

**NTHMP Coordinating Committee Call Notes**  
**9/18/2012**

1. Jason Tuell introduced Mike Angove as the Acting Tsunami Program Manager. Mike expressed appreciation for all the work being accomplished by the NTHMP.
2. House and Senate marks on the President's budget restored funds for the grant program. The expectation is that grant funding will be maintained in the final budget. Jason Tuell indicated clear grant guidance should be available by next March. Grants are currently funded through next year. Paul Whitmore noted that October is the usual time frame for grant submissions. Jason indicated February may be optimistic, but March/April is the more likely time frame.
3. Rick Wilson summarized the accomplishments of the MES/MMS meeting. Significant information on local events and maritime community preparedness was incorporated into the draft NTHMP Strategic Plan. Model validation criteria and proceedings will be posted on the NTHMP web site. John Schelling indicated the TsunamiReady guidelines are being revised and will be coordinated with the Social Science grant PI. John will follow up with Mike on the recently developed National Education Plan. A spreadsheet that captures Federal, state, and local training efforts has been created.
4. Chris Maier summarized the discussion with the MES Executive Committee on the TsunamiReady guidelines. Input received is being incorporated and will be sent back through the MES. American Samoa will be designated as TsunamiReady later this month. There was discussion that it is sometimes difficult to get communities to fill out the TsunamiReady forms, even though other activities have been completed. Having WCMs fill out the forms may be a solution. In addition, incentives such as reduced FEMA flood insurance rates may help. John Schelling will send information on the National Flood Insurance Program to the Coordinating Committee.
5. Paul Whitmore indicated there was a meeting on the NTHMP Strategic Plan, and changes will be provided to the CC. Rick Wilson said there has been some progress on the NTHMP Rules of Procedure with Tamra Biasco.
6. Vickie Nadolski suggested that the NTHMP annual meeting could be held in Portland, Oregon, since it is a fairly central location and the Doubletree hotel was a good venue with accessible transportation. The last full week in January is the tentative time frame for the meeting. There were no objections to this proposal.
7. Jason Tuell indicated that funding will need to be worked within the Continuing Resolution if in place, but in the spirit of TWEA. Jason indicated that he is reasonably optimistic that funding levels could remain at current levels.
8. It was agreed the NTHMP conference calls can be held bi-monthly. The next call is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from 3:00-4:00ET.