHO special order, is a
5 quarter meter. So what Carol was talking about,
6 five centimeters or ten centimeters.

7 When we see, typically, you can hit
8 six to eight centimeters when you're using
9 fiducial marks and repeatability. But then it
10 gets back down to, to improve that, is how are
11 all these surveys being done, what are the models
12 in these port surveys, to have good
13 repeatability. Is everybody on the same page,
14 the dredgers, the Corps, NOAA, as we're doing
15 these precision surveys.

16 But yes, using features that don't
17 change are a good method for that.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Other comments?

19 MEMBER MAUNE: I have a comment,
20 Joyce.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Sure.

22 MEMBER MAUNE: When Kim mentioned that

1 she wasn't sure who was supposed to be part of
2 the Technology Working Group Meeting, we have the
3 same issue with Planning and Engagement. It's
4 not just Joyce and me on the Planning and
5 Engagement, everybody here is part of that.

6 And when we put together issue papers,
7 that's a large topic of what we discuss, those
8 issue papers ultimately come from everybody on
9 the Panel. And so we like to get input from
10 everybody, have everybody review these papers,
11 let us know in advance, where there is room for
12 improvement and what you think we should change
13 in these issue papers.

14 So please don't think of the Planning
15 and Engagement Working Group as consisting of
16 Joyce and Dave, it's all of us.

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, Lynne has an
18 announcement.

19 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: Just a comment
20 on the Planning and Engagement Working Group and
21 the Technology Working Group. Those emails go to
22 everybody and invite everybody and say, in case

1 you're interested in this presentation. So you
2 just have to pay attention. Because they're
3 advertised numerous times.

4 MEMBER HALL: And that might be the
5 problem, there are a lot of emails.

6 MEMBER MAUNE: Yes.

7 MEMBER HALL: And so I'm going to say
8 that, you can blame me. It's hard to keep track
9 of what's going on sometimes because there is a
10 copious amount that comes in to us.

11 And I think part of it was just, this
12 is a great introduction because now I know and
13 I'm going to be keyed in when those emails come
14 in.

15 But I think, based on how it got
16 started in Galveston and then in Cleveland, it
17 seemed kind of the techy minds. Where really it
18 was kind of more down in the weeds, not somebody
19 like me, whose more of policy strategery --

20 MEMBER SAADE: We're down in the
21 eelgrass.

22 MEMBER HALL: -- but it is --

1 PARTICIPANT: Yes, eelgrass.

2 MEMBER HALL: Yes, that seafloor. You
3 guys do that.

4 So no, I understand that from Lynne,
5 but there is just sometimes it's hard to navigate
6 the proverbial HSRP waters.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, we have --

8 MEMBER GEE: Fifteen. Do you want us
9 to finish off this and --

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, let's finish
11 off the discussion.

12 MEMBER GEE: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: In the 15 minutes
14 we have left, let's finish off the discussion and
15 then we'll break for lunch.

16 Let me just say that we're having
17 another working lunch.

18 MEMBER GEE: Oh, we are?

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: It will be from
20 12:00 to 1:30. If we have any extra time in it,
21 we might want to have some of the working groups
22 have an informal five to ten minute group

1 discussion. Don't know if we have time.

2 And then our afternoon session, we'll
3 reconvene at 1:30. The public is certainly
4 welcome. I'll just warn you, it's going to be
5 just a lot of internal, it's mostly internal, we
6 need to get these things finalized this
7 afternoon. So you're welcome.

8 I don't know, if it will be very
9 interesting. So go ahead, Lindsay, Ed.

10 MEMBER GEE: Okay. So I guess just to
11 finish off in the Working Group meetings and some
12 of the outcomes we saw, I guess those -- I don't
13 know if I got those separate, but future products
14 and ECDIS was kind of connected and it was about
15 the data infrastructure.

16 You know, the EC has kind of been
17 dealt with, the D and the I and S. The D and the
18 IS is something I think we're now really getting
19 to. But you can't have the D without the IS,
20 right? That's kind of the issue.

21 I think from the Working Group, the
22 industry collaboration is something generally we

1 -- it was trying to connect. I think we see,
2 it's not just serial here that manufacturers
3 build something, academics are going -- the labs
4 like CCOM develop it and then it goes out into
5 industry.

6 There's a real connection that
7 industry, and Fugro as an example, do a lot of
8 research internally because they have a problem
9 to solve. And I think how that gets done and how
10 we can connect it, and the Working Group, I
11 think, is hopefully connected at this level here.
12 And if we can, I would encourage.

13 So this is really, for NOAA I guess,
14 is like, how can you better connect with industry
15 from a research and the transitions of technology
16 and that emerging technology. And maybe that's
17 through CCOM and JHC. There's a mechanism there
18 for part of it, but I think there is other areas.

19 And you are making good progress, I
20 see that with ECS and all those other things. So
21 that was just a comment on that, finally.

22 Technology transfer discussion paper

1 I'm going to hand over to -- we've got a draft,
2 I'm going to hand over to Ed to just give a brief
3 summary of the background of why that was put
4 together.

5 MEMBER SAADE: Okay, so we've alluded
6 to this a couple of times and there's been some,
7 even some testimony, to Congress. But the point
8 of this paper was to get it across that there's a
9 tremendous amount of technology, discovery and
10 invention innovation that comes out of this
11 entire hydrographic process that goes on with
12 NOAA and the Joint Center. And all of the
13 interaction of that, with folks in industry, with
14 the contracting companies and companies like
15 ours.

16 It turns out that there's these
17 discoveries and these technologies are easily
18 transferred to go out and make some money, apply
19 it to other types of activity that has nothing to
20 do with safe navigation and has nothing to do
21 with charting.

22 So that's the intent of this paper, is

1 to try to emphasize the fact, outside of our
2 little clique that recognizes this, and get the
3 word out to the people that do spend the money in
4 Congress and in the Senate and the Executive
5 Branch, but also the tax payer, that there is a
6 whole of activity going on, there's a whole lot
7 of money being spent.

8 And as industry takes these
9 discoveries and applies them, there is a whole
10 lot of money that's being made, there's a lot of
11 industry that's benefitting from the fact that
12 these discoveries are really of great value.

13 So the main example that I'm always
14 falling back on, or what this paper derives from,
15 is what Larry showed earlier in the discovery of
16 the water column detection capability of the
17 multibeam, combined with the back scatter
18 technology of the multibeam, combined with the
19 basic purpose of the multibeam, which is to
20 generate bathymetry.

21 When you put all those together, you
22 can go out and apply that to -- oh, thanks for

1 doing that. I didn't realize I had all these
2 slides.

3 You can apply all that to seep
4 detection. So seep detection isn't just for
5 trying to do forensics on the Macondo spill in
6 the Gulf of Mexico, seep detection now is a very
7 normal accepted and highly utilized method of
8 exploration for the oil and gas industry,
9 particularly in deep water.

10 So as the paper goes on to describe,
11 this includes literally tens of millions of
12 dollars for the companies like ours, that go out
13 and collect the data. And can be hundreds of
14 millions of dollars to billions of dollars of
15 revenue, relative to a -- if it leads to a
16 discovery of an oil field. So that's a really
17 big deal obviously.

18 And it all has its roots back in NOAA
19 charting and the Joint Center in New Hampshire.
20 But nobody talks about that. Nobody connects
21 those dots. And that's the intent of what this
22 paper is.

1 So keep all that in mind, because it's
2 really nice, it's very obvious, it's very great
3 that this happens, but then what do we do with
4 that. What's going to be the pitch from what
5 HSRP recommends, relative to this transfer of
6 technology.

7 And the reality is, is with what
8 Juliana presented and what Shep presented earlier
9 in their presentations, when you looked at that
10 very last slide on both of their presentations
11 that tried to connect all the dots and how that
12 NOAA interacts with partnerships, you can have
13 one more column on the right-hand side that talks
14 about the transfer of technology or the financial
15 benefit of all the data that is accessible on the
16 websites, that are under Juliana's control and
17 all the websites that are under the control of
18 the Admiral's group.

19 So that's another connectivity that we
20 need to, I believe we need to get out there and
21 emphasize, in the relevance of what's going on
22 with everything that has to do with NOAA charting

1 and hydrography.

2 So I guess that's my pitch. Is there
3 another slide?

4 MEMBER GEE: Oh, no, that was it.
5 That was just a final --

6 MEMBER SAADE: Right.

7 MEMBER GEE: But that --

8 MEMBER SAADE: So that's the purpose
9 of this paper. This is the long-winded version
10 of it.

11 We also scaled it back and got rid of
12 the pretty pictures and tried to get towards that
13 two-page typical aspect of what we're doing.

14 David asked me earlier in the week, is
15 there something that comes out of all this that
16 isn't one these technical papers and advocacy
17 papers that we're always driving at? I feel
18 strongly that there is and I think then that we
19 want to throw it out to the Panel to have some
20 opinions on that or have some feedback.

21 MEMBER GEE: Yes, just a comment. I
22 think there was things to be commented with

1 specific areas of precise navigation and
2 recreational charting about directions and
3 things.

4 I think this is one, potentially,
5 where just endorsing something that happened,
6 which was the Center for Coastal -- you know, the
7 Joint Hydrographic Center and the Center for
8 Coastal and Ocean Mapping and then endorsing it
9 and looking at the success they've had. So I
10 think there was some concern expressed this was
11 restricted just to that, but that's where the
12 example is. So, Joyce.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I think we need to
14 be sensitive to the fact and be aware of the,
15 some of the original legislation for both IOCM
16 and HSIA. Because in that original legislation -
17 - and I am a great fan of what, or -- or JHC, or
18 University of New Hampshire, does. There's no
19 doubt that it's an invaluable resource. We can't
20 estimate how invaluable it is.

21 But there was also- you know, and
22 within in other papers we have called for the

1 expansion of training, hydrographic training and
2 so forth. So we need to be a little sensitive
3 there, as a review Panel, of seeming to endorse
4 that center specifically. I think --

5 MEMBER GEE: I don't think we're just
6 endorsing one center, I think we're endorsing the
7 fact of the success of that center. And, yes,
8 there should be more. You know funding --

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, I mean, but
10 --

11 MEMBER GEE: -- some way to do that.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: -- your first page
13 reads like an ad for UNH, honestly.

14 MEMBER GEE: Well, Larry may be right.

15 DR. MAYER: He is right.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MEMBER SAADE: Guilty, guilty, guilt.

18 I accept that.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

20 MEMBER GEE: Yes.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So I think the
22 paper is too long, if we wanted to -- but one

1 thing that we're going to consider this afternoon
2 is, okay, are we at a point where maybe we should
3 go back and review papers, are we at a point
4 where perhaps instead of one-pagers maybe there's
5 a couple of in-depth topics that we could write a
6 white paper, a longer white paper on.

7 I mean, I think we're at a point where
8 we're trying -- I'm not going to say it's a total
9 transition, but we've now got ten papers, or,
10 nine, ten papers, under our belt. And maybe this
11 is -- and thanks to Scott for that vision, but
12 this is a time to reconsider.

13 So I think in the framework of that,
14 we need to look at your paper. And it's not
15 prime time.

16 I think a goal, just like precision
17 navigation, would be that for next -- for
18 September, when we're at UNH or we're in New
19 Hampshire, that we bring that paper also to
20 closure. Hopefully early in the --

21 MEMBER GEE: So I guess what we were
22 think of from here is, should we convert it to an

1 issue paper that just becomes one page or should
2 it be a longer, -- that was our question, I
3 guess, what do you want us to do with it?

4 MEMBER HALL: So I don't think we ever
5 answered the question of what these papers are
6 for but I don't think it has to be one or the
7 other.

8 I was thinking about this last night
9 where, hey, maybe there is, with what Scott said,
10 this is kind of a thought process of what order
11 and where and moment in time or a length of time
12 on a certain subject.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

14 MEMBER HALL: Or maybe it is for the
15 administrator, once we've transitioned.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

17 MEMBER HALL: And I think there's got
18 to be different products, I'm not sure we can
19 always wedge it in to this. But that would
20 require us to think through the processing.
21 Using your guys' terms.

22 Dave is awesome at keeping us all on

1 track and trying to get these out, but sometimes
2 we lose then those conversations because it's
3 about, not the substance, but the editing and
4 kind of knitting away details.

5 And so these conversations that we
6 have, I think this paper may be a little too
7 long, it's different. It is not the issue paper,
8 it is kind of a broad overview.

9 It's our thinking on something, and I
10 think it's a completely valid paper. And I would
11 hate to see it get really mashed down into just
12 an issue paper. I think it is a white paper.

13 And I think it's okay. I think we can
14 expand in whatever we think it should be. And if
15 somebody is willing to write it, that's half the
16 battle, and we're willing to review them, then I
17 think we're good.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Excuse me, I
19 missed the -- I thought I called for a public
20 comment period at quarter till, but I didn't use
21 those specific terms and so I need to say, are
22 there public comments at this point? I apologize

1 for -- on anything.

2 MR. DASLER: To Ed's point on seep
3 detection, I guess everybody should be aware, so
4 the NOAA hydrographic surveys specifications and
5 deliverables that was just released yesterday,
6 they now, under 1.7, under those specs, have a
7 seep and pipeline detection report.

8 So often contracts, NOAA surveys, you
9 can pick up seeps even if you're not doing water
10 column detection, and gas is a pretty hard
11 reflector. So those are being reported right
12 now.

13 And now NOAA has a pipeline of how to
14 get that to the navigation managers. And
15 sometimes they're related to infrastructure
16 that's out there and inspections are being done
17 and if there is exposed pipelines, there's now a
18 route for that. But I think that's a really good
19 point.

20 I mean, there is this kind of
21 information that is being provided by NOAA
22 surveys that is going to the private sector for

1 their use. So I think that's a great use of NOAA
2 surveys, to support the private sector.

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Other public
4 comments? Anything on the web?

5 Well, obviously we're going to
6 continue talking about papers, or products,
7 after. So we're going to, when we come back, I'm
8 going to put Rick on first to talk about -- Rick,
9 are you going to talk about the fleet issues or
10 is someone else?

11 (Off microphone comment.)

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So fleet issues
13 and he's going to give us an update on precision
14 navigation, where NOAA stands, so that we are all
15 on the same page. And then we will -- Bill is
16 going to be back so he will, I assume, he'll be
17 chairing.

18 MEMBER GEE: He's here.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Oh. And then
20 there is -- we need to consider our products from
21 this, from this meeting, and where we go from
22 here. So I think we can incorporate your

1 discussion into that discussion.

2 MEMBER GEE: Yes, there's nothing, I
3 think there's one more point just I'd like to
4 raise now, is for next meeting, I think there was
5 a brief discussion about that, and one of the
6 things was autonomous systems.

7 I'm proposing that between E.J. at the
8 lab, sorry, E.J. at the CSDL and CCOM, JHC, that
9 they do an autonomous presentation next time.
10 One or two, as part of the technology group.

11 MEMBER SAADE: Everybody okay with
12 that?

13 MEMBER GEE: Or we can see an
14 autonomous system.

15 MEMBER SAADE: Okay. And then we had
16 a question about the monthly meetings. Do they
17 need to be monthly, should they be every other
18 month? Is anybody getting bored with them?

19 It's easier for us if we do them every
20 other month, if everybody really wants to keep us
21 driving this and make them monthly, then please
22 let us know?

1 MEMBER GEE: Every other month? Every
2 other month is fine with me.

3 MEMBER SAADE: Okay.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: It might be
5 nice to alternate with the P&E meetings. I find
6 with too many meetings it's easy to say, oh, I'll
7 catch the next one and miss it. Whereas if
8 they're a little more special, you schedule
9 around them.

10 MEMBER SAADE: Okay.

11 MEMBER MAUNE: Okay, that's a good
12 point. Because our meetings don't have to be
13 monthly either.

14 MEMBER SAADE: Right.

15 MEMBER MAUNE: We could probably do
16 very nicely -- and I wanted to add on what Kim
17 said. When Frank Kudrna and I came up with the
18 idea of issue papers about two years ago, the
19 concept was that the issue papers were to
20 identify where there was some issue of some sort,
21 where we thought NOAA maybe ought to do something
22 different than what it was already doing.

1 So a lot of what you explained this
2 morning on technology was, a lot of the gee whiz
3 stuff where you're doing it great and there's not
4 any issue there. And so, to me, you would have
5 an issue paper, Ed, if you can pull out things
6 that there is in fact an issue in which we would
7 like to bring NOAA's attention to something or
8 emphasize something or give increased funding to
9 something where they're not already doing it.

10 And so if you have that kind of thing,
11 it's an issue paper. If there's no real issue,
12 you don't have an issue paper.

13 MEMBER GEE: But I think there was, I
14 think Dr. Callender mentioned that he thought
15 that the papers as well, if you're endorsing
16 something that's being done, I think that's
17 another valid thing for an issue paper to -- or
18 some form of paper, not an issue paper, but
19 endorse what's happening and add to that, I don't
20 think that we should stop doing that either.

21 MEMBER MAUNE: Agree.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, we'll take

1 our lunch break now. Reconvene at 1:30 here.

2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
3 went off the record at 12:03 p.m. and resumed at
4 1:35 p.m.)

5 CHAIR HANSON: We're going to roll
6 right in to the final session of HSRP meeting. I
7 wanted to congratulate you all on your continued
8 vigorous discussion. It's really cool to listen
9 to. There's a lot of great ideas out there.

10 And I want to thank really my co-
11 chair, Joyce Miller, for taking the reins, and
12 doing very well. So, thank you for that.

13 I think we have a little bit of a
14 challenge this afternoon, based on the rigorous
15 discussion, robust discussion we've had. Because
16 we've got a lot of work to do, got a lot of
17 places to get to, to draw this thing to something
18 we can work with going forward.

19 We've got challenges that we got from
20 Dr. Callender and Rear Admiral Smith, and
21 recommendations. We're going to have to figure
22 out what we want to tackle, what we think is

1 appropriate for us to deal with and encourage.

2 We've got issue papers that are
3 outstanding, have been for awhile. And what I'd
4 like to do with those is make sure that we stay
5 focused on them. And if we decide we're just not
6 going to get there with them, let's go ahead and
7 move on. We got plenty of other things to talk
8 about.

9 We have to decide on new issue papers.
10 And then we have to also discuss, do we want to
11 continue with issue papers moving forward, or do
12 we want to try a different approach in addressing
13 issues that maybe are just of interest to us,
14 versus things we actually need to produce a
15 product.

16 And then finally, the big thing we're
17 supposed to be doing is drafting a Recommendation
18 Letter. So, I think we've got some ideas on what
19 might be in that. We won't get to a final
20 conclusion, it will be a draft. But what I would
21 like to do is to make sure that we discuss the
22 points that we want to cover. And then we'll

1 share the draft for whatever we want to do after
2 the fact.

3 (Off microphone comments.)

4 CHAIR HANSON: All right. Let me
5 conclude here, and I'll turn it over to you, sir.
6 As I said, I want to make sure that we stay
7 focused. We like the discussion. We need that.
8 That's what makes this Panel work so well. But
9 we also need the movement.

10 Just a couple of seconds about where
11 I was for the last 24 hours. And that's with
12 another advisory group that I'm part of. It's
13 called Supply Chain Competitiveness. And it's
14 actually out of Department of Commerce.

15 And basically what it is, it's the big
16 supply chain folks involved with driving
17 America's economy. Everything from Boeing, to
18 Lowe's, and Campbell's Soup, and all the guys
19 whose products really make us great.

20 And in talking about issues of rail,
21 highway, air, and water, my favorite story with
22 these guys is, I first started asking them early

1 on, so, what do you guys prefer, air, water,
2 highways, or rail? And their answer is, yes.

3 So, but it kind of, you kind of think
4 about it, and that's the right answer, right?
5 Because the investment in one mode drives
6 innovation. It's what drives change. It's what
7 drives investment. So, you really do need to
8 look at all the various things.

9 And certainly, I don't get to talk
10 about dredging much more. Because after awhile
11 they just talk about ports, and vital, vibrant
12 seaports as being part of the discussion. And
13 so, that's good.

14 And the reason I mention some of this
15 is that one of the things that we've learned over
16 the last few months, and well, few years, is that
17 when it comes to the things that we're talking
18 about here, as well as they're talking about
19 there is, if we sit there and the first thing out
20 of our mouth is, we need more money, we kind of
21 lost the whole audience.

22 Because everybody in the room is

1 asking for more money. And the supply chain
2 guys, like I always talk about, there's not a
3 customer in the world that wants to pay more.

4 So, what they're focused on is finding
5 new innovations, new technologies, new methods of
6 doing business that will allow them to compete
7 with each other, not raise costs. Because it's
8 just not going to happen.

9 The meeting was actually at the Boeing
10 facility and, which is really impressive. If you
11 ever get a chance to go up there they have a
12 flight museum.

13 But the lead from Boeing talked about
14 being able to fly from Seattle to Los Angeles to
15 go to Disney World with his family over the last
16 25 years, all for \$200 dollars. It was \$200
17 dollars 25 years ago, it's \$200 dollars today.
18 And that's because they're able to drive
19 innovation and supply chain discussions to
20 innovate.

21 So, the message here, and something
22 I'd like to have us focus on as we get through

1 our other duties is to focus us on the challenges
2 for charting. Focus on the innovation. We had
3 some great Panels, and almost every one of them
4 talked about doing things differently, doing
5 things a new way.

6 And what that's going to do is, if
7 there is no more money for projects, no more new
8 money for surveys, then what are we going to do
9 to innovate, come up with getting the data in
10 different ways? And that's all we've been
11 talking about.

12 And so, I think we've got some
13 answers. We've got some solutions to offer. And
14 I'd like for us to focus on that for the rest of
15 the afternoon as we go through these other
16 issues.

17 And we're going to start off with
18 Captain Brennan. And then I'm going to turn it
19 over to Ed and Lindsay to talk about tech
20 transfer as well. So, Captain Brennan.

21 CAPT. BRENNAN: Okay. So, this was,
22 after the discussion about the precision

1 navigation it was clear that we probably just
2 need to give a State of the Union on where that
3 effort sits.

4 Because it's been, you know, I think
5 the data was actually acquired in end of 2012,
6 2013. And so, we've been managing this. Admiral
7 Glang had committed to keeping this project
8 active for five years.

9 So we're, you know, I think in at
10 least year two or three of that project right
11 now. So, just as some background, the channel
12 depth going into LA Long Beach was 76 feet. The
13 ships were loading to 69 feet.

14 And they had a particularly bad winter
15 storm. And one of the pilots noticed that the
16 ship, these ultra large crude carriers, 1,000
17 feet long, were moving around a lot more than
18 they had, you know, than they kind of had
19 anticipated.

20 And somebody did the, you know, the
21 cocktail napkin sketch and said, well, if I have
22 a 1,000 foot lever arm, and I deflect it by one

1 degree, what does that look like? And that, you
2 know, that deflection at the bow ended up being,
3 you know, 10.8 to 11 feet.

4 And they realized that, well, if our
5 draft is 69 feet, and you add ten feet to that,
6 geez, doesn't that exceed the channel depth? And
7 I -- and so, they, the Captain of the Port
8 immediately pulled the maximum draft back to 65
9 feet.

10 And that's when the Jacobson pilots in
11 the port of Long Beach started to embark on this
12 under keel clearance system prototype that
13 they've done. And so, that was a joint effort
14 between the port and various parts of NOAA, and
15 IOOS, and SCRIPPS.

16 And so, it was, I think it's been
17 fairly successful. And we most, just recently
18 got word that the Captain of the Port is
19 increasing that depth from 65 feet back to 66,
20 which is an incremental and a phased approach,
21 which I think is what they had announced when
22 they did that.

1 But just that one foot of draft, I
2 mean, I think we saw stats on that for corn, and
3 wheat, and soybean yesterday. And the highest
4 was soybeans, which was I think just about a
5 million dollars for a foot of draft.

6 But for one of these vessels a foot of
7 draft is 40,000 barrels of crude at 50 dollars a
8 barrel, is 2 million dollars. So, that's an
9 additional 2 million that that program has
10 yielded to bring those ships in, which I think is
11 a pretty exciting number.

12 Can you switch to the next slide? I
13 don't have the clicker. So, this was the survey
14 area that we had. We split that up into small
15 cells. And so, we've been providing products to
16 the pilots there, you know, since I want to say
17 early in 2014.

18 And so, originally the pilots were
19 using a portable pilot unit called PilotMate that
20 was created by Booz Allen Hamilton. It was, at
21 the time was fairly old technology. And it was -
22 - we found out shortly after all this that Booz

1 Allen was going to stop supporting that
2 particular unit.

3 And so, while that was still in use
4 they were -- they had asked for us to give them
5 data from this project area. And, you know, this
6 is kind of the typical thing for a hydrographer.
7 They say, you know, how much do you want? And
8 they said, well, we want all of it.

9 And so, we said, right on, here it
10 comes. And I think we even had decimated it down
11 to a five meter bin, just to not give it to them
12 at full resolution, and sent that off.

13 And they, we, you know, followed up
14 with them a couple of weeks later. And they
15 said, well, funny, you know, our boat stops
16 moving when we bring this data up. And it was
17 because it was, just completely bogged the system
18 down. Because ultimately what they were trying
19 to do was a poor man's DTM on this, where they
20 would color code all depths shoaler than the
21 draft. And so, they literally just were doing it
22 on a, sort of this binary basis. And it

1 computationally was not very efficient.

2 So, we've been going through a number
3 of iterations with them. And so, after that we
4 said, well, how about we try giving you contours.
5 So, we gave them some high resolution contours
6 that looked like this, and some soundings. And
7 with it, and provided that in an S-57 format.

8 And they sort of liked that. And so
9 they, then they agreed that they just would take
10 contours. And they seemed to be happy with that.
11 And now we're actually providing them not just
12 contours, which is not a, it's just a polyline.
13 We're actually providing them depth areas, which
14 is wonky S-57 terminology for an area versus a
15 line feature.

16 But the beauty of that is that they
17 can tell where they're at in that area, and that
18 they're within an area that is of a certain depth
19 range. And so, it has that value to them on
20 that.

21 And so far they've been pleased with
22 that. They just recently signed an agreement

1 with CIQ, this is Long Beach, to make CIQ their
2 portable pilot unit of choice. And
3 interestingly, LA went with a different one, just
4 because their brother went with CIQ, and went
5 with the Trelleborg one.

6 But luckily both of them take this BI
7 ENC data format. And certainly we've had good
8 relationships with those guys to test these
9 various data types out, and see.

10 And so, we're just starting to get,
11 now that the pilots have this, we're starting to
12 get some feedback on that, which is really the,
13 has been the intent of this whole project all
14 along, is to try and get feedback on, you know,
15 like I said, the eye test. Does this look good?
16 Or does that look better on it?

17 MEMBER GEE: Do the new systems take
18 the grid too now?

19 CAPT. BRENNAN: So, CIQ does not right
20 now, I don't believe, but I think ultimately what
21 we're hearing is like, well, sure, if you come up
22 with a standard, and you're going to provide it

1 everywhere, we'll write some software to read it.

2 But particularly CIQ has been, at
3 least to date right now, has been less receptive
4 about doing that unless we're going to fund that
5 development with them. And that's not out of the
6 question at this point. But at this point we've
7 been trying to do that in partnership.

8 So, flash forward to the Puget Sound
9 area. That yellow box defines nominally the area
10 that we have for the bathy database project here.
11 And so, the intent here is to kind of take the
12 Port of Long Beach project, and step it up to the
13 next biggest scale. And see what are the scaling
14 problems that we have.

15 So, Port of Long Beach is a nice
16 little postage stamp of data theoretically, or in
17 size. And then you look at this. This is a much
18 more regional scale. So, we're trying to
19 understand, what are the issues as you step that
20 up?

21 And so, as you go back, and you look
22 at this, particularly the issue that we have here

1 is that the raw contours that get created, or
2 depth areas, because ultimately that's, you have
3 to start with the contour to get to the depth
4 area.

5 They're highly figured, and highly
6 detailed. And from a navigational standpoint
7 they can be kind of confusing. So, one of the
8 things that we're looking at, I'm going to go all
9 over the board here.

10 But so, you can see this is what you
11 get sort of as a raw output. And there's a lot
12 of isolated -- I guess I don't, just killed it.
13 So, the problem is that you have lots of areas
14 that are isolated, contours that can be confusing
15 I think cartographically.

16 So, one of the things that we've been
17 looking at is some different algorithms to do
18 that generalization, and do it automatically.
19 And so, we've been working with a company in the
20 very early stages called SCALGO, from Denmark.

21 We've also done some testing with
22 Seven Seas software, to see how we can create

1 multiple scales. And the scale bands that you
2 see here are the scale bands that are being
3 defined for the New National Charting Plan.

4 And so we would, we can automatically
5 extract those contours, and have them generalized
6 for each of those different scale bands, and
7 provide those automatically and, you know, in the
8 software, which is where we want to go.

9 Because when you start doing this on
10 a larger scale human intervention is something
11 that you have to keep to an absolute minimum.
12 So, that's been the intent on this.

13 So, we've had really good results with
14 this. And the beauty of this software, and what
15 the Danes have done with this is actually, you
16 know, the sounding, the contour selection is done
17 first. And then the soundings are selected in
18 harmony with those contours.

19 And that's always been the most manual
20 part of our chart compilation, is ensuring that
21 you don't pick a sounding that violates that
22 generalized contour.

1 And so it's, I know that's really,
2 probably esoteric, geekyland stuff. But it takes
3 a lot of time to do that. So, this software has
4 actually, they've actually put a lot of thought
5 and effort into generalizing contours, so that
6 they're navigationally correct, and then
7 selecting the soundings, so that they indeed
8 honor those contours.

9 So, that's a huge step forward. And
10 if we can automate that, that would be a major
11 step forward for us. Not only just doing that
12 automation, but doing it through a half a dozen
13 scale bands at the same time is really exciting.
14 So, we're intrigued by that.

15 So, that's where we sit right now.
16 Going back to the port, the Puget Sound area
17 here, we've got a, this is from a paper that
18 Katrina Wiley presented at the Hydro Conference.

19 So, we've been looking at the rules to
20 take that, once you assemble that bathy database,
21 what are the combination rules that you do?
22 Because we're going to have multiple surveys from

1 multiple vintages, from multiple agencies that
2 may come from, some of it may be crowdsourced,
3 some of it may be Corps of Engineers, some of it
4 may be university. Who knows?

5 But can algorithmically combine that
6 in the most logical and navigationally correct
7 manner, so that you can then generate product
8 from that.

9 So, once we assemble that grid, and we
10 say that, okay, we think that the combined rules
11 are correct, and the grid is solid, we would then
12 go and run through a comparison algorithm, that
13 would then compare the model against the
14 currently charted soundings, just to confirm that
15 there's nothing in the model that violates what's
16 currently charted.

17 And if it does, we would have a, you
18 know, a feedback loop that would have us go in
19 and check that, and see, you know, is it shoaler?
20 If so, then what is it? Does it, you know, does
21 it beat what's on the chart? Or if it's deeper,
22 does it not?

1 So, we're currently working through
2 that right now. And we're hoping to have some
3 test products for here in Puget Sound by the end
4 of this calendar year, to provide to the mapping
5 and charting division for review and analysis.

6 So, that's, I think from the precision
7 navigation standpoint, and where we are with that
8 in being able to provide products, that's --

9 One other thing, I guess back to Long
10 Beach. I think the, one of the encouraging
11 things that we've had there is that since setting
12 this up we've gotten a number of surveys in from
13 the Corps and from the port.

14 And this is the intuitive, this is
15 what we've intuitively known. But I think the
16 data has shown this, is that when we get new data
17 we can very easily drop it into the grid, analyze
18 it to see if it's, you know, from a QC
19 standpoint, to see is it in harmony, or does it,
20 you know, really violate what was, what we
21 already knew about that? Make that analysis, and
22 then quickly create new products for that.

1 And we've been able to do that in
2 about 24 hours, turning that around from the time
3 we receive the survey, getting it in, and cutting
4 new contours and soundings from that.

5 So, a significant reason to be
6 encouraged by that. And so, that's why we're
7 pushing forward with Puget Sound, is to take that
8 to the next largest level, and see how we manage
9 a bathymetric database at that size. So, if
10 there's no questions, I'll continue.

11 MEMBER MAUNE: I have a question.

12 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes, sir.

13 MEMBER MAUNE: Are you using one meter
14 contour interval?

15 CAPT. BRENNAN: We've used a couple of
16 different ones. That was why I'd asked Sal that
17 question yesterday. Because that's been the
18 question as to what is it?

19 And so, you know, is it ten
20 centimeters down to 20 meters? Is it one meter
21 down to 30? Is it 50 centimeters? So, that's
22 been the question of what's good enough. And so,

1 we haven't settled on that yet, because we're not
2 producing products for public consumption just
3 yet.

4 I believe in Long Beach what we're
5 producing is every 50 centimeters. So, it's
6 higher than one meter resolution, or one meter
7 contour interval.

8 So, for Long Beach it's every 50
9 centimeters. So, we have a contour at one meter,
10 one and a half, two, two and a half, three, three
11 and a half.

12 MEMBER RASSELLO: That's excellent.
13 But I have a couple of question on the scaling.
14 Can you go back to the, okay. This is the same
15 port area, right? So, I think already this
16 establish the scaling brackets where ports shall
17 display, right?

18 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

19 MEMBER RASSELLO: So, I think it's
20 around 1:15,000 for port area?

21 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

22 MEMBER RASSELLO: Then as you

1 approach, goes 1:25,000 I think, and go to
2 1:140,000 on the coastal water. The ECDIS
3 already does this job to select which contour do
4 you need, according to the size of your ship.

5 CAPT. BRENNAN: If you have it in the
6 data it does that.

7 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. You got to
8 have the data on the net, right? So, the first
9 picture, where all that line was so cluttered.
10 Then, with the ECDIS you define which corridor
11 you need, according to your draft, plus the
12 underkeel clearance?

13 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

14 MEMBER RASSELLO: That's already
15 something that the system does automatically,
16 that's what we do every day. We set up what we
17 need under the keel. And then we got the
18 corridor, if there's any corridor.

19 CAPT. BRENNAN: But if you look at
20 this, this is what I was --

21 MEMBER RASSELLO: I try not, the
22 question was, why do you need all this scaling of

1 the same area?

2 CAPT. BRENNAN: The ECDIS doesn't do
3 the generalization. So, ultimately what we're
4 trying to get to is the ability for a user to
5 zoom in and out through, at any point in the area
6 that they're interested in, and get scale
7 appropriate data as they zoom in or out.

8 And so, that's ultimately what you are
9 able to do in Google Maps now, anywhere in the
10 world. We want to be able to do that with our
11 bathymetric data. So, but you have to --

12 MEMBER RASSELLO: It's a plus I think.
13 But is really needed to do that? I'm talking for
14 safe navigation. I'm not talking, if you want to
15 talk about to see exactly on that spot how much
16 water do you have.

17 But for me, I just need to select my
18 corridor. So, I need the safety contour. And
19 when I start the safety contour on 11 meters, and
20 I set my safety depth on 11 meters it comes one,
21 two colors.

22 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

1 MEMBER RASSELLO: Go or no go.

2 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

3 MEMBER RASSELLO: That's it.

4 CAPT. BRENNAN: And so, that's
5 absolutely what we want to do. But we're, what
6 we're trying to get to is ensuring that the ENC
7 that we provide you has the data to support that.
8 And so --

9 MEMBER RASSELLO: The ENC must have
10 the data. But we don't want to see all the
11 cluttering on the screen. Just safe or not safe.

12 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes. Absolutely.
13 Well, and that's where the ECDIS steps in and
14 takes over. And it handles the display on that.
15 But this is really, what do we put in the data
16 bag, the data container, not bag, but the data
17 container that holds the, that holds all of that.

18 MEMBER RASSELLO: So, that's why you
19 need to follow the ECDIS standards. Otherwise
20 they would not be able to be read on the ECDIS
21 monitor, this product.

22 CAPT. BRENNAN: And this is following

1 the S-57 standards right now. And, but how
2 that's displayed in S-52 is controlled by that
3 system.

4 So, I think we're in violent agreement
5 on that. You know, and so, but the question is
6 what are, what is that interval? Do we need
7 soundings? How do you want to support it at
8 higher scales?

9 I mean, this is one thing for a port.
10 But if you were in the middle of Puget Sound, for
11 instance, you know, you may need to, you know,
12 you may need to be at a, you may not need to be
13 at 1:5,000, or even 1:12,000. You may be at 1:80
14 or 1:40.

15 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. I --

16 CAPT. BRENNAN: So, we want to be able
17 to at least have that ability to support that
18 data at that zoom level. And that's the thing.
19 So, there's a number of really esoteric technical
20 discussions here about how to, how do we put that
21 data in?

22 You know, are they managed on a tile

1 by tile basis? Is it managed by applying
2 different scamin, scamax values? I mean, this
3 gets into the wonky attribution land of S-57.
4 And I was told I wasn't going to go there. So,
5 I'm not going there.

6 MEMBER GEE: Just a comment. I think
7 it's interesting that, Sal is a user. He's
8 commenting on what he needs. And he doesn't
9 really actually need to know what you're doing
10 underneath the hood. But as long as you meet
11 with the compliance.

12 CAPT. BRENNAN: Exactly.

13 MEMBER GEE: And I think that's
14 actually satisfying. What I'm interested to know
15 is, going from the original question asked about
16 the grid.

17 It seems you have to, if it's
18 algorithmically able to generalize that to
19 produce those, the next step could be, if that's
20 algorithmic, working with the ECDIS and the
21 contour I think would actually give them the
22 underlying thing. And they include those

1 algorithms in there. So, it is that dynamic
2 Google. I think that's probably the future. I -
3 -

4 CAPT. BRENNAN: Right. You won't get
5 any argument from this side.

6 MEMBER GEE: Right.

7 CAPT. BRENNAN: Now, internationally
8 that's a different story. And people, that's a,
9 today that's a bridge too far for many people, is
10 to turn that cartographic responsibility over --

11 MEMBER GEE: Oh, true.

12 CAPT. BRENNAN: -- to the ECDIS
13 system.

14 MEMBER GEE: But that is the future.

15 CAPT. BRENNAN: Oh, absolutely.

16 (Simultaneous speaking)

17 CAPT. BRENNAN: I 100 percent agree.

18 MEMBER RASSELLO: I don't believe that
19 the precise navigation does not really apply to
20 large vessel. I think depending on what safety
21 contour you want on the ENC, a sailing boat with
22 five feet of draft, they still need the safety

1 contour of seven feet, or eight feet.

2 So, that's what I think when we talk
3 about precise navigation, we should not restrain
4 to large vessel. I think it applies in every
5 single aspect of the navigation, with the safe
6 navigation.

7 CHAIR HANSON: Thank you, Captain
8 Brennan.

9 CAPT. BRENNAN: I'm ready.

10 CHAIR HANSON: Go ahead.

11 CAPT. BRENNAN: So, I don't have
12 slides for the fleet update. I'll keep that
13 hopefully even more brief. But I think just as a
14 recap, Admiral Score had commissioned an
15 independent review team of industry experts, of
16 which Dr. John Hughes Clark from UNH was one of
17 those.

18 And we had people from industry, from,
19 I'm trying to think of, it was the ship building
20 sector from other military and government
21 organizations, et cetera.

22 And they had produced their report.

1 And simultaneously, or concurrent with that there
2 was also a Tiger Team that was set up of NOAA
3 stakeholders that worked on coming up with a new
4 fleet recapitalization plan. And that was
5 running through last summer.

6 And that plan was released and
7 accepted for public distribution in October. And
8 since we were able to get that plan out, Congress
9 did disburse the first \$80 million to OMAO for
10 the ship building program.

11 So, that came in, and that, so OMAO is
12 quickly, had to turn around and provide a spend
13 plan for how they were going to do that. That's,
14 that has been released as well.

15 And, but I think that the challenges
16 that we have currently are the fact that in order
17 to procure a ship, you can't come in with only 50
18 percent down. You need to be able to put 100
19 percent of the funding to purchase that.

20 So, at this point we can't put any
21 money down to buy a new ship, or to, you know, to
22 set that contract in play, until we get the

1 second installment of that.

2 And so, given the new administration
3 there's certainly concern that half of a ship is
4 as good as none of a ship. And that \$80 million
5 could be taken back. So, at this point there's a
6 lot of uncertainty.

7 We're hopeful that, you know, there's
8 been some language that has seemed to indicate
9 that ships are still, you know, a good thing for
10 NOAA. But at this point it's unclear how that's
11 going.

12 So, we're proceeding full speed ahead
13 on that. Right now in reestablishing the ship
14 building program within NOAA that had been, since
15 it had been unfunded, it was down to pretty much
16 a skeleton crew. So, they're working on hiring
17 back that team to do that now.

18 And working with NAVSEA to establish
19 the necessary MOUs, et cetera, to do that. But
20 even NAVSEA was, you know, until we actually had
21 the funding in hand, was not prepared to begin
22 communications with us.

1 So, all of that is currently underway.
2 So, there is a sense of cautious optimism with
3 that. There are a number of other elements that
4 are underway right now as well to support the
5 fleet.

6 One of those is a force architecture
7 study. And so OMAO has hired a consultant to
8 come in and develop a force architecture model.
9 And they've been using the NOSIA model at NOAA to
10 identify all the requirements, and identify what
11 the top tier of requirements are, so that they
12 know how to, you know, what the mix and the shape
13 of the fleet should look like in the future.

14 And so, certainly we're excited to see
15 that nautical charting and ocean mapping came out
16 on the top of that list. So, that was, as far as
17 fleet purpose goes, that was the, what was deemed
18 to be one of the highest priorities.

19 Because it was a cross discipline
20 service that all the offices, even our
21 counterparts at Fisheries recognized that being
22 able to do ocean mapping was critical even to

1 their program. So, we were cautiously optimistic
2 of that. So, I'm not sure if that answers all
3 the questions. But I'll take any that I missed.

4 CHAIR HANSON: All right. Anne and
5 Lizzie, I understand that you've already been
6 given your time. So, just kidding.

7 But I do want to point out that I was
8 struck by one of your last points about, talking
9 about return on investment, and making the case.
10 Because that is the talk.

11 And it's how you win the innovation
12 dollars, you win the investment dollars, is by
13 showing that direct correlation in the current
14 environment. So appreciate that point. All
15 right. Joyce and Dave, ready to get into the
16 issue papers?

17 MEMBER MAUNE: Yes. I think Joyce is
18 going to take over. These two papers were
19 authored by her and you, Bill. So --

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So, let me
21 just recap. The precision navigation paper is on
22 hold. And we did get the figure we wanted from

1 Susan on the recreational boating. And she is
2 going to incorporate any comments that were made
3 and go there.

4 I'm going to repeat a little
5 background on the two papers that Bill and I
6 authored. They started out as one.
7 Incorporating issues on what we heard from
8 Admiral Smith the first afternoon, about
9 differences in the data produced for channel and
10 harbor charting between the Army Corps and NOAA.

11 And that original paper started out
12 also incorporating issues about external data,
13 that external, I mean, what I mean by that is not
14 NOAA and not Army Corps.

15 So, people who might, or groups who
16 might not know what a proper hydrographic
17 charting is. But the issue started out as, how
18 does NOAA deal with everybody else's data? That
19 was really kind of our starting point.

20 And in conversations with Admiral
21 Smith we decided we had two long, probably a
22 total of three hours I think, conversations with

1 Shep. And I think all of our thinking, and all
2 three of us, our thinking evolved in that.

3 And that's when we eventually decided
4 to go back, or to take those two topics and
5 separate them. So, that's the two papers that
6 we're discussing. Let me get my drafts here.

7 And we've had, we certainly have had
8 many realms of comments on these during our P&E
9 meetings. So, the first paper is titled
10 "Surveying and Charting in Channels and Harbors."
11 There was a recent comment on it.

12 Okay. And the second paper is titled,
13 I'm having trouble getting to it here.

14 MEMBER MAUNE: "Improving Data Access
15 for US Nautical Charts Using Multiple Data
16 Sources to Produce More Accurate and Detailed
17 Charts."

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

19 MEMBER MAUNE: Last updated February
20 11th.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. That paper
22 had, as far as I can see, no outstanding

1 comments. Whereas, the surveying and charting in
2 channels and harbors did have a comment from, one
3 minor comment from Lindsay.

4 Admiral Smith, if you have those
5 papers in front of you, the recommendations are
6 not identical. But they aren't dissimilar. I
7 mean, basically from two different audiences, if
8 you will.

9 And the recommendations included
10 formation of an independent review team to review
11 the process by which non-NOAA data are elevated
12 and used in nautical charts. Making clear both
13 internally and externally what data are currently
14 used for construction of charts in our federally
15 maintained harbors and channels.

16 Implementation of national standards
17 for surveying and charting of harbors and
18 channels that are consistent with international
19 standards. Establish a metric to survey all
20 federally maintained harbors and channels, with
21 both full seafloor coverage and object detection
22 at a prescribed interval, example, five years, or

1 three years, or whatever.

2 Establish consistent data exchange in
3 posting between NOAA and US Army Corps of
4 Engineers, preferably on a single, central
5 website.

6 Two of those recommendations are
7 identical in the data paper. The formation of an
8 independent review team, and making all the data
9 available.

10 And I would also note that in the
11 recreational boating paper we make the identical
12 recommendation of making data available and easy
13 to access.

14 Now, something came in on this, during
15 this, the discussions. Jeff, our speaker,
16 yesterday afternoon was it, suggested that NOAA
17 revisit the NRC 1994 document. And that
18 recommendation is not dissimilar from our
19 independent review team.

20 But in discussing it a bit before Shep
21 left, he said he doesn't want, you know,
22 recommendations to have two independent review

1 teams running at the same time. And at lunch
2 Dave Maune had some possible ideas of other ways
3 to get independent review.

4 The idea there is that there's a lot
5 of kinds of data out there. And if two federal
6 agencies cannot agree on what the proper
7 standards are, then the independent review team,
8 like we had with the fleet, makes a certain
9 amount of sense to, if there are conflicts in
10 what the standard should be, that you bring in
11 outside experts and try to make those decisions.
12 Or try to make recommendations at least.

13 So, Shep asked that we modify that
14 first recommendation about an independent review
15 team. And I would like to open that up for
16 discussion.

17 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes. I mean, I think
18 that the National Academy and the National
19 Research Council is the way to go. I don't think
20 it should be interagency, and not the
21 stakeholders.

22 The most authoritative studies done in

1 this country are done by NRC. In fact, that '94
2 study. That's what the nation needs. Coast
3 Guard needs to be a player with NOAA. My God,
4 the Corps of Engineers probably needs to be part
5 of this thing too, right? Producing charts, so
6 to speak.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

8 MEMBER BRIGHAM: So, I really urge, it
9 costs money, interagency. It shouldn't be just
10 paid for by NOAA. It should be paid for by
11 multiple agencies of the government. But
12 independent, I detect means interagency. And I
13 don't think that gets to the stakeholders.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Dave, did you have
15 some suggestions on --

16 MEMBER MAUNE: Well, my comment had to
17 do with the fact that I usually map the land
18 areas of the United States. And when it comes to
19 digital ortho photos we have the National Digital
20 Orthophoto Program, NDOP. For elevation data we
21 had the National Digital Elevation Program, which
22 has now become the 3-D Elevation Program.

1 And each of those programs, the
2 various stakeholders involved get together. And
3 they resolve policy issues among them, and
4 technical issues among them. And I was involved
5 in a number of those NDEP activities.

6 And now that we are getting into
7 something called the 3-D Nation. I don't know if
8 you know what the 3-D Nation is. But it's a
9 concept endorsed by NOAA, Corps of Engineers,
10 USGS, to acquire accurate, consistent, seamless
11 elevation data from the tops of the mountains to
12 the depths of the ocean, to include inland
13 bathymetry, near shore bathymetry, deep ocean
14 bathymetry.

15 And we may have a need for a 3-D
16 Nation kind of equivalent to the 3-DEP, in which
17 the various agencies involved in producing 3-D
18 Nation datasets get together to resolve policy
19 issues and technical issues.

20 And come up with standards,
21 guidelines, and that sort of thing on what they
22 will do, so they all operate with consistent

1 standards, and have a consistent goal, so that we
2 can have seamless, consistent, high accuracy,
3 high resolution elevation data from the tops of
4 the mountains to the depths of the ocean.

5 And so, if we could have something
6 similar for the 3-D Nation that we now have for
7 3-DEP for the land areas, I thought that might be
8 something we would consider.

9 MEMBER BRIGHAM: As long as, whatever
10 the study is, futuristic and strategic, I don't
11 think you're going to get that just from the
12 government, to be frank. I think you need to go
13 whoever the nation's experts are outside, under
14 the Academy, and harness some vision on this
15 stuff.

16 Yes, I agree with you. It probably
17 should be 3-D vision. But I just don't think it,
18 just disagree. I don't think it come from
19 government. I think it needs to be a true
20 external, authoritative review, analogous to that
21 '94 study, which was pretty influential and
22 pioneering and authoritative.

1 CAPT. BRENNAN: So, if I could just,
2 I guess pile on with what Dave said. There is a,
3 so Dewberry had conducted the study for the 3-DEP
4 program. And it was, I haven't read the entire
5 study, because it's quite voluminous.

6 But among other things, it was an
7 economic analysis as well, as far as the economic
8 benefits. But it did get into the technical
9 aspects of it.

10 We have just completed the scoping
11 study for the, you know, for the water portion of
12 that, or the ocean portion of that. So, that is
13 underway. And that is, you know, it is being
14 done by a third party.

15 And so, I think certainly having that,
16 whether it's done simultaneously or in serial
17 fashion, I think that that's going to be a
18 critical one. Because it does take into account
19 all the major federal and state agencies that
20 would be relying on that. And so, I don't know.
21 Maybe Dave, if you can speak to what the --

22 MEMBER MAUNE: As well as non-

1 governmental organizations.

2 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes.

3 MEMBER MAUNE: Private industry, the
4 universities, Nature Conservancy, those kind of
5 guys. Not just federal government or state
6 government, but lots about everybody.

7 CAPT. BRENNAN: But I, and I think one
8 of the interests was to get through to coming up
9 with, can we agree on a common standard? Is that
10 safe to say?

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: That was certainly
12 my intent in starting those, or in writing that.

13 CAPT. BRENNAN: No, but with the, in
14 the NEEA study with its, the expansion of that
15 NEEA study. So, I'm looking particularly at
16 Dave, since he's been, he's worked on that
17 uniquely. So --

18 MEMBER MAUNE: Well, the NEEA study
19 did not set out to establish common standards.
20 But that's what happened as a result. They saw
21 the benefits of having standard products for
22 common uses.

1 And the national standard is now QL2
2 LIDAR for the land areas. And will we have
3 something, standard bathy products, or bathy
4 LIDAR, and for sonar, for example, remains to be
5 seen.

6 MEMBER SAADE: I'll go first. So, we
7 lived this whole thing off the State of
8 California in the mid 2000s. And it took us
9 about four to five years to get a consensus with
10 everybody that Dave had mentioned, university,
11 NOAA, the Navy, various researchers, you name it.

12 We, as representatives of industry we
13 kept advocating collect the data to NOAA
14 standards, NOAA charting standards. And that's
15 indeed what we wound up doing with LIDAR, with
16 acoustic systems.

17 The entire dataset was set up to be
18 collected at NOAA standards. And that proved to
19 be a really great way to do it. So, I don't know
20 why we'd ever change from that.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Larry, do you have
22 a comment?

1 DR. MAYER: I was just looking for
2 clarification. Because I think we have some
3 cross discussion in terms of this idea of an
4 independent review. As I see on the document
5 we're talking about, surveying the charting
6 channels and harbors --

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

8 DR. MAYER: There's a recommendation
9 for an independent review team to review the
10 process by which non-NOAA data are evaluated and
11 used in nautical charts. There's a very similar
12 recommendation on improving data access. That --

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. That's, it's
14 essentially --

15 DR. MAYER: The standards.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: It's almost
17 identical.

18 DR. MAYER: But we also had the
19 discussion on Tuesday of a new study of the NRC
20 report, which was really "Charting the Course
21 into the Digital Era." That was really a more
22 charting focus, what the Chart of the Future

1 should look like.

2 And now, it is certainly conceivable
3 that a single NRC study, no, I should say, there
4 is no more NRC. It's the National Academy now.
5 Could do both. You defined the statement of the
6 task. But I was just worried that the
7 conversation here was going in two different
8 directions at once.

9 MEMBER GEE: Yes. But I would comment
10 on that too. The problem is, if you take all of
11 those things and add them together, it gets so
12 large that it could just take too long.

13 Whereas this, the first one about the
14 surveying and charting seems quite specific. And
15 how do you, I guess you can set phases in your,
16 the way you set up that study.

17 But my other comment regarding that
18 was that just from the bottom up, I think I
19 mentioned it before, is that I, when I was
20 reading this, and when we talked about
21 independent review it was, the projects are so
22 siloed right now, I think the reason for

1 suggesting the review when we were discussing it
2 was to try and bring those together.

3 And as I mentioned before, I think we
4 got to start. Somewhere in that we got to have
5 the message that, you know, the construction
6 project, whether it's dredging, whatever it is,
7 is not done until it's charted, right? It
8 becomes part of the project.

9 And I don't know how we put that in.
10 But it, otherwise we stay in those silos. And
11 it's going to be, hey, I'm done. Now I'll hand
12 it over, and then we'll come back.

13 So, from the point of view of how we
14 present that, it's like, it's a project. They
15 are little projects, or big projects. But
16 they're not done until it's charted. So, hey,
17 you include that in. And that was one of the
18 backgrounds why we thought it needed multiple
19 input into that, I think.

20 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Just to add an aside,
21 we had some discussion yesterday when you had the
22 Coast Guard doing the ECDIS stuff, and setting

1 all the standards. And I'm not sure there's
2 unity or stakeholder input, cross functional kind
3 of relationships with NOAA on that particular
4 topic.

5 I mean, there are meetings and stuff.
6 But whether, well anyway, different agencies
7 doing different things, different standards. And
8 we all have to kind of move the standards at IMO
9 and IHO kind of together.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Bill.

11 CHAIR HANSON: Yes. Just a couple of
12 thoughts. First off, Lindsay's point about, well
13 from the dredges perspective, where our project
14 is not done until it's charted and surveyed.
15 That's when the dredge is released. And then we
16 move on to the next project hopefully.

17 MEMBER GEE: But I mean, I don't mean
18 charted by the dredges. I mean, charted.

19 CHAIR HANSON: Right. Right.
20 Exactly.

21 MEMBER GEE: Yes. For that.

22 CHAIR HANSON: So, that's a point.

1 Some of the conversation it was also clarifying
2 some of the understandings about what happens on
3 a Corps project.

4 MEMBER GEE: Right.

5 CHAIR HANSON: Particularly, there's
6 a different multi-beam survey on every new work
7 project. And maintenance is single beam by
8 Corps' choice, because they monitor the thing.

9 So, I think a lot of the discussion
10 is, how do we use that single beam data? How do
11 you make that data usable?

12 MEMBER GEE: That's what I said.

13 CHAIR HANSON: If at all possible.

14 MEMBER GEE: Sorry. But what I mean
15 is by including that in the -- That kind of
16 discussion about single beam or, that goes away
17 if you start talking about it as the final
18 charted product. Because NOAA already have the
19 regulations and responsibility for producing that
20 product. So, if it's not available in the
21 correct format, well, we can't chart it properly.
22 So, the project's not done.

1 It was trying to use that approach to
2 get around the, oh yes, well, this is a single
3 beam, and it's not object detection, and those
4 sort of things.

5 CHAIR HANSON: Got you.

6 MEMBER GEE: It's kind of bring those
7 together so that it is understood that that's
8 what we're trying to achieve.

9 CHAIR HANSON: Yes.

10 MEMBER GEE: Because that, and that
11 was the discussion that the independent reviewers
12 had. Okay, can we get people to understand that,
13 and move it forward?

14 CHAIR HANSON: Right. Agreed. The
15 other thought is, who does the review? Part of
16 the process is finding somebody who can respond
17 quickly.

18 If it's not done to NOAA's standards,
19 is it automatically eliminated? Or is it NRC, is
20 it 3-D, is it an ombudsman? Who's got the
21 ability to respond quickly to make a decision yea
22 or nay? Because we don't sit around five years

1 waiting for a decision, right?

2 MEMBER SAADE: So, in the California
3 state model it was a committee that was set up,
4 which was partially academic, partially industry,
5 and partially state government.

6 But the insistence on collecting the
7 data to the NOAA standards, it made sure that it
8 was of the highest quality. And that satisfied
9 MBARI, and it satisfied the Ocean Conservancy,
10 and these other people that were looking in.

11 But it also took care of the fact that
12 if you collect it to NOAA standards it
13 automatically can be chart worthy. And if you
14 can make it chart worthy, then you can, it's
15 easily Fisheries Habitat worthy, it's easily
16 aggregate zones, surfers, whatever folks who want
17 to use it, expiration people, everybody along.
18 Everything can cascade down from that standard.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And part of the
20 kind of logic in making a suggestion like this
21 is, we as a Panel can only recommend, make
22 recommendations to the NOAA Administrator. And

1 so, that's the reason this reads, let's see which
2 one it was.

3 Right. But in the beginning we said
4 NOAA should work with other partners and agencies
5 too. And that was, you know, because we, I find
6 it a little strange that there we're the
7 Hydrographic Review Panel, but we're a NOAA
8 Panel.

9 And everything else is, you know,
10 that's not, because the Army Corps does
11 hydrography too, you know. And so, there's
12 nobody there to say.

13 And so, I think maybe what we could do
14 is say, a review, an independent review team,
15 such as the NRC. Or, you know, with a
16 suggestion, but not a specific entity that makes
17 this. I don't know. I'm kind of struggling for
18 how we would --

19 DR. MAYER: It's very simple. The
20 next Ocean Studies Board meeting is next week.
21 That's why this is so timely. Because all I need
22 to do is suggest to them that this be a potential

1 study area.

2 We'll take over. We'll contact Rick
3 or Shep. We'll contact somebody at NOAA.
4 They'll contact, if we recommend that there
5 should be an interagency, and I agree with
6 Lawson, it's the way you get it affordable.

7 Contact somebody at the Army Corps of
8 Engineers. Contact somebody at, who else would
9 be potential, the Navy, Coast Guard, you know.
10 So, four agencies. You split it among four
11 agencies, that's \$50,000 an agency. That's
12 affordable. Something like that.

13 And then they'll probably also contact
14 the Marine Studies Board. There's another Board
15 that has jurisdiction over this area. And so, it
16 will be sponsored by the two Boards.

17 And what will, the only thing that we
18 would need to do potentially, and that's up to
19 the agencies themselves, is there will be, the
20 academies will look to the sponsoring agencies
21 for a draft statement of task. What do you want
22 out of that review?

1 And so, whether that would come from,
2 initiated from this committee, and it might,
3 because you started it. At the end of the day it
4 will go up through NOAA and the other agencies.
5 And they'll negotiate with the academies what the
6 statement of task is.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So you, do you
8 think this as it reads, maybe take off the caps
9 from independent review team, and just make it a
10 generic?

11 DR. MAYER: I mean, I, you know, the
12 academies are always looking for studies to do.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Oh, okay.

14 DR. MAYER: So, all I got to do is
15 suggest it, and they'll take the ball and run
16 with it. But I don't want to suggest it unless
17 it's the consensus of the group here.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And the --

19 MEMBER HALL: Maybe the, oh, sorry.
20 Maybe the fix is just not getting team out of
21 there, and that they conduct an independent
22 review.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Oh. Andy.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Perhaps I'm
3 overly bureaucratic here, and cautious. But sort
4 of sending out a statement at this point asking
5 for a review, and get the Ocean Studies Board in
6 there, it seems to me is fraught with potential
7 trouble.

8 We, I think we ought to have a little
9 more time to think about this, craft what, how we
10 would like this done, do some consultations
11 around the agency. Because the agency will be
12 the one who they come to and ask for the task.

13 Maybe I'm overcautious. But it seems
14 a little precipitous at this point to me, without
15 some more discussions, to be firing off a request
16 asking for a review.

17 MEMBER LOCKHART: Can I, I'd like to
18 follow-up on that. I actually agree with you,
19 Andy. I think that what we've seen here with
20 Shep's response the other day is that there is
21 some movement being made here.

22 And I think if we go ahead and charge

1 ahead with recommending an independent review at
2 this point we may undo some of that work that's
3 already happening.

4 So, I think we, if there's something
5 already happening to improve upon this area, I
6 don't think we want to step inside of that right
7 now. I think we need to give it time to see if -
8 -

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I actually --

10 MEMBER LOCKHART: -- it's going to
11 take care of itself.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I mean, Shep did
13 say that it doesn't hurt to have something like
14 this in his pocket.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And so, and, I
17 mean, Bill and I really covered the bases with
18 Shep. There has been a lot of discussion.

19 MEMBER LOCKHART: I'm not saying don't
20 submit the paper. I'm just saying, do we really
21 want to insist on an independent review? I think
22 the ideas in the paper, this is still an area of

1 concern. And I think we all agree with that.

2 But is the recommendation for an
3 independent review, or do we just maintain the
4 other recommendations, and bring the issue to
5 light?

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Ed.

7 MEMBER KELLY: Joyce, I think we can't
8 be overly prescriptive on how it gets done. I
9 think our role as this Panel is to identify the
10 need, and to bring that forward.

11 And what we've seen and heard is, with
12 the advance in the technology, and there's a real
13 issue as far as addressing how NOAA moves forward
14 to acquire data, and how to best share and
15 integrate that data.

16 And I think our concern should be at
17 that level, not who to talk with, or what
18 committee it goes to, or who sits on that. But
19 then, I think the broader swath is that we can
20 identify what we believe is a shortcoming right
21 now.

22 The technology and the various

1 companies and stakeholders are coming up with
2 very aggressive, fast moving ways, and new ways
3 to acquire data that NOAA can use.

4 And we have to identify how best to
5 acquire all those different forms of data, how to
6 best classify them, and categorize them so that
7 they can be used on the broadest possible basis
8 across agencies and stakeholders. And I think we
9 need to have NOAA take the lead as far as
10 establishing standards. And that's kind of what
11 we need to say.

12 As far as which Board, or who to go
13 to, or how that moves, or if it goes to NRC or,
14 you know, or if it goes to the Oceans Board,
15 these guys know how to do that. That's not our
16 concern, to be overly prescriptive as to how to
17 get it done. We just have to identify that need
18 that we see.

19 And it's an opportunity for NOAA to,
20 you know, move it forward into the future. This
21 needs to be done, very similar to the study that
22 was done in '94, was advising how to move

1 forward.

2 It didn't say with too much
3 specificity, you know, how they actually get
4 there. I think that's really where we need to go
5 with it as a Panel. We're an Advisory Panel.
6 We're not naming who should sit on the different
7 pieces.

8 CHAIR HANSON: Go to Dave, then Glenn
9 had a comment as well.

10 MEMBER MAUNE: Looks to me like
11 there's two ways. Rather than say NOAA needs to
12 establish an independent review process, we can
13 say recommend NOAA determine if there is a need
14 to have an independent review process. And then
15 let them decide whether or not it's necessary.

16 MEMBER KELLY: And from our
17 perspective as the Panel, we see that that's a
18 gap right now that needs to be filled.

19 MEMBER MAUNE: Yes.

20 MEMBER HALL: I'm actually not sure we
21 agree as a Panel. Because I agree with Carol and
22 Andy, where are we getting ahead of ourselves

1 with doing this? And it doesn't mean it's on our
2 committees one week later if everything hits the
3 proverbial fan.

4 And all of a sudden US Army Corps and
5 NOAA aren't talking. And we go, no, now you need
6 to bring in some external expertise to get this
7 fixed.

8 I think we do have to let whatever
9 stakeholder engagement strategy that Shep and his
10 office have come up with kind of fully bake. I
11 don't think it's fully baked yet.

12 But I think that, I actually agree.
13 I think the paper's still salient. I don't think
14 it's OBE. I just think we need to be very
15 careful coming to a conclusion before we see kind
16 of what comes of Shep's efforts.

17 MEMBER KELLY: Well, I think Shep
18 intimated that this proposal from the Panel would
19 help to impel that to move forward. I don't
20 think this is going to be solved with, you know,
21 a couple of guys from NOAA and a couple of guys
22 from the Army Corps deciding what to do.

1 Coast Guard's got to be involved.
2 There's outside stakeholders. There's a whole
3 host of people that to really solve this needs a
4 whole lot of thing. And I think Shep could use
5 this Recommendation Letter to move it forward, to
6 say what these are for.

7 That, look, there's a pressing need.
8 We have our Panel of industrial experts, et
9 cetera, and technological leaders that are saying
10 this needs to be done.

11 So come on. Let's sit. And let's
12 figure out who else needs to be at the table, and
13 how does that move forward. I think it moves it
14 --

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: We've got a
16 comment from Glenn --

17 MEMBER KELLY: -- forward.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: -- that might
19 provide some good --

20 MR. BOLEDOVICH: Well, thanks. So
21 first of all, the paper I heard was dated
22 February, so that's the last edit. Shep has now

1 submitted to you folks a strategy on how to take
2 data from other places that's very related to
3 this topic.

4 I don't know if his views have
5 changed. But I think your comments that he asked
6 for on that might be almost more important than
7 this pending issue paper because we have quite a
8 policy before you. Am I correct on that, I
9 think?

10 See, there's not, I think there's been
11 an intervening event from the Admiral. Because
12 he's actually asked you now, well, we've put some
13 thoughts out together. And so, now he's asking
14 you to comment on something he's put before you,
15 rather than, just write an issue paper from
16 blank.

17 In terms of the National Academy, so,
18 I think everyone on the Panel should read the
19 study from 1994 before we kind of move forward on
20 that. Because I kind of agree. I thought it was
21 kind of on charting specifically, and not so much
22 about data, and whose data goes on a chart.

1 And I'm being a little cautious about
2 inviting other agencies to be a part of a Panel
3 on a topic that we think is solely within the
4 jurisdiction of NOAA, which is the nation's
5 national nautical charts.

6 I don't want other people to think
7 that they're, we have a statutory mission. We
8 make the nation's nautical charts. So it turns,
9 that would then depend on what the scope of such
10 a study would be this time around.

11 And that I think is a little mushy
12 here right now. But I would hate to invite other
13 agencies into something that we think we have
14 kind of sole proprietorship over.

15 Now, if you want to make it broader,
16 just about data, even data standards if it's for
17 chart quality. That's, NOAA already has that.
18 So, I just want to be a little bit cautious.

19 And I think you'd really, some thought
20 about the scope of the study, and that kind of
21 stuff. These are all good ideas. But I think
22 there needs to be a little bit more thought.

1 And going back to my original point,
2 I think most importantly, I think the Admiral has
3 put together some ideas that almost kind of
4 intervene on the topic of this paper, and his
5 recommendations for how he's going to go about
6 taking data from other places.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, he has. But
8 very honestly, what I've read to date does not, I
9 mean, it doesn't address the issue that at least
10 the channel's paper is trying to address, is the
11 fact that data from a federal agency is going
12 into charts that does not meet NOAA standards.

13 NOAA makes the charting standards.
14 And when they give out a contract, I've been one
15 of their contractors, they say, you will survey
16 to IHO standard thus, whatever it is. Special
17 order, never. They aren't able to say that, the
18 Army Corps.

19 And my understanding is they don't
20 really expect the Army Corps to change their
21 approach. And, I mean, we updated with Shep
22 yesterday, before he left. And he didn't seem to

1 have, you know, he did suggest that we modify the
2 wording of that.

3 But he did, of that first
4 recommendation. But in no way did he really ask
5 us to remake it. So, I don't know, you know. I
6 don't want to go forward if we don't have good
7 consensus, you know. And we knew he has a summit
8 meeting coming up with them.

9 MEMBER LOCKHART: I guess, I think the
10 issue with this isn't so much bringing in data
11 from other sources. I think the bottom line is
12 the Army Corps of Engineers surveys don't meet
13 the needs for navigation.

14 And I think outside of this paper,
15 even in our Recommendation Letter to the
16 Administrator, we can just make a simple
17 statement saying that we think that there should
18 be full bottom coverage and object detection done
19 in the critical channels that we're navigating
20 our commercial vessels.

21 It's that simple. We don't need to
22 have the entire paper. That can be part of this

1 paper. But I think we can make the statement in
2 that recommendation that that should be
3 happening. Regardless of who's doing that
4 survey, that should be happening.

5 CAPT. BRENNAN: Yes. And just to
6 comment on what Joyce had said, I mean, the one
7 distinct difference is that the, you know, the
8 federally maintained channel is uniquely Corps
9 area in there. So they have the responsibility
10 for maintaining it. We have the responsibility
11 for charting it.

12 So, it's a, you know, there's a
13 combined responsibility there that is, that makes
14 it, you know, that puts it into a different
15 category than a commissioned survey that we
16 would, you know, pay for and have performed on
17 our behalf. So, it, I agree with you that --

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: It's very
19 ambiguous is what it is.

20 CAPT. BRENNAN: There's some
21 jurisdictional issues I think that, you know, we
22 need to wade into carefully on that.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

2 CAPT. BRENNAN: And so, I mean, I
3 don't, I'm not here to speak for the Corps. But
4 just to at least make sure that that distinction
5 is clear.

6 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes. No, I think we
7 all understand that that's a gray area. But if
8 our recommendation is that that needs to change,
9 then that's our recommendation.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, that was
11 actually my original recommendation, was that
12 things be surveyed to, you know, to the
13 international standards. And in the development
14 of this we went away from that.

15 CAPT. BRENNAN: Well, and again to --
16 I know I'm preaching to the choir with Joyce
17 here.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

19 CAPT. BRENNAN: But I mean, just, it
20 technically does meet international standards.
21 It's just not the international standard that we
22 want. You know, it's not a 1A. So it's meeting

1 something less than object detection, right? So
2 I mean, I --

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

4 CAPT. BRENNAN: Just again --

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I mean, you're --

6 CAPT. BRENNAN: Being the petty IHO
7 wonk, I mean, we just need to be clear that what,
8 which of the standards is it not meeting? So
9 just a nuance, but --

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Glenn, did you
11 want to, did you --

12 MR. BOLEDOVICH: Yes. I just wanted
13 to clarify this. And now I have kind of three
14 issues going on. Do we want an Academy study at
15 some level? Do we want a recommendation on just
16 how NOAA's going to go about getting other
17 people's data onto its charts?

18 And then the very specific issue of
19 the issue with the Army Corps and the channels.
20 These are three different things. And if the
21 Admiral, and I'll defer to the Captain on this.

22 If he's comfortable with the paper

1 you've developed to address that very specific
2 issue, you've worked it out with him -- I'm not
3 really commenting on that US Army Corps-NOAA
4 interaction and how this paper might play. If
5 he's comfortable that this letter will support
6 his interests in that, and you're comfortable
7 with that, I'll defer to Captain Brennan on that.

8 That's a very, it's an interagency
9 issue. I'm a little -- you don't want to be
10 telling another agency what they think they
11 should be doing in some ways. I'd be a little
12 careful. But I'll defer on that one.

13 I was speaking a little bit more
14 generally. Because if we're going to go for a
15 National Academy study we need to have this kind
16 of statement of work that Larry was talking about
17 really clearly articulated before we move forward
18 with that.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I think the
20 suggestion that Dave made is a partial solution.
21 Determine if there is a need to -- for an
22 independent review to review the process. That

1 gives NOAA the out of, they may say, oh, I don't
2 think it is.

3 MEMBER GEE: But Joyce, I think you
4 should -- I think maybe we should -- I agree with
5 you in that. But I think maybe you should put in
6 what Carol's saying. It should go back. And
7 it's like there's no question it should be -- to
8 be charted, it should be the appropriate
9 standards.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, okay. That
11 being said, on the data issue in the other paper,
12 you've got some academic out in Hawaii, me, who
13 happened to be a hydrographer and could survey to
14 a certain standard.

15 But because I have no tide data, there
16 was no way I could ever meet the best standards.
17 And I knew that. But a lot of people in academia
18 don't have a clue what survey, what --

19 MEMBER GEE: Joyce, what --

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: -- that standard
21 is. And in the data paper, that's a different
22 thing, Shep's policy that he's talking about in

1 the new documents, the four documents, that we
2 use the best data, well, in the backside of
3 Alaska or Hawaii, any data's better than what
4 you've got.

5 MEMBER GEE: Yes. So I'm commenting
6 not -- maybe the data paper is the one that's
7 being more overtaken by the, now the paper that
8 Shep's given us. So maybe we sit that one back.

9 But I think the one specifically on
10 the surveying and charting in the critical
11 channels and navigation, that's the one I think
12 we're discussing now, right?

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

14 MEMBER GEE: So that's specific. And
15 I think what Carol's comment about that, it's
16 like that's what it should be. And then, okay,
17 if you want to determine whether there needs to
18 be an independent review Panel to assess that and
19 meet that, well, we include that. And it's ready
20 to go.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, how do you
22 say then that the Army Corps data must meet those

1 standards, but --

2 MEMBER GEE: We don't say that. We're
3 saying, it's not included in that. You're saying
4 that for charting, it needs to, the data needs to
5 meet the standards for critical navigation.

6 And then NOAA decides that, okay, if
7 Shep doesn't make progress with it, then he can
8 determine that we need an independent review to
9 come in and assist with that. I think that's --

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Lawson.

11 MEMBER BRIGHAM: I think the idea of
12 having the National Academy do some sort of
13 study, I mean, it wouldn't be like the '94 study.
14 That was very focused on charting.

15 I mean, I think maybe we could
16 discuss, I agree with Andy and Glenn that it be a
17 high level study. Future of marine navigation,
18 which is a lot of stuff.

19 But we'd have to sort out, and maybe
20 provide some of the strategic issues we've
21 learned from our meetings. And pass them to the
22 Admiral, and see if NOAA's interested in having

1 that kind of high level, beyond NOAA, interagency
2 study.

3 What we're talking here is, I just
4 think that the Admiral's already sent us a paper
5 that we're moving ahead, that the agencies are
6 speaking. I would be suspicious of some
7 independent review actually.

8 I mean, the agencies that are doing it
9 at the, I see, the tactical level and the
10 organizational authority level. They're doing --
11 they're addressing some of these strategic
12 issues.

13 I think the, some Academy study is
14 something different that was kind of thrown out
15 at us. It may be useful because of the
16 fundamental changes in marine navigation. But
17 that's something different but that we could give
18 advice on.

19 I mean, I'm a proponent of doing
20 something like that maybe if the strategic issues
21 for the country are worthy of having a high level
22 study.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Susan.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I would just
3 add, I mean, listening -- trying to listen and
4 take a lot of this in. In the number of years
5 I've been on the Panel, it seems when we made
6 recommendations, for the longest time, we were
7 missing the mark.

8 And the recommendation we got was,
9 keep it at the strategic level. Don't tell us
10 how to do it. Just keep it at that higher level.

11 So, if there's a way that we can write
12 the recommendations to be outcome-based. This is
13 the outcome the Panel would like to see or that
14 we think is optimum. We're not going to tell you
15 how to get there. But this is the end result we
16 would like to see.

17 Then if we see they're not getting
18 there over time, then it's our responsibility to
19 go back and look at those Recommendation Letters
20 and say, okay, which ones have happened? Which
21 ones haven't? Which ones do we need to keep
22 hammering on?

1 And then it's also on us to talk to
2 the key NOAA staff and say, is there a roadblock
3 that you're hitting? And how can we as a Panel
4 overcome that? And so I almost see this in that
5 order.

6 I mean, granted, with the Army Corps
7 issues specifically, I mean, I know we talked
8 about it a lot in Charleston. So we've been on
9 this one awhile. But progress is being made.

10 What's the outcome that we want to
11 see? You know, what's the time frame we want to
12 see some action in, potentially? And then, if
13 we're still not getting there, okay, what can we
14 as a Panel do to help you overcome that roadblock
15 would be my approach on it.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So, Susan, be
17 specific. What do you think that particular --
18 that's a nice high level statement. But we're
19 trying to hash out what's -- if we're going to
20 put this paper in --

21 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: And I am not a
22 hydrographer. So some of that is lost on me.

1 CHAIR HANSON: What Carol said. I
2 think it's what Carol --

3 MEMBER LOCKHART: Okay, I'll say it
4 again. So I think as a Panel, we've identified
5 that there is a gap in the charting. There's a
6 gap in the data and the surveying we're doing.
7 The critical channels that our commercial vessels
8 are navigating over are not being surveyed to IHO
9 Order 1A, and they should be.

10 We don't have to mention the Corps.
11 We don't have to mention NOAA. That's the bottom
12 line. They're not being mapped to the standards
13 they need to be for critical navigation.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: What's our
15 recommendation to NOAA, to the NOAA
16 Administrator?

17 MEMBER LOCKHART: Is that we have to
18 look at how we -- these channels have to be
19 mapped to IHO Order 1A. And they have to look at
20 how to do that.

21 CHAIR HANSON: I have no problem with
22 that as a big statement. I just want to clarify,

1 does IHO standard have a time frequency?

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: There's no time.

3 CHAIR HANSON: So when the Corps
4 surveys channels on a weekly or monthly or annual
5 basis, they're not going to spend the money to do
6 that.

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: No, they're not.

8 CHAIR HANSON: But we want access to
9 that data, right? Is that kind of the point?

10 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes, we do. But
11 that's a separate issue. I mean, it comes back
12 to what Rick was saying: you have to, if you're
13 going to take that data in, you have to have ways
14 to deconflict that. And that's a separate issue.
15 But I recommend, our holistic recommendation is
16 that should be done to IHO Order 1A.

17 Whether we ever get there or not is
18 another issue entirely. But as a Panel, I think
19 we've identified that that's what should be done.

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: So I repeat, I
21 would love to hear suggestions of what we --
22 because if you say, it must be surveyed to IHO

1 standards, and we get data that's not -- and we
2 have to modify it within the critical commercial
3 channels and harbors. It's not everywhere. Now
4 so what do we --

5 MEMBER GEE: Well, we don't do
6 anything. I mean, that's our recommendation.
7 And if Shep comes back and says, like, I can't do
8 it. I'm still having problems doing this. Then
9 that's --

10 MEMBER HALL: That's what I've been
11 saying. Now you need to figure out the
12 interagency and getting there. And if you can't
13 get there, then you need to tell the industry why
14 they're going to hit objects because you couldn't
15 do the necessary surveys, whoever's supposed to
16 do them.

17 MEMBER LOCKHART: Yes. This is a
18 process. We're not going to solve this in one
19 day. And Shep's already started working on that
20 process. I think if we put this in our
21 Recommendation Letter, it's just, it supports
22 what he's trying to do already.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So here's
2 a recommendation that's included in this. Within
3 five years, implement national standards for
4 surveying and charting of harbors and channels
5 that are consistent with international standards.
6 And --

7 MEMBER HALL: And this is where you
8 have to mention specifically what we mean, going
9 back to Rick Brennan's comment on there's a lot
10 of standards.

11 We specifically mean object detection
12 or whatever the words we use. That we think it
13 to this level, 1A, or something that tells us
14 about the objects. But I think that's where it
15 has to be more specific.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right.

17 MEMBER GEE: I'm sure we don't want
18 five years there either. That seems, I don't
19 think there's any time frame. It should be --

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, if you say
21 implement, simply, that says now. It can say
22 now. And if you say within a reasonable period,

1 what is that? They've got to have some time to
2 work on it. They know what the standards are,
3 that's for sure, for the international standards.

4 I also made a suggestion to establish
5 a metric that is every so many years. Because we
6 know that not every survey's going to be to those
7 standards. To survey all federally-maintained
8 harbors and channels with both full sea floor
9 coverage, and object detection at a prescribed
10 interval, for example, five years.

11 Do those two encompass what -- instead
12 of saying an independent review, do those two
13 encompass what we want to say?

14 MEMBER HALL: Well, I think there's
15 two separate things here, right. So there's the
16 one where we really want to get to the point of,
17 we believe that it's object detection for
18 critical waterways, for critical navigation,
19 first and foremost.

20 Second, somebody, NOAA for who we're
21 talking to, needs to develop the roadmap to get
22 there. Whatever the roadmap is, whether it's

1 five years, three years, one year, we say, we
2 need you to develop a roadmap. And again, that
3 gets your stakeholder engagement, interagency,
4 and then a time frame.

5 CAPT. BRENNAN: I would like to
6 recognize Jon Dasler who had a comment from the
7 public sector.

8 MEMBER GEE: Yes, he did.

9 MR. DASLER: Thank you. So I think
10 the big issue here, because we've discussed this
11 with Admiral Smith a lot, is that NOAA is really
12 mandated to take USACE surveys as an
13 authoritative source.

14 That they go directly to the Marine
15 Chart Division, and they're to be applied to the
16 chart, no matter what kind of surveys they are.

17 So, single beam surveys, I mean,
18 there's been a lot of issues. And he brought up
19 some of those, where those have replaced critical
20 soundings that were detected by object detection
21 surveys.

22 So I think the real issue is here, is

1 how does that mandate get changed, that there has
2 to be better vetting of the Corps surveys. And
3 you can't just carte blanche take all of the
4 survey's from the Corps and use it as an
5 authoritative source. Because they're not
6 consistently acquired the same way.

7 I think that's the real issue. I
8 mean, just trying to tell the Corps, you have to
9 do it to this method. Better would be to say,
10 NOAA really shouldn't be treating these as
11 authoritative data to replace soundings that have
12 detected obstructions from multibeam, and just
13 apply it to the chart. Because that's been a
14 real problem. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Rick, did you have
16 a --

17 Well, I think we're at a point where
18 we aren't going to resolve this today. I don't
19 know what our goal is on these two. I will say,
20 again, these two papers have been on the table
21 for over three months.

22 And I didn't have a single person

1 object to the independent review team. So
2 please, everybody, if we send out papers for
3 review, review them. Give us your thoughtful
4 comments so that we can do this.

5 MEMBER HALL: And this is where the
6 telecons help. And sometimes I don't know if
7 we're always prepared or the authors are.
8 Because sometimes I need more context. I need to
9 have the conversation of what did you mean by
10 this.

11 Because when I read it, I can fix
12 words; I can fix grammar; I can -- but sometimes
13 those substantive conversations like we're having
14 right now need to be the focus.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Right.

16 MEMBER HALL: And whether there's just
17 one of the papers, that process matters. Those
18 discussions matter. If we're doing them in a
19 bubble, we're not doing them as a committee. And
20 again, it becomes, a lot of the time it becomes
21 the editing process, not the actual substantive
22 context and content.

1 So you guys do a great job. But I
2 think that's one of the things as a demand signal
3 to you and Dave to be, let's get on those phones
4 and have substantive conversations. And be
5 prepared to have them.

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Ed.

7 MEMBER KELLY: Joyce, kind of building
8 on that. I think part of the discussion on our
9 next teleconference or whatever, I think we need
10 to examine the format and the structure of these
11 meetings.

12 Because I think these types of inside
13 Panel discussions are absolutely essential for us
14 to move forward. We've got to get a
15 Recommendation Letter. We have to decide what
16 our key points are. There's an awful lot to do.

17 And on a seven-page agenda, our
18 internal discussions are right here. And
19 everybody's going to run out of here for an
20 airplane in about two hours, or not even. So, I
21 think we --

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

1 MEMBER KELLY: Looking forward, for
2 meeting structure and whatnot, I think we have to
3 find a better way to have some more time for
4 inter-Panel discussions, other than just the
5 phone calls with somewhat fragmented groups.

6 Because this committee talked, and the
7 working group was talking. And all of us need to
8 be involved in a lot of this stuff to really make
9 it valuable.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

11 MEMBER KELLY: So and that's not for
12 right now to discuss. But I'm just, I'm going,
13 oh crap. I'm hearing a lot of good stuff. And
14 we're starting to get some substance and some
15 momentum. And in a few more minutes we're all
16 going to go home.

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

18 MEMBER KELLY: And we still have a lot
19 of stuff we still have to talk about. So --

20 CAPT. BRENNAN: So I would just like
21 to make one quick note if, as a part of this
22 paper, if you haven't read it, is the ruling on

1 the shared liability of -- between NOAA and the
2 Corps of Engineers for the Athos grounding and
3 spill.

4 I think that that's certainly the
5 thing that has -- it's been the game changer in
6 this relationship. And that's been the catalyst
7 that has kicked this discussion off and brought
8 it into much sharper focus.

9 And so I think that whatever decisions
10 that you make, and recommendations that you make,
11 should be considered in light of that decisions.
12 So just to --

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And I really
14 wasn't aware the magnitude of that shared
15 liability, which he said was \$8 million dollars,
16 or 80 --

17 CHAIR HANSON: Lawson.

18 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes. I had a
19 question for the chairman. I have a, kind of an
20 administrative comment to make about the working
21 groups. But maybe that could be in the next
22 session? Even though this is the working group

1 session. I have one that kind of transcends it.
2 So is that --

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Larry.

4 DR. MAYER: Just to keep this other
5 discussion going. Or maybe to try to end it. I
6 was just going to throw out a recommendation that
7 may be palatable and meets what I think everybody
8 is talking about, which is simply just establish
9 procedures to ensure that harbors and channels
10 critical to commerce are surveyed and charted to
11 IHO Order 1A standards, including object
12 detection.

13 I think that's outcome, to come back
14 to what Kim -- that's the outcome that we all
15 want. And that's a recommendation that doesn't
16 tell anybody how to do something. But it gives
17 Shep, if he needs it, the ammunition if the Corps
18 comes back and says no.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, no. I think
20 explaining the issue --

21 DR. MAYER: Oh, yes. No, I'm just
22 saying that some --

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. I mean,
2 because --

3 DR. MAYER: Somebody's statement.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I mean, I as a
5 Panel member, until about three meetings ago
6 really didn't understand this issue very well.
7 And I doubt that there's a whole lot of people
8 out there that do.

9 DR. MAYER: No. I'm just going for a
10 bullet. I agree, it should be explained.

11 MEMBER GEE: Yes. You're talking
12 about a bullet there and in the Recommendation
13 Letter.

14 DR. MAYER: Yes.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

16 MEMBER GEE: I agree.

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. I think that
18 sounds good. Would everybody have a -- can you
19 give me that sheet of paper? Or --

20 DR. MAYER: I'll write it neater.

21 CHAIR HANSON: All right. We need to
22 schedule a short break here. So it said 15

1 minutes. And I guess we'll try to keep it less
2 than that. But no more than that. 3:15, please.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 3:00 p.m. and resumed at
5 3:19 p.m.)

6 CHAIR HANSON: All right, if we can
7 get back in action here and wrap up our evening
8 here. We only have about two days' worth of work
9 to do in about an hour and a half.

10 So just a real quick recap, hopefully,
11 on the issue papers. How it is, we have Rec
12 Paper, right, so we have a win there. Precision
13 Nav is going to go for further review. Our two
14 charting and surveying navigation papers are
15 going to be revised with the review team.

16 Larry has come up with language, and
17 I will read it to you, that will get inserted and
18 distributed, that is: establish procedures to
19 ensure that harbors and channels are surveyed and
20 are charted to IHO Order 1A standards, including
21 object detection.

22 No more than that, no less than that.

1 And with that, we will circulate it. We may have
2 to have a phone call in a couple weeks to get it
3 approved that way, but that's a way forward for
4 that.

5 So if that's okay with everyone else,
6 we then want to move on to the Recommendation
7 Letter. Joyce is working on it. We have drafted
8 languages in years -- as in meetings past. I
9 kind of want to just get the thoughts on what the
10 Panel thinks should be included in the letter.

11 We have got four reports that we got
12 from Admiral Smith that really kind of form his
13 thoughts and recommendations, and I think it
14 really fits in line with the discussions we have
15 had this meeting and our issue papers as well.

16 Granted, we did not have months and
17 months to review them and study them, not that
18 that would make that much of a difference, but we
19 were going to beg a little bit more time to
20 thoroughly complete it, but I think we want to
21 mention that in our Recommendation Letter that we
22 do have them.

1 We can offer some preliminary points
2 that we have taken away from them, and if we
3 choose to do so, if the Panel agrees to do so, we
4 can do a supplemental letter.

5 I don't mind -- we don't have to wait
6 for a meeting to have a letter, and if we want to
7 do something in the meantime that responds to
8 some issues that are burning, then we can do
9 that.

10 So then of course, we have --
11 hopefully we'll have three issue papers to
12 submit. What else have we got on there, Joyce?

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I think that's
14 about it. I think it would be good, as we have
15 done in the past, to quickly go around and have
16 each Panel member -- I put together some thoughts
17 last night, just based upon the notes.

18 One thing I think we do need to
19 include in the paper, or in the letter, is
20 acknowledgment of Dr. Callender's presentation of
21 the new NOS priorities, I guess you would call
22 them, and just acknowledge we heard that and that

1 we think that's a good idea.

2 That would be a suggestion from me.
3 So I think maybe go around to the Panel members,
4 to everybody at the table, and get comments and
5 see how we work them into the letter of
6 recommendation. Scott, do you want to begin?

7 MEMBER PERKINS: I respectfully yield
8 my time to my colleagues.

9 MEMBER THOMPSON: I've got to think
10 fast. So I think the theme we have heard a lot
11 is the importance of the NOAA data, so I think we
12 need to stress that in our letter, that every
13 presentation we have heard, it's the benefits of
14 that.

15 So that would be recommendation, make
16 sure we make -- I am sure they are already aware
17 of it, but make them aware of that.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Susan?

19 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I've got a
20 couple things. I do think that we did get some
21 comments together from a few of us on the
22 National Charting Plan, so we might see if there

1 is a way to work, how we want to work that, but
2 then certainly recognizing the additional
3 documents we have received and our future work on
4 that.

5 Things that struck me the most were
6 this new policy or the concept of charting the
7 best-available data, and, to me, I mean
8 especially for my users in the recreational
9 world, that gets me really excited, and it sounds
10 really good.

11 My question is, how hard is that
12 actually to do? When you hear about bottlenecks
13 in processing the data, and so I would like to
14 learn more about how do you put this best-
15 available data on the chart into practice.

16 And then the other thing that came up,
17 which really it's kind of outside of the
18 discussions we had, yesterday looking at the VTS
19 and how they monitored some of the exclusions,
20 the environmental exclusion zones on the coast,
21 and then looking at the traffic in Puget Sound.

22 Recently NOAA Fisheries has proposed,

1 or they asked for comments on a boat exclusion
2 zone on the west side of San Juan Island, and so
3 it was really interesting, a couple side
4 conversations that I had about looking at the
5 congestion in that area and how that will happen.
6 And it was just great to be here in person to see
7 and talk to some of the stakeholders that are
8 directly involved in that.

9 And while it is not really related to
10 these three offices, it certainly is a NOAA
11 issue.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Ed?

13 MEMBER KELLY: Yes, I was kind of
14 impressed this meeting with, it just seemed to
15 hit me, the amount of new technology, the amount
16 of various data sources, how people are using
17 this data. And I think it's just imperative upon
18 us to stress in the Recommendation Letter that
19 NOAA needs to be in a leading -- to strategize to
20 take a leading position as far as how to shape
21 the future of data acquisition standards and
22 usage as the country moves forward, obviously

1 within international constraints and
2 considerations.

3 But I think that is a very key area
4 that seems that people are becoming aware that
5 there is a lot of that stuff going out there,
6 like with ActiveCaptain and, you know, just the
7 LIDAR stuff.

8 The technology is becoming more
9 efficient and cheaper, and there is a lot of
10 outside players that are starting to produce
11 data, and I think we need to have NOAA find the
12 appropriate ways to incorporate that data into
13 the future vision of charting and surveying.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Just a
15 second. Okay.

16 MEMBER KELLY: Then I had some drivel
17 that makes no sense anyway. I can't even read my
18 own notes, so you know.

19 MEMBER HALL: I think probably as we
20 have -- I have been kind of a squeaky wheel, so I
21 will leave my other recommendations for kind of
22 the operation of this group, and we'll talk about

1 that later, I'm sure.

2 So that's really where my mind has
3 been as we have heard things, we have seen
4 things. And again, enjoying having that
5 technology Panel today.

6 But I think the big thing that kind of
7 resonated with everybody and everybody really --
8 I'm not sure it was aha moment, because it almost
9 a Captain Obvious moment, but the best data
10 available approach that Shep advocated. And so I
11 don't know if there is something we can do,
12 because it did resonate so highly with all of us,
13 or if Shep needs that little bit of backing
14 saying we highly encourage that this approach be
15 what they do. Because I think when that incoming
16 leadership comes in, we need to make sure that
17 NOS has all the support to ensure that that is
18 something that will be supported.

19 Whatever that ends meaning. I don't
20 even think we know what it means, but to ensure
21 that Shep, Juliana, and Rich, everybody gets the
22 support they need to ensure that we have that.

1 So again, that kind of best data
2 available, support that approach.

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Kim, would
4 you mind taking a look at the Improving Data
5 Access?

6 I am not sure that we have that phrase
7 in there, best data available, but that's
8 something we could easily incorporate into that
9 existing paper if we wanted to. That would be my
10 --

11 MEMBER HALL: I still think it has
12 kind of a spot for what came out of this meeting
13 in that Recommendation Letter as an overall
14 concept.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

16 MEMBER HALL: So I mean if people
17 don't agree, that's fine, but I think, again, it
18 was almost a no-brainer, but I think it's
19 something that this group would highly support.

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Rich?

21 MR. EDWING: So I always enjoy these
22 meetings. I always learn a lot during these

1 meetings. But I think this meeting set a new
2 highwater mark, if I may use that term, for the -
3 -

4 (Laughter.)

5 MALE PARTICIPANT: That's your
6 political statement?

7 MR. EDWING: But in a number of ways.
8 I mean, I thought we had some really high quality
9 Panels that really brought up a lot of issues,
10 raised some provocative items, and there was a
11 nice balance between discussion of the local
12 applications and issues all the way up to the
13 strategic visioning, way into the future, and I
14 think that's really where the HSRP needs to be,
15 so I was very appreciative of that.

16 So I think we ought to maybe take a
17 look at this meeting and what are some lessons
18 learned and how to craft how we approach some of
19 the future meetings going forward and set new
20 highwater marks.

21 MEMBER MAUNE: My comments pertain to
22 processes. The Planning and Engagement Working

1 Group has been meeting once a month, the last
2 Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time,
3 which equates to 8:00 a.m. Joyce's time, and so
4 that ought to -- somewhere in between ought to be
5 appropriate for everybody.

6 But each month we have somewhere
7 around, Joyce and me and maybe three other
8 people, and a lot of people I get the impression
9 you may not even read these issue papers until
10 you come here when you have been having the
11 opportunity to do so all along, and I am
12 wondering can we do something that might work
13 more effectively.

14 For example, this morning Ed mentioned
15 maybe he's having too many meetings, doing one
16 every month, and maybe I and Joyce are having too
17 many meetings, because you get so many, you may
18 not pay as much attention to each of them. And
19 maybe if we had your meeting in May, my meeting
20 in June, your meeting in July, my meeting in
21 August, with everybody expected to participate,
22 maybe we would have better in-depth and more full

1 involvement in these things.

2 And then I think, is there anything to
3 prevent us from if we have our final review of
4 the issue papers in August, sending them to NOAA
5 to have them comment on the issue paper before we
6 discuss it in September?

7 Is there anything to prevent that?
8 Because it would have helped if we had known that
9 Shep agreed or disagreed with our issue papers
10 before we walked in here, because there was some
11 discussion today, not sure if he endorsed what we
12 were recommending or not, and we don't want to do
13 something that he vehemently opposes, and it
14 would help if I knew we had his blessing with
15 these things before we gave our final blessing on
16 it when we get together.

17 Those are my recommendations, that
18 maybe we should meet monthly at some established
19 time. We have been doing it the last Tuesday of
20 the month. When have you been doing it, Ed?

21 MEMBER SAADE: First Thursday of every
22 month.

1 MEMBER MAUNE: Well, if we could agree
2 on either Tuesday or Thursday, it doesn't matter
3 much to me. I'm just not available on
4 Wednesdays, so either of those are fine with me.

5 If we could just all know that we are
6 going to have one meeting at such and such a time
7 every month for one or the other, maybe we could
8 lock it into our calendars and get better
9 participation.

10 MEMBER BRIGHAM: I see it as the
11 working group of the issues papers. It's all the
12 other -- involves the whole of the Panel. That's
13 the way I view it, and it has evolved.

14 I mean you are chairing this working
15 group that is dealing with issue papers, but when
16 we are talking about where we are going to have
17 the next meeting, reviewing the National Charting
18 Plan and stuff, I don't think that's a specialty
19 thing.

20 I think that's the work of the whole
21 of the group. So I have, and I don't want to be
22 too critical, but I don't think this Working

1 Group on Engagement and -- Planning and
2 Engagement, I mean it's kind of the work of all
3 of us, but of course, not everybody calls in, but
4 I don't know. That's my tactical issue.

5 Because I think working groups, I have
6 been here since the evolution of them all, and
7 they are a specialty thing. Yes, their specialty
8 is gearing up on the issue papers and Arctic and
9 technology, but it isn't the Administrator stuff
10 for the rest of the Panel. Sorry, I have a
11 different view of it.

12 MEMBER MAUNE: Yes, but --

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, actually, we
14 haven't had any or many meetings in the last --
15 since the last meeting, of the HSRP, and the
16 working group meetings have kind of taken that
17 over.

18 And, for instance, I would be very
19 happy if someone else would take -- besides Dave
20 and I -- would take lead on the review of the
21 National Charting Plan, the four documents that
22 we have been given.

1 Dave and I can't take, we can't take
2 responsibility for everything, and so that's one
3 of the things we need to think of in the
4 frequency of our meetings and what we need to do
5 between now and the next meeting.

6 So that's my response to what Dave
7 said and to what --

8 MEMBER HALL: I just have one request,
9 because I think this is a conversation about how
10 the HSRP works, not a conversation about what
11 your -- what our, I'm sorry, not your -- our
12 Recommendations Letter is.

13 So I guess I just as we go around
14 because I really want to make sure we get that
15 out, what did we learn at this meeting? What
16 came out of this meeting? And then we can work
17 on our admin stuff.

18 I have a lot of recommendations for
19 that and I don't want to go into all that and --
20 yes?

21 (Off microphone comment.)

22 MEMBER HALL: No, I understand,

1 Lawson. That's not slight on you, I just want to
2 make sure, as we go around --

3 (Off microphone comment.)

4 MEMBER HALL: No, Lawson, I'm sorry,
5 that wasn't critical of you, just as we are going
6 around maybe we put a timeout on this one.

7 CHAIR HANSON: Let's start with the
8 other end there. Captain Rassello, do you --
9 I'll let you come in at it this way.

10 MEMBER RASSELLO: Yes. I think with
11 the National Charting Plan, we have a solid
12 ground to work forward. We don't like anymore
13 these words precise navigation.

14 We can call it optimal navigation or
15 something like that that expresses the needs of
16 everybody, not just a large vessel but also a
17 small vessel, because if you are talking about
18 shallow water, they need the precise navigation,
19 too.

20 What can I say? Regarding the process
21 of the paper, I really feel helpless because I
22 don't know who should drive that.

1 You're right, you should not be the
2 only doing that, and I feel sorry, but it's
3 difficult to do that over emails, probably better
4 to do it with the one conference call every two
5 months or whatever we need to do to prepare and
6 finalize.

7 Give it more time probably because
8 people are busy with other tasks. I don't know
9 about that. One more thing, I think we all agree
10 that the charting is approaching a new era, and
11 we need to find a new structure to charting for
12 ECDIS.

13 ECDIS has set the standards, but I
14 think we can improve that, and there are good
15 stuff I have seen, and I thank you all because I
16 always learn during this meeting about new
17 technology, new things, and open my mind how to
18 implement these on our cruise ships.

19 There is always a way to improve, and
20 there is always a way to -- this charting, the
21 ECDIS only sets the base standards. Then we can
22 amplify that according to the needs.

1 So I will say for the next six months
2 maybe, we should work on this chart, like Admiral
3 Smith said, including also the pier side.

4 We want to go all the way to the pier.
5 We don't want to just chart the channel and
6 that's it. We need to see for each needs,
7 probably select a few ports, major ports in the
8 United States and work on those ones and be more
9 selective.

10 I don't know if everybody agrees with
11 that, but --

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I am not sure I
13 understand, Sal. You need --

14 MEMBER RASSELLO: If we want to
15 continue talking about precise navigation, if we
16 don't want to call it that anymore, we can call
17 it a different way, but in the end, the safety of
18 navigation for a larger vessel or a small vessel
19 is vital for the economy, for the people, safety
20 of the environment.

21 So therefore, I think that we should
22 select a few ports and work on those ones and be

1 more selective, probably they will be more
2 sounding when we express that in the paper, and
3 not generalize the precise navigation for the
4 entire territory.

5 I don't know if that's -- is that
6 clear? Good? Thank you.

7 MEMBER LOCKHART: Okay. At the risk
8 of sounding like a broken record, I think IHO
9 Order 1A and the critical channels is not just,
10 does not need to just go in the issue paper. I
11 think it should be in the Recommendation Letter
12 to the Administrator.

13 I also agree that using the best data
14 available is an appropriate approach, and I think
15 some of us think that that's -- some of us on the
16 Panel -- I don't know, maybe I am reading this
17 wrong -- may think that that's contradictory to
18 what I just said.

19 It's not. It's in addition to that,
20 and so I support both things.

21 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, thank you. I
22 had two issues. I think that we should report

1 that the Technology Working Group, I mean just --
2 Let me step back.

3 Working groups have had some inertia
4 in getting started and gearing up over the
5 history of the HSRP in the near-term history, and
6 so this one we geared it up. It's working.

7 The important thing that they did
8 differently is they engaged with the NOAA team,
9 had a bunch of briefings, and now are -- and will
10 have some very important reports that will
11 contribute new knowledge to NOAA.

12 So in some words, that this Technology
13 Working Group is, we think, has lots of potential
14 and has the right people, of course, and all
15 that.

16 The other issue is the issue papers.
17 I mean you've heard from me, I think they are
18 useful, but I also think that there's an element
19 of transparency to the public with them. And
20 they are kind of 101, and so they're on the
21 website; people can read them. But the most
22 important part is what Scott mentioned: you get

1 your input right here, that this is a record, a
2 public record, of the work of the current members
3 of the of the Panel.

4 So I mean I think it's very important
5 that we have reports that are on the website,
6 Arctic now, technology reports, and all the issue
7 papers, but we are showing it is a true public
8 record, so that's very important. Thank you.

9 MS. BLACKWELL: So I don't have a
10 specific recommendation to add, but I do have a
11 request, and that is I'd like to hear from the
12 Panel, the non-NOAA folks on the Panel, what
13 types of things that you would like to hear us
14 report out on or not for our next meeting from
15 the NOAA offices.

16 And so one of the things that I heard
17 was more of a discussion, perhaps next time more
18 information, and not too technical detail on
19 VDatum or something such as that, and I think it
20 would help us.

21 And we don't necessarily all have to
22 have the same exact format. If there is

1 something in particular you would CO-OPS to
2 present on or have a Panel on or something, that
3 would be great.

4 But I think it would be nice if,
5 rather than us trying to guess what you want to
6 hear, if you all would let us know what would be
7 most valuable to you in the use of your time, our
8 time, the next time we meet. Thanks.

9 MEMBER SAADE: Okay. I heard lots
10 about partnerships, especially the first day. I
11 think that's important, and I certainly support
12 the whole concept and the themes that were
13 presented.

14 Obviously, ROIs and transfer of
15 technology is -- I don't think we can say enough
16 about that, and we need to emphasize it more and
17 recognize it more.

18 I am sorry we didn't get a chance to
19 talk about Seabed 2030, because I think it would
20 be a good thing for us to support, but it's kind
21 of nothing we can put in there right now, and
22 maybe that's a topic for when we all get together

1 in one of our technology meetings.

2 And I just want to recognize that with
3 everything going on in Washington, we are kind of
4 in uncharted waters, but I would like to think
5 that there is a whole bunch of people in this
6 room that made their careers working in uncharted
7 waters. So we are going to be okay.

8 MEMBER GEE: Yes, first I'd like just
9 to respond to -- I certainly am one of those
10 people, Juliana, who would like to hear more
11 about VDatum and how that's being done across the
12 different groups.

13 I really appreciate, this time I think
14 more, maybe -- I've only been to two meetings --
15 Shep's engagement and that having the papers that
16 came from him, I think that's really helped
17 because we don't really know what NOAA does in a
18 way. We don't know the details as much.

19 And the more that we can have some
20 information about that, the better, and the more
21 openness that we get. So I really appreciate
22 that and certainly will be commenting.

1 One of them about the data, and I
2 think the best-available data, I think that
3 sounds as a first pass I would say that's a great
4 policy. I am interested in our next step of the
5 implementation and how that's going to be done,
6 of course. That's something --

7 I think that the Governor is -- I
8 really appreciate his presentation. That was
9 something just to give a focus in the area and
10 Washington State has brought out a number of
11 things of the activity and the scope of it in
12 Washington State and how far that extends.

13 Again, I think the Panel that Shep led
14 -- and generally, I think it's going to be a real
15 balance for the meetings in the future. I think
16 the ones where I got the most value was when we
17 had the discussions, whether that's a technical
18 discussion or just about the future, or as we are
19 having now, we have limited time, which we can
20 talk about that later.

21 But I think that was a really
22 important Panel, and that sort of set the theme

1 for the rest of the meeting that came out that we
2 all could engage in at a level of understanding
3 of that topic.

4 That was really -- that would be a key
5 thing. The engagement we had this time I think
6 was important and the time to discuss those
7 things.

8 That's probably -- I'm not going to
9 talk about the technical. You've heard me say
10 things about technical stuff all meeting, so I'm
11 not going to say anymore. Thank you.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: So I echo what many of
13 the Panel members have said already. I thought
14 the Panels that we had were excellent, and I
15 think the key was that all of them kind of set up
16 discussion among the board, the HSRP, and so I
17 thought that was the most valuable thing about
18 those Panels is they stimulated our
19 conversations.

20 And I also want to say how impressed
21 I was with the Holland America control center. I
22 was just blown away by that. It's really

1 impressive to see what the state of the art is on
2 monitoring and supporting ships at sea, so thank
3 you for that.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Larry?

5 DR. MAYER: You go near the end, and
6 almost everything has been said. So again, I
7 think it -- I am a relative newcomer, not to the
8 Panel but to appearing, and there's a long story
9 behind that.

10 But I think, again, the Panels were
11 just great here, and so I thank whoever organized
12 that. I think it was just a really good choice.
13 Once again, he's right, lots of great discussion.

14 Again, I am continuously impressed as
15 we hear from stakeholders. Clearly, people value
16 NOAA data and acknowledge the value of NOAA data.
17 I think there was a general consensus about the
18 merit of the National Charting Plan and the
19 concept of using best-available data.

20 That leads to some challenges, and the
21 challenges was really one of the major themes
22 through the meeting, and that's the challenge of

1 integrating disparate data sets. It's a nice way
2 of putting that we have problems with other data
3 sets sometimes.

4 I was also happy, and I think it's
5 something we might even mention, that we are
6 seeing the beginning of discussions to take
7 advantage of new technologies, autonomous
8 vehicles, crowdsourcing, even, to me, thrilling,
9 the discussion of the Chart of the Future. It
10 will help us in the lab quite a bit.

11 And my final comment was very much
12 like Andy's, having seen the Fleet Operations
13 Center, I am now quite prepared to go on a
14 Carnival cruise and with great confidence that
15 even if the captain isn't there, somebody else
16 will take care of things.

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

18 MEMBER HALL: And so you actually want
19 to take Holland America, Seabourn, Princess, or
20 P&O. I don't think your op center is up and
21 running quite yet, right?

22 Almost, right.

1 CAPT. BRENNAN: So I am not sure if
2 Admiral Smith stated this clearly enough, but
3 just to make sure that I set expectations with
4 the papers, particularly the one that talked
5 about the Coast Survey Ocean Mapping Strategy
6 that came out on Monday, that is a very raw
7 document, and you'll see that as you review it.

8 The Admiral had asked for this within
9 the month, and probably even within the last
10 several weeks, so it's been drafted fairly
11 recently, but I think what he thought was that it
12 was really important to give you a glimpse into
13 what our best thinking is today on that topic and
14 where we are going and what we are doing on it.

15 And so I think he didn't -- he's a
16 real proponent of perfection is the enemy of the
17 good idea on that. So I think he wanted to get
18 that out even that very raw state to make sure
19 that you saw it.

20 So I say that just so as you review
21 it, you understand where it is, that it's a work
22 in progress, and it's literally a snapshot of

1 thinking corporately for us today. So that's the
2 only thing I would add.

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I really, I'm
4 trying to sort of see what, if there is anything
5 from my notes that has been missed.

6 MEMBER HALL: Joyce, can I say one
7 more thing?

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

9 MEMBER HALL: So yes, from what I have
10 heard, because I know I am still a newbie, there
11 are several of us that are still within our first
12 year of being on this Panel. We have seen the
13 improvement, and we had a pretty -- fairly high
14 bar there in Galveston when we first showed up.

15 So I can appreciate that and where we
16 are evolving, and I think that's what we all have
17 to kind of accept and be okay with it. It's not
18 always going to be the same.

19 One of the things I have, and I think
20 the Panels were great, but I think there is still
21 something missing, and what that is is the
22 context and background for those people who are

1 speaking to us, because quite often the folks get
2 up there, and they are speaking to NOAA.

3 We are not, the Panel itself, NOAA.
4 The DFO is here; sure they are NOAA. We've got
5 Juliana and Rich and folks who are non-voting
6 members, but I think sometimes it's speaking to
7 us what can we do to help propel those
8 hydrographic services, things that you would
9 need.

10 It's great to hear the good news
11 story. We are proponents of NOAA. We know the
12 good news story. And it's always good to have
13 that background and hear it again and again
14 because when it's not good, then we hear it even
15 louder amongst the noise of everything being
16 okay.

17 So I don't know if that means we
18 develop some priorities for each of our meetings,
19 the topical priorities, so that when we are
20 asking the speakers to speak to us, they know
21 what we are currently thinking about, because you
22 can give the background HSRP. It's a group of

1 experts from industry who are looking at things,
2 and I think that can easily go you are doing a
3 dog and pony show.

4 And I think a lot of us really love
5 the executive director from the Pilot
6 Association, but we all can spell PPU and we know
7 what it is, and that's not a fault of hers.

8 I think that we can get farther with
9 some of those conversations and some of those
10 presentations if there is a little bit more
11 context, and I am putting the onus on us to maybe
12 give that background: here are our top five
13 topics that would fit into anybody who is going
14 to come speak to us.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Right. And just to add
16 to that, one of the things that we can do is ask
17 them to answer the question, why are you here and
18 what can we do for? What can the Panel do for
19 you?

20 MEMBER HALL: Right. And I think that
21 question gets asked, but the answer in terms of
22 what can NOAA do for them, not what HSRP can do

1 for NOAA.

2 And there is a little bit of a nuance
3 there, there is a difference there, in what we
4 can do versus asking NOAA to do more charting, to
5 do more of this, do more of that.

6 We hear that sometimes but it gets
7 bogged down, and I think loses kind of our
8 ability. We see some of the same things. We
9 know some of the same things, so if they know
10 they are speaking to industry or service
11 providers, then it's a different presentation
12 that you are providing.

13 So I just kind of want to -- I mean
14 Larry and the whole technical, other than maybe
15 Marten, but he still did a great job, they knew
16 who they were speaking to, and that was the most
17 interactive Panel that we had. Not just because
18 we know each other but because it was where we
19 knew where to start from. It didn't have to
20 start from necessarily 101, how to spell NOAA.
21 It started at the next level up and was really
22 good. So just kind of one suggestion overall.

1 But I think it was great speakers. I
2 think we could help those speakers a little bit
3 better.

4 DR. MAYER: Yes, I think that's a
5 really outstanding idea. When the speakers are
6 invited, are they explained what the FACA is and
7 what its role is? I think that would be a really
8 -- okay, all right, they get that, okay, good,
9 all right. Because I think that would help.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, and I would
11 also say that Lynne often asks in the P&E Working
12 Group what suggestions we have for speakers and
13 what we would like them to tell us.

14 MEMBER HALL: I think we have done
15 that. And then sometimes we don't understand --
16 like I know that when I asked in Cleveland,
17 knowing we were coming to Seattle, I asked about
18 APL and then I got told it was too hard to get
19 there and a couple of things.

20 There was never kind of a full kind of
21 complete circle to tell me, no, we're not having
22 anybody. So I was really surprised not to have

1 something about autonomous vehicles this meeting,
2 to be completely honest.

3 I said that in Cleveland, I said it on
4 at least one of the P&E calls. I don't know how
5 many times we are supposed to say, no, we really
6 are interested in this.

7 So maybe it's an email goes out and we
8 help amongst ourselves prioritize subjects we
9 want to hear about. And if there just isn't
10 somebody in the place that we are going to that
11 can talk about that then that needs to be
12 communicated.

13 MEMBER GEE: Are we finished with the
14 Recommendation Letter or are we moving on to --

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No, and I think we
16 should wrap it up.

17 MEMBER GEE: Yes. I'm doing that to
18 you.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

20 MEMBER GEE: No, I have some comments
21 I just want to make but I didn't want to go off
22 on a tangent.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, I think we
2 need to get the Recommendation Letter under
3 control.

4 MEMBER HALL: Sorry. The only reason
5 I mentioned it was because everybody praising the
6 Panels, and I think that it is, but I think there
7 is some little things we can do to make them --

8 MEMBER GEE: We can add a little two-
9 page paper for the Panel members coming.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. One of the
11 things that hasn't been mentioned that I had
12 noted, I found the geodetic, we often -- I have
13 to say I feel we terribly neglect NGS and CO-OPS
14 sometimes in terms of their importance.

15 And I found that people -- I found the
16 guy from the Tribe really interesting, you know,
17 what's a tidal benchmark, Lord, I don't know, you
18 know.

19 And the importance of the underlying
20 data to the infrastructure, that was one thing
21 after Dr. Callender spoke that I don't think we
22 need right now another issue paper, but maybe in

1 the future down the line, you know, a paper.

2 We don't have to write every issue
3 paper is a problem. We could write some of them
4 as, wow, guys, you do this really well, like the
5 NRTs or the -- So I think we need to -- and I am
6 hoping if you give us some presentations and
7 maybe we have a geodetic Panel next time that we
8 could get some.

9 But I found the guy with the benchmark
10 and the white thing, I know some people thought
11 it was not useful, but, you know, I found that
12 useful, and the --

13 MS. BLACKWELL: The white thing was an
14 antenna.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

16 (Laughter)

17 MS. BLACKWELL: It's a GPS or a GNSS
18 antenna.

19 MALE PARTICIPANT: I thought it was a
20 flying saucer.

21 MS. BLACKWELL: Usually connected to
22 a receiver.

1 MEMBER HALL: I like thingie better.
2 I like thingie better.

3 (Laughter)

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I knew what the
5 benchmark was. Yes, so at any rate, just the
6 importance of the NGS and the tide data to the
7 community and the amount of support it provides
8 for the nation's infrastructure, I mean bridges
9 and roads and not just the wet side.

10 So I'll give you a shout out and maybe
11 -- Bill, do you want to finish up?

12 CHAIR HANSON: No, I think you just
13 did great. Recommendation letter comment or --
14 (Off microphone comment)

15 MALE PARTICIPANT: New stuff.

16 CHAIR HANSON: Okay. All right, well,
17 we do have a little bit of time for new stuff.
18 We've got a couple other housekeeping items I
19 want to get to before that and then we will go
20 around the room one more time for things that are
21 left on your mind before you run to the plane.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I think we should

1 discuss what our -- I mean we've had a lot of
2 good comments. What are the top two or three
3 things that we want to recommend in this letter?

4 I think Larry's statement about
5 establishing the IHO Class 1A, I think that
6 should be in there. Another one I had a
7 suggestion of, and so many people referred to it,
8 is the importance of NOAA data, the need for more
9 NOAA data, and the need for it to be seamlessly
10 served somehow, that's also in the rec voting
11 paper.

12 MEMBER GEE: Yes, can I say in that
13 when we talk about a data infrastructure and make
14 sure it becomes part of the infrastructure. Now
15 that's all of the data, whether it's the CO-OPS,
16 the NGS, that framework, is more than just the
17 charting products, which people are used to, it's
18 now an IT and a data infrastructure.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

20 MEMBER GEE: It's kind of -- Okay,
21 it's from my viewpoint on that.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Anybody

1 else with a high level --

2 MEMBER PERKINS: Yes. I will use the
3 remainder of my time.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

5 MEMBER PERKINS: I really appreciated
6 the presentation on the Chart of the Future and
7 what can be done with the visualization of the
8 available data.

9 And I think Sam Debow's comment, you
10 know, I think there is some meat there, so I
11 would ask the Panel to consider requesting of
12 NOAA a strategy for implementation or roll out of
13 a more visual chart, you know, and I think what's
14 the 10-year plan for the Chart of the Future.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Dr. Brigham, go ahead.

16 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes, I think the
17 issue of the public record and the issues papers
18 and the technical working group reports and all
19 of that is public record, record of the
20 contributions to the Panel, so I think it should
21 be stated.

22 It's not self-serving, it's just the

1 thing is working and the working groups are
2 working and we are producing products that are
3 useful to the nation and hopefully to NOAA, but I
4 actually think more to the country, the
5 synthesized little issue papers.

6 But, anyway, some comment about the
7 public record issue. We're going to keep going
8 around after, right?

9 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, sir.

10 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Thank you.

11 CHAIR HANSON: You can reserve your
12 time.

13 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Well, I just want to
14 beat on one topic.

15 CHAIR HANSON: We'll have some time.

16 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Hmm?

17 CHAIR HANSON: Did you get what you
18 need for --

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Just let me sort
20 of give you a framework of the outline that I at
21 2:30 this morning, because I couldn't sleep, came
22 up with.

1 Of course, we acknowledge Benjamin
2 Friedman, and I'll have to get accurate details
3 of his title and everything, and let's see, we
4 met in Seattle at the normal -- One question I
5 have strategically, should we include the names
6 of the staff representatives or only that they
7 were from Senator so-and-so's staff?

8 CHAIR HANSON: Bosworth.

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. I don't know
10 if that's important, but --

11 CHAIR HANSON: I think we would want
12 to mention Senator Murray.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Senator Murray,
14 okay.

15 MEMBER PERKINS: There is a meeting
16 transcript that gets prepared, so I don't think
17 you've got to put too much fidelity of that in
18 the letter.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, okay. Well,
20 we also -- The format we established last time,
21 let me just -- Lynne and Shep were pretty adamant
22 they didn't want a summary of the Seattle meeting

1 in the letter, and so we moved that to an
2 attachment, just a brief summary, two, three
3 pages of highlights, and so the letter really is
4 our recommendations.

5 So I mention Joshua Berger, the
6 Governor's Maritime Industry Sector Lead, and
7 Senator Murray's staff. I then mention Dr.
8 Callender's safe and efficient transportation
9 preparedness and risk reduction, stewardship
10 recreation and tourism, and make some statement
11 that we find these appropriate and easily
12 understood, or something like that.

13 In the past several years a robust
14 dialogue between HSRP and NOAA has developed and
15 it has become clear that HSRP could make better
16 recommendations if involved in this dialogue at
17 an early stage, and then I go and say we now have
18 these four documents to review.

19 You know, we're not going to get it
20 done in the next few weeks, but we intend to come
21 back within say two or three months with comments
22 on the National Charting Plan and the other three

1 documents. Does everybody think that is doable?

2 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: We have a
3 deadline on the National Charting Plan.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: When is it?

5 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: By June 1st,
6 cannot be later.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay, so June 1st,
8 all right. So that has to be our first priority
9 I guess is getting that done. Anybody going to
10 step up to coordinate that?

11 MEMBER HALL: I'm curious, and I am
12 sure I am starting a battle here, but as the
13 HSRP, I mean I understand that that's the FRN,
14 right, the June 1 is for the Federal Notice?

15 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: We would
16 appreciate it if you guys would submit your
17 comments in that same timeframe.

18 MEMBER HALL: Okay. I'm just -- Yes,
19 because if it's due to the FRN actually as the
20 HSRP, but now that I know it's what Shep, you
21 guys want, okay, I just wanted to make sure.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I am looking for

1 hands.

2 MEMBER HALL: I have to rewrite a
3 precision navigation paper or else I would have.

4 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Joyce, I'll do
5 it.

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Susan.
7 And then we need to get the other three reviewed,
8 but, Dave, I don't -- Do we want to take that on
9 in P&E?

10 (Off microphone comments)

11 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

12 CHAIR HANSON: What's the other ones
13 we got?

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So then I
15 mentioned the three papers that we are going to
16 submit and right now I have three
17 recommendations.

18 The first one would be Larry's
19 statement about establish the IHO, a comment on
20 the importance of NOAA data and the importance of
21 centralized data access, and then who was it that
22 wanted something about plan for the Chart of the

1 Future? Is that at the level of a recommendation
2 or --

3 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes.

4 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, I think so.

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. And then I
6 thought I would add -- And I need to incorporate
7 some of what we just --

8 CHAIR HANSON: Can you go back up to
9 those four plans, you only got one volunteer.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right. Chairman?

11 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, do we do it
12 alphabetically or do we partner up. We have
13 three plans to take the lead on.

14 MEMBER PERKINS: I will volunteer to
15 take the lead on the autonomous paper.

16 CHAIR HANSON: Thank you, sir.

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: The autonomous
18 vehicle --

19 (Simultaneous speaking)

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: External data
21 source data policy?

22 CHAIR HANSON: And hydrographic survey

1 are the other two on your survey.

2 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: I'll also take
3 the external source one.

4 CHAIR HANSON: Wow, she set a standard
5 for you.

6 (Laughter)

7 (Off microphone comments)

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: That really now
9 is, it's more the 30-year -- I can sign up for
10 that one this time. I just didn't want to sign
11 up for all four of them.

12 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Joyce, I had a
13 comment on the tone of the letter itself. It
14 strikes me that potentially this will be the
15 first document that an incoming Administrator
16 reads from this group, potentially, who knows.

17 And I just wonder if we want to think
18 a little bit about the tone and I mean I kind of
19 wrote down words like, you know, underscore the
20 importance to infrastructure that these offices
21 have and underscore the things we heard about the
22 technology advancements and the efficiency gains.

1 I'm just thinking are there key buzz
2 words that will resonate with this Administration
3 that we want to make sure are kind of up front to
4 set the stage for the kind of -- to get their
5 interest basically.

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. I actually
7 in the first paragraph have the words
8 infrastructure and dah, dah, dah.

9 MEMBER HALL: Do we have national
10 priority, too, based on what we heard from Glenn
11 about actually we are one and, you know, kind of
12 appreciate that these services are seen as that?
13 That might be something as well from Glenn's
14 presentation at lunch.

15 (Off microphone comment)

16 MEMBER HALL: Yes, reiterate that it
17 is a core, key function.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: What's a key
19 function?

20 MEMBER HALL: Charting, the
21 hydrographic services.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Oh.

1 (Simultaneous speaking)

2 MEMBER HALL: Whatever the wording was
3 that came out of the President's budget, skinny
4 budget, let's reuse that for their advantage.

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I know what
6 you are talking about now. I just wasn't quite
7 done with it. Okay. And I will try to as much
8 as possible in the space of two pages to
9 summarize the valuable comments.

10 I don't think we want to talk too much
11 about the process of the Panel there.

12 (Off microphone comment)

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. You know, I,
14 you know, we want to establish that we are
15 interested in the national priorities and here is
16 how we can help and, you know, words like
17 infrastructure that mean something to the
18 Administration.

19 Okay, I will work on that. I will
20 probably have it out a week, or I will have it to
21 Bill in a week, and then we can review it. Our
22 goal is usually that we get it in final format,

1 it's one month I believe what we established as
2 procedure.

3 MEMBER PERKINS: Less than 30 days is
4 what we agreed to and is in our --

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I mean one of
6 the tricky things is I mean we have to send it to
7 the Acting Administrator. We don't have anybody
8 else to send it to, so --

9 (Off microphone comment)

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: It is.

11 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Just to comment
12 on timing, once we get through the priorities of
13 the Recommendation Letter, seeing that I did take
14 on two of those documents, I think that we've got
15 the momentum, a lot of these issues are fresh in
16 our heads, so I think that we should reconnect
17 and make significant progress on those four
18 papers quickly before we lose the natural
19 momentum a little bit, so expect to hear from me
20 soon.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: The Charting Plan,
22 actually one thing I did want to ask, there were

1 a couple things about the Charting Plan that I
2 thought we might easily say.

3 Let me see, where was I. You know,
4 although we haven't had time to review all four
5 documents, some very early comments on the
6 National Charting Plan was updated performance
7 measures for targeting charting discrepancies,
8 you know, for updates.

9 I think there was a general consensus
10 that they should definitely show soundings rather
11 than remove them and I would defy anybody to not
12 want to transfer to metric because -- Do you
13 think those are high enough comments that we can,
14 you know, as a first level comment in this
15 letter, because Shep did ask for high level and
16 those were things that were in our response to
17 the Charting Plan already.

18 So, Susan, you have a pretty good
19 starter. You should review what Shep asked for
20 though, you know, because he did ask for specific
21 things.

22 (Off microphone comment)

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

2 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Just a question about
3 process. Not all of these individual tasks are
4 going into the report back to the Admiral or they
5 are?

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: What's that?

7 MEMBER BRIGHAM: For all of these
8 projects that people are working on throughout
9 the Panel are post-work of this meeting, right,
10 but not all -- Now everything everybody is doing
11 are going to input in the next week or two to
12 this report to Shep, is that right? I didn't see
13 it that way, but --

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No, no, no, no,
15 no, no.

16 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Okay. Okay, so let
17 me finish, please. So it's process?

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

19 MEMBER BRIGHAM: It's the entire Panel
20 working on all these issues?

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

22 MEMBER BRIGHAM: It's not some working

1 group -- Let me just state clearly, I don't think
2 the working group on planning and engagement is
3 needed or effective of whatever.

4 The working group on issue papers is
5 and needs to be driven by a competent chair and
6 whatever, but the rest of these issues are kind
7 of holistic.

8 We send them out electronically and
9 then the Panel should have a discussion about it
10 or the electronic submissions are coordinated by
11 the chair and the vice chair.

12 I mean a couple options, but can we
13 have a meeting and chat about the input we get
14 together or can we not do that? I don't know
15 whether it's public and who knows what the
16 administrative rules are to do that, but I don't
17 think it's a working group of the Panel, it's the
18 entire Panel.

19 MEMBER HALL: We can have pre-
20 deliberation discussions, which is what we kind
21 of do on these things, but I completely agree
22 with Lawson on that, where it needs to have the

1 conversation because part of the reason, and I
2 know that, Joyce and Dave, you guys take such a
3 huge load when you helped with those issues
4 papers.

5 I feel kind of out of, a fish out of
6 water when I get them and I look at them. And,
7 again, like I said earlier I know how to edit
8 them, I don't necessarily know the context of
9 having those conversations as we all haven't had
10 a chance to read it.

11 We have some of our initial thoughts.
12 We have some really good things that come out of,
13 oh, shoot, you know, Lawson said something that
14 just dawned something for me or Lindsay said
15 something.

16 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Yes.

17 MEMBER HALL: I think it's really
18 important to have it not just our individual
19 inputs to you, whoever is doing it, but that
20 there be a conversation about it.

21 Now we all have to do our homework and
22 read it. It can't be a what is thing once we get

1 to the phone, and I think that's where the
2 pressure --

3 (Simultaneous speaking)

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right, I agree.

5 But I have to give Dave huge, huge -- I mean
6 there is a reason this -- What was your rank,
7 Dave?

8 MEMBER MAUNE: Colonel.

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Colonel. And the
10 Army can say, you, write a paragraph, you know,
11 and that's really --

12 MEMBER MAUNE: You don't have to
13 volunteer.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right.

15 (Simultaneous speaking)

16 MEMBER MAUNE: They volunteer by
17 making a recommendation.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. Yes, but it
19 really does take, I mean somebody said it's not
20 herding cats, it's bathing cats, so --

21 (Off microphone comment)

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Process, yes. So

1 at any rate, I just give the folks warning that
2 have signed up for things you've really got to
3 push it and you got to give people schedules or
4 it will be nothing coming back.

5 MS. BLACKWELL: Joyce, I am a little
6 bit confused now with, not the last statement,
7 but specifically for the request to review and
8 provide comments on the National Charting Plan.

9 Is that something the HSRP is doing as
10 the HSRP and you all are going to get back
11 together again and hold a meeting and vote on or
12 deliberate or whatever the right word is --

13 (Off microphone comment)

14 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: Yes, and the
15 last, on our last --

16 MS. BLACKWELL: -- and then submit
17 that on behalf of the HSRP?

18 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

19 MS. BLACKWELL: Okay.

20 MEMBER SHINGLEDECKER: That was my
21 understanding. On our last planning and
22 engagement call I think there were four people

1 who volunteered to submit specific comments.

2 Joyce compiled that as a starting
3 point. My intent was I would take that and then
4 maybe we'll schedule a conference call or I'll
5 reach out individually.

6 Honestly, I'd love to have a Google
7 doc where we could collaboratively edit it if
8 possible, but, yes, develop something together
9 and that would be comments from the HSRP as a
10 whole.

11 If individuals also want to submit
12 comments on their own that option exists as well.

13 MS. BLACKWELL: Right. And so I guess
14 maybe we just need to check on the proper
15 protocol for this, because if you are going to
16 hold another discussion formally and vote on this
17 as a final product that has to be, that has to go
18 with the DFO and you've got to do everything
19 right.

20 So I just want to make sure that we
21 are following proper procedures.

22 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: I'd recommend

1 you guys go around the room and talk about the
2 National Charting Plan. You probably have 70
3 percent, or even 80 percent, of the total
4 comments you are going to receive right now.

5 I suggest you go around the room and
6 people make comments.

7 CHAIR HANSON: We've got a few other
8 housekeeping things we'll take care of and get
9 there.

10 MS. MERSFELDER-LEWIS: All right.

11 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, I don't mind doing
12 things. I do like doing things as HSRP, on the
13 other hand we do have the FACA rules and there is
14 ways to work that.

15 It's not unheard of to have a call
16 with the DFO on a call, we do that in other
17 groups, if that's where we want to go. So I kind
18 of like that idea.

19 I do think that going to these
20 committees is helpful for specific purposes, but
21 we need to stay focused as a group.

22 MEMBER BRIGHAM: A comment about that,

1 but to use the working group as a mechanism to
2 avoid, it's not what we are saying, but the
3 appearance is is that we are using the working
4 group to not include the entire -- It's
5 disingenuous, I have to tell you.

6 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, and I don't --

7 MEMBER BRIGHAM: That we've had --
8 With Admiral Glang we had a couple meetings where
9 the whole Panel met. Sure it's a nightmare to
10 get hooked up to have the public engaged, but we
11 did have a few people onboard.

12 I am just concerned about the scope of
13 this working group which is the scope of the
14 Panel.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Okay, got it.

16 (Off microphone comment)

17 CHAIR HANSON: No, we got it. Okay,
18 so one more time around, and I've got a couple
19 things I want you to address. Scott, no
20 deferring your time this time.

21 No, you guys go first. It's actually
22 better to go first, you've got more to say,

1 right.

2 So the two things you have to respond
3 to before you get into your wrap-ups, and I'd ask
4 that we be respectful of each other's turn here
5 and interrupt if absolutely necessary, but
6 otherwise hold for your turn.

7 If you have any comments on our
8 charter, we have gotten very few comments on it
9 so the chance is to accept as is. Number two is
10 topics for New Hampshire.

11 At this point we got talk on
12 autonomous vehicles and we got a half day or a
13 full day tour of the facilities. So beyond that,
14 after you address those two issues, then you can
15 have at it.

16 MEMBER PERKINS: I have no recommend
17 changes to the charter. I think it's fine as
18 presented. Topics for New Hampshire, you know,
19 autonomous vehicle, you know, positioning, that
20 interrelation of how can we pre-position NOAA as
21 the positioning navigation and observation
22 agency, you know, to be, to increase that

1 visibility of the importance of the role of NGS,
2 you know, in providing those services in support
3 of autonomous movement, be it land, air, or
4 water.

5 MEMBER THOMPSON: No changes for the
6 charter and I think I am the one who you're
7 supposed to send it to, too, so I think I'm set.

8 Topics, 2022 is not that far off so I
9 think we need to talk a little more this next
10 meeting about getting prepared.

11 MEMBER KELLY: I'm good on the charter
12 and I think since we are going to be up there
13 with a bunch of very smart people, they are doing
14 some innovative things, perhaps we could have
15 them make a presentation on innovative charting
16 presentations.

17 Some of the stuff we saw just briefly
18 was just fascinating and, you know, it's kind of
19 new stuff, cutting edge, I'd like to see more of
20 that.

21 (Off microphone comment)

22 MEMBER KELLY: That's what I mean, I'd

1 like to see a little bit, make that as a,
2 something for innovative charting presentations.

3 MEMBER HALL: No changes to the
4 charter, I think it's pretty good. The topics
5 for New Hampshire, you know, I mention again the
6 autonomous vehicles.

7 I would love to see the gliders in
8 action if at all possible, kind of cool. And
9 then the other one, I know I think we have
10 mentioned it, the VDatum, but just that Datum
11 101, I mean at a level that it's not completely--

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

13 MEMBER HALL: I mean something like
14 what Carol did today with bathymetry, the LIDAR
15 stuff, because that was kind of one of those
16 things were, you know, some of it, half of it
17 over my head, but the little pieces that I got I
18 know a lot more about LIDAR than I did before, so
19 I think that would be very helpful.

20 And then, you know, just my process
21 comments that I have had all along. I am not
22 sure we are still kind of figuring out what an

1 issue paper is versus perhaps what an
2 informational paper is versus perhaps what the
3 moment in time, which I think the Technical
4 Group, that longer paper is kind of really
5 actually documenting, you know, the thought
6 process of our Committee.

7 I'm not sure our issues papers always
8 do that, and that's okay. The issue papers are a
9 separate thing and a specific thing, we have an
10 issue, this is we would like you to address this
11 issue.

12 So maybe, you know, I don't know,
13 we're not going to resolve that in the next, you
14 know, half hour, but I think we need to make sure
15 we get moving and momentum on what that is.

16 So, again, it gives us context for
17 when we are reading a paper and trying to help
18 edit it and trying to give our feedback.

19 And the second thing is is just what
20 I said earlier about meeting preparation. I
21 would love to be part of it, other than just
22 giving topics.

1 I mean actually talking to folks and
2 saying, hey, this is who we are about, this is
3 what we would like to hear, if it's a thing like
4 that, and us prioritizing so that we can give
5 those folks, hey, here is the top five things
6 that we are all interested in.

7 I am on the NMSAC, the National
8 Maritime Security Advisory Committee, and before
9 every meeting we do that. It was really
10 interesting because we had a topic that I brought
11 up and it turned out very surprisingly to be the
12 number one topic for everybody.

13 Nobody had thought about putting it on
14 the agenda, but it helped in the preparation of
15 that meeting to go, okay, they really want to
16 know about this key thing in this timeframe, and
17 it helped for somebody to bring it.

18 And it was just a quick email back and
19 forth where somebody listed it and somebody did
20 the math on which one was the top one and went
21 from there.

22 So just a little bit more. I am happy

1 to be hands-on. I want to be, please use me.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. EDWING: I want to second what
4 Juliana suggested. I am the ocean service
5 representative to something called NOAA Observing
6 System Council and I am also the co-chair of the
7 Observing Committee underneath that.

8 And the NOSC is really charged with
9 ensuring that NOAA responsibly, you know, manages
10 its large observing system portfolio. All three
11 offices here have observing systems and the
12 operation and maintenance of those observing
13 systems take up over half of NOAA's budget.

14 So you might be interested in just
15 learning a little bit more about how all that
16 works, but, also, this last year in July we put
17 on our very first Emerging Technologies Workshop,
18 which is more of an internal workshop, but this
19 next August we are putting it on again and
20 opening it up to private industry to come in as
21 well and do some presentations and I can provide
22 some more information on that.

1 But I just offer that up as a topic
2 you may be interested in hearing about either,
3 you know, this meeting or, I mean, you know, one
4 of the upcoming meetings.

5 MEMBER MAUNE: Okay. I have no
6 comments on the charter. As far as the September
7 meeting, if Rick concurs, I think it would be
8 appropriate for us to give a presentation on the
9 upcoming NEEA update and hydrography requirements
10 and benefits study, what its goals and objectives
11 are, how we propose to go about doing it, and
12 maybe get some feedback from the Panel on what
13 that study is all about.

14 I wanted to second what Kim said about
15 the issues papers, just because I defined what an
16 issue paper was doesn't mean we can't something
17 other than an issue paper, such as an information
18 paper, on the technology transfer, that sort of
19 thing. That's all I have.

20 MEMBER RASSELLO: No further on the
21 paper. For the future I can only give my support
22 as the technical issues, whatever you decide to

1 work on.

2 CHAIR HANSON: Any cruise ships in New
3 Hampshire?

4 MEMBER RASSELLO: Uh --

5 CHAIR HANSON: You're on a roll.

6 MEMBER RASSELLO: Baltimore or New
7 York, that's the closest I can get.

8 CHAIR HANSON: That's all right.

9 MEMBER LOCKHART: No changes on the
10 charter. What I would like to hear about,
11 autonomous vessels, datums or datums, including
12 epochs or epochs, depending on what you like.

13 And I would also, I think it would be
14 helpful even though it's not necessarily directly
15 applicable, it abuts what we do, and that's the
16 global seabed mapping initiative. I think it
17 would be good for this group to hear a brief on
18 that as well.

19 MEMBER BRIGHAM: No more input, I
20 inputted on the charter, so no more there. New
21 Hampshire, I really request to have an Arctic
22 Panel. It's my last throw at this before I

1 depart in January.

2 So we have world class Arctic
3 expertise there, but I want to report out and
4 talk a little bit about it with some background
5 on this electronic coast pilot.

6 And then there would be other topics,
7 work with Larry and the NOAA staff on what Arctic
8 things, what Arctic strategy, and give it some
9 profile, maybe get some of the congressional
10 delegations in to think about Arctic.

11 A couple other small items, we could
12 get a letter to the Washington State, to the
13 Governor, Commissioner, for the two individuals
14 who gave very professional and very enlightening
15 talks on the State's position.

16 And then a recommendation for issue
17 information, all, whatever kind of paper it is,
18 public private partnership, we have them, with
19 PORTS, and I'm pointing at Richard, sorry, to
20 point, and then we have the Marine Exchange.

21 I think an informational paper or
22 issue paper that -- I mean people talk about them

1 all the time and nobody knows what the hell they
2 are, generally.

3 So we have some examples within NOAA,
4 and maybe outside NOAA in the maritime world, and
5 then we could then have some recommendations on
6 what are we talking about here, because I think
7 it's political, it's timely, people are talking
8 about public private partnerships, so throw it
9 out on the table as a new one.

10 MS. BLACKWELL: I don't have any
11 recommended changes to the charter and I have no
12 other comments for the next meeting. Thanks.

13 MEMBER SAADE: Seabed 2030 and the X-
14 Prize for the next meeting or maybe we'll do it
15 as one of our briefings every other month.

16 MEMBER GEE: Yes, I have no comment on
17 the charter and I would support the VDatum and
18 the autonomous subjects in the next meeting.

19 And just regarding the meeting,
20 generally I think we have talked about how it's a
21 meeting and we need to be able to discuss and
22 having a good period of that.

1 And I heard the comment about we have
2 a full-day meeting at CCOM and I am sort of torn
3 here because I think from a technology point of
4 view I think it's important that people see it,
5 but that's a long time to take out of a 2-1/2 day
6 meeting and I'm not sure that we should do that
7 to be honest.

8 We need to structure it so that you
9 can get the view of what's going on there in
10 addition to just Larry's kind of presentation
11 today, but, also, we need to meet there, I think,
12 and so that has to be public.

13 One of the other issues I think, I'm
14 not quite sure, the lunchtime speakers are great
15 --

16 (Off microphone comment)

17 MEMBER GEE: Yes. I want -- But,
18 anyway.

19 MEMBER HALL: We had talked about this
20 earlier, it's great, but that kind of keynote
21 sense that we get, it's information, but it's --
22 These meetings are information overload anyways

1 and that's one more of kind of a distant thing
2 where I am trying to decide is this what I am
3 going to assimilate into my brain for what I am
4 going to do in HSRP or is it something that I've
5 got to kind of take interesting and move on.

6 And I think there is some things that
7 we could do during lunchtime, including an actual
8 working talk, and use that as meeting time. You
9 know, maybe the first day we have, it's always
10 great to have Glenn, so I don't want Glenn's
11 presentation to go away because I think we all
12 really enjoy that and get a lot out of that.

13 MEMBER GEE: Yes, I think that's --

14 MEMBER HALL: And I do know that we
15 have enjoyed like when Ed did the Fugro, the
16 mission, kind of specialty MH, or the Malaysian
17 Air, yes, that was really interesting.

18 But I think really we need to kind of
19 see what else we can do with those lunchtime
20 because having keynote, while interesting, I'm
21 not sure it actually truly adds to the work of
22 the HSRP.

1 MEMBER GEE: Yes. So I think I was
2 saying there it would be more of the discussion
3 time is what I think we need. We all see that as
4 a benefit.

5 For the directives, I think what Rich
6 was saying, and Juliana, I think what Larry did
7 today, because he sort of selected a topic area
8 instead of doing a report of the general what he
9 did, I think if that's okay with the rest of -- I
10 think if Rich and Juliana maybe, you know, Shep,
11 there is the general level of we want to hear
12 what the latest is with you, but then if there
13 specific things that, you know, we think we can
14 hear from you it would be worthwhile.

15 And I just say the more we can get
16 from you, and that's where I support all of the
17 papers that Shep and his time that Rick and all
18 those have provided us, getting that early is
19 like us giving the presenters something early,
20 it's the same thing, we want to see it as well.

21 I'm not sure regionally -- I really
22 appreciate getting some of the regional issues,

1 and I guess that's part of the way we do it, but
2 there is a balance I think and -- Like I'm just
3 trying to, I guess the take home from that is I
4 really think we don't give ourselves enough time
5 for meeting, like we are rushed at the end here
6 for, you know, a couple of hours.

7 I don't believe that's enough, so if
8 we can massage the meeting a little bit to do
9 that through the meeting it would be good.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: I don't have any
11 comments on the charter, but I just would say
12 that we can be very flexible at UNH and how we
13 want to structure the day there.

14 We can make arrangements to have
15 parking available for the public if that's
16 necessary. If we want to hold a public meeting
17 we can make arrangements to have part of the time
18 in executive session, you know, however the Chair
19 and the DFO want to structure that I think we
20 have the flexibility to do that.

21 So, you know, it doesn't need to be an
22 all-day tour. We can condense that as necessary

1 for the needs of the Panel.

2 DR. MAYER: I have no comments on the
3 charter. Again, it's fine, and I sadly will not
4 be able to be at the New Hampshire. So I
5 shouldn't comment, but I think the idea of
6 certainly autonomous vehicles is a good one.

7 I like the Arctic idea. I wish I
8 could be there to hear that discussion. But,
9 also, I'll plant a seed for not the next one but
10 sometime in the future, and I haven't discussed
11 this with Andy, but I wonder if at some point we
12 should look at the status of hydrographic
13 education. It's something that is critical to us
14 all and --

15 (Off microphone comment)

16 CAPT. BRENNAN: I would I guess, yes,
17 and that the other thing that is afoot right now
18 is a change in from the NSPS hydrographer
19 certification and I think where that's going, or
20 the direction that we are seeing that being
21 pushed, naturally has to go hand-in-hand with the
22 educational component of that, and so those two

1 together I think are a powerful topic to have.

2 DR. MAYER: Together, yes.

3 MEMBER GEE: What's NSPS?

4 CAPT. BRENNAN: National Society of
5 Professional Surveyors.

6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I have no comments
7 on the charter. I think we probably need to vote
8 on that, but everybody said no comments, so I
9 think we are there.

10 Actually, I have a question for
11 Juliana. What is the plural of datum, because in
12 data it's data?

13 MS. BLACKWELL: Datums.

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you. And I
15 definitely would support the Datum 101 and I look
16 forward to coming up to New Hampshire because
17 every time I go up there it's like, ah, really,
18 so -- and too bad Larry won't be there. That's
19 my comments.

20 MEMBER BRIGHAM: Just one more. I
21 mean a full court press on the congressional
22 staffs, maybe a full court press to get either a

1 Maine or a New Hampshire senator or congressman.

2 You know, we had the congressman down
3 in L.A., hugely positive when he came, and I
4 think the congressional delegations there are all
5 our friends and they would be right on this
6 topic, so full court press for the congressional
7 people, including the senators or congressmen.

8 CHAIR HANSON: And I can tell you that
9 that has been attempted the last two go-rounds,
10 so any influence any of you can have as well is
11 appreciated.

12 So I guess I get the last word, huh.
13 A couple of things, I guess to fulfill my own
14 request, no comments on the charter. Do we need
15 to vote on it do you think?

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I believe we did
17 last time when I was in charge of it.

18 CHAIR HANSON: Okay. Want to be in
19 charge again?

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes. Gary?

21 MEMBER THOMPSON: I can make a motion
22 that we approve the charter as written.

1 CHAIR HANSON: Okay.

2 MEMBER MAUNE: Second.

3 CHAIR HANSON: Any opposed?

4 (No audible answer)

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: All in fav?

6 (Multiple ayes)

7 CHAIR HANSON: Any opposed?

8 (No audible answer)

9 CHAIR HANSON: None opposed.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Whatever.

11 CHAIR HANSON: All right, it's

12 approved. Great, thank you, very official. For

13 New Hampshire, in terms of the education piece, I

14 would like to see if there is a spot for Diane

15 Foster and an ocean engineering discussion.

16 (Off microphone comment)

17 CHAIR HANSON: Already a part of it?

18 (Off microphone comment)

19 CHAIR HANSON: All right. No, we can

20 find a spot in the agenda for her, so that would

21 be great.

22 (Off microphone comment)

1 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, exactly. So we've
2 got a lot of do-outs, a lot of work to do.
3 Everybody has got a long flight home, so I know
4 you will be focused on getting these things done.

5 I really appreciate the feedback on
6 the meeting. We learn a lot every meeting about
7 how we can improve. Again, Lindsay, I can tell
8 you we're spot on in terms of wanting to utilize
9 the Panel more.

10 I am really proud of the way you guys
11 have responded the last couple of meetings, very
12 -- Nobody is shy, which is a good thing, and you
13 are all professional. So I appreciate the
14 comments and you are certainly experts.

15 And that's the point, and one of the
16 things we do ask the speakers is to, you know, if
17 you have 30 minutes, use 15 for your presentation
18 and give us 15 to comment and talk, because
19 that's really what this is meant to, to leverage
20 that mutual expertise.

21 So we will continue to look for that
22 and look for opportunities for our dialogue. It

1 does seem like we get pushed at the tail end
2 trying to do these issue papers, Recommendation
3 Letters, and having done this for quite awhile I
4 think that's kind of when we do our best work, to
5 be honest with you, we actually get to some
6 conclusions, sometimes it's up, sometimes it's
7 down.

8 On the other hand, certainly, in the
9 world we live in each one of us likes to prepare
10 and likes to be thorough. The only way to do
11 that is to make it a priority, and certainly the
12 work that Dave and Joyce have put into the issue
13 papers is phenomenal and I -- Go ahead, deserve a
14 round of applause just because --

15 (Applause)

16 CHAIR HANSON: And then have the
17 frustration of, oh, yes, let me pull it up and
18 take a look at it.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

20 MEMBER MAUNE: May I recommend a round
21 of applause also to Lynne and the people who put
22 this meeting together.

1 (Applause)

2 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I have a question
3 on issue papers. Lynne, or Kim brought this up
4 earlier today. We have SOPs that we did, oh,
5 three meetings ago on letters and when we get
6 them out and Kim suggested the possibility of do
7 we need to establish a process of writing these
8 papers. I don't know. I just thought I'd throw
9 it out.

10 CHAIR HANSON: All right.

11 MEMBER HALL: What I thought I might
12 do, because I know that it's one of those, it's
13 hard, it's easy to say yes or no right now
14 without knowing what that might look like, I have
15 something that is outlined actually for another
16 committee that might make -- It's not super
17 involved, it's not going to require a lot of
18 editing, but just to give an idea especially as
19 we are going to bring new members on, I assume
20 for the September meeting, it would very helpful
21 -- No?

22 Or, whatever, in 2018. It would be

1 helpful to have that documentation because if you
2 try to come into this group and you're not really
3 sure, I mean that's why I always thought it was
4 just for the Administrator because I didn't have
5 a succinct, clear vision for what they were.

6 And I think there is several different
7 ones, and I think that's okay, but having that
8 written down, a one-pager, I think would be very
9 helpful as we move along.

10 So if people don't mind other than
11 vote yes, no, we don't want it, let me provide it
12 and then if you say this is a waste of time
13 that's okay, I am using it for something else
14 anyways, so it's not a waste of my time. Thanks.

15 CHAIR HANSON: Yes, I've got a couple
16 more things, so --

17 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

18 CHAIR HANSON: So, again, yes, that
19 would be great. And don't be bashful, also, if
20 you have other suggestions about meetings and,
21 again, make suggestions and if we can work them
22 in we will.

1 So issue papers, I didn't hear any new
2 issue papers. Maybe I did?

3 (Off microphone comment)

4 CHAIR HANSON: We did, okay. But we
5 do have a lot of work to do on the reports,
6 right, feedback, so I think that's plenty to chew
7 off for this go-round.

8 I do expect to hear some more issue
9 papers coming out of Tech Transfer. I think that
10 remains probably a very exciting area for us.
11 The innovation discussion, it's going to be an
12 overused word in the next year or two, and so we
13 need to stay focused with what we think that
14 looks like for us.

15 I think one of the things I would like
16 to hear as it gets talked about is we are going
17 to run across bureaucratic impediments to
18 innovation and we need to be able not just to
19 define the science, but also what is NOAA's role
20 in innovation, are they set up to handle
21 innovation.

22 Now I think they are, I think they've

1 got that big thinking, but we need to make sure
2 that if there are bureaucratic impediments that
3 we identify those and get to work on those, just
4 identifying them so we can deal with those.

5 And one other thing I would like for
6 you to think about on your plane ride home is
7 folks in our industry, respective industries, who
8 have skin in the game, and the reason I say that
9 in terms of advocacy for what we do both
10 bureaucratically, for funding, for policy, there
11 are folks that have access to the Administration
12 at a very high level and those folks right now
13 are the folks that have skin in the game, and
14 it's not service providers, it's not dredgers,
15 frankly, it's not surveyors, but it is people who
16 have, we own boats, who own equipment.

17 So we were talking about the boat
18 manufacturers, you know, you're talking about
19 shippers, you're talking about manufacturers.
20 Folks like that have access at very high levels
21 right now.

22 So if -- When you're getting your

1 plane ride you need to look around the room, I
2 bet each one of us come up with half a dozen
3 folks at a very high level who benefit from the
4 work we do and who need to, or ask, they need to
5 be able to walk into the White House and say,
6 boy, here's three bullet points we would love for
7 you to take care of for this innovation piece,
8 or, you know, empower NOAA to do this and Arctic.

9 So, anyway, it's not just a service
10 discussion, it's who really has true skin in the
11 game. So I talked about that before, so I will
12 leave that be for now.

13 But I will go ahead and --

14 (Off microphone comment)

15 CHAIR HANSON: Oh, yes. So, something
16 to be thinking about is in the course of for the
17 next meeting, is three of us will be falling off
18 the HSRP, Scott, Dr. Brigham, and myself, and so
19 you need to be thinking about who will secede me,
20 that's all stuff that you guys vote on.

21 So discuss among yourselves. It's
22 obviously better if you reach a consensus, but

1 that doesn't mean you can't have a vote, so if
2 that's the way you choose to do it, but just
3 something to think about, who might be
4 appropriate that is -- It's truly an honor for
5 me, but I will save all that stuff for later.

6 For now I just want thank Captain
7 Brennan, all the other NOAA folks who showed up.
8 Having you guys here, both the leadership and
9 staff, is really important to the overall
10 discussion.

11 I also serve on other FACAs and when
12 you don't have staff there you don't have
13 decision-makers, you end up looking around the
14 room a lot, and having you guys here in the room
15 able to say, no, that won't work, or that's a bad
16 idea, or that's a great idea, is really, really
17 helpful to us, so we really appreciate that.

18 Colonel Maune already gave Lynne the
19 praise and thanks that she richly deserves for
20 putting up with for setting these things up and
21 then setting up the monthly phone calls, so we
22 all appreciate that as well.

1 Other than that I don't have a lot
2 more to add. We will be convening a phone call
3 within the next month.

4 MEMBER MAUNE: Can I have 30 seconds?

5 CHAIR HANSON: I don't mind. I'm
6 sorry, sir.

7 MEMBER MAUNE: A couple of people
8 mentioned the need for a Datums 101. For anybody
9 who feels strongly enough about it I can give you
10 a Datums 101 at the end of this meeting and it
11 would be over in 15 minutes.

12 So just stay here and I'll get it
13 right on the spot.

14 CHAIR HANSON: There you go. Well,
15 that shortens the meeting already next time,
16 right. We're on a roll. All right, everybody
17 safe travels home.

18 I really appreciate the time and
19 effort and congratulations, great meeting. Thank
20 you. Meeting is adjourned.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
22 went off the record at 4:42 p.m.)

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