

NTHMP Coordinating Committee Meeting

March 17, 2020

3:00pm EDT

1. Welcome and call meeting to order: NTHMP Administrator Ian Sears
The NTHMP Administrator called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

2. Roll Call:

Alaska

Mr. Dan Belanger, Alaska DHS/Emergency Management, Anchorage, AK
Dr. Dmitry Nicolisky, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

American Samoa

Mr. Meauta Mageo, American Samoa Dept of Homeland Security, Pago Pago, AS
Ms. Elinor Lutu-McMoore¹, American Samoa WSO, Pago Pago, American Samoa

California

Mr. Kevin Miller, California Office of Emergency Services, San Francisco, CA
Mr. Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey, Sacramento, CA

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

No representative

East Coast States

Mr. Ed Fratto, Northeast States Earthquake Consortium, Wakefield, MA
Dr. Jim Kirby, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
Dr. Stephen Grilli, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Guam

No representatives

Gulf Coast States

Dr. Juan Horrillo, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston, TX

Hawaii

Dr. Kwok Fai Cheung, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Oregon

No representative

Puerto Rico

Dr. Victor Huerfano, Univ. of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Mayagüez, PR

U.S. Virgin Islands

No representative

Washington

Ms. Corina Allen, Washington Division of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA

NOAA

Mr. Mike Angove, Designated Acting Chair by Grant Cooper for this meeting. Tsunami Program, NOAA/NWS Headquarters, Silver Spring, MD

Dr. Diego Arcas, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab, Seattle, WA

Ms. Christa von Hillebrandt, NOAA/NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Pgm, Mayagüez, PR

Dr. James Gridley¹, NOAA National Tsunami Warning Center, Palmer, AK

Ms. Marie Eblé¹, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab, Seattle, WA

Ian Sears⁵, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD

Lewis Kozlosky⁴, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD

Dr. Laura Kong⁴, NOAA/NWS Int'l Tsunami Information Center, Honolulu, HI

FEMA

Mr. Mike Mahoney, FEMA Headquarters, Washington, DC

Ms. Amanda Siok, FEMA Region X, Lynnwood, WA

USGS

Ms. Stephanie Ross, U.S. Geological Survey, Moffett Field, CA

Dr. Nate Wood, U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, OR

25 present, 8 state votes (min 7); 7 Fed votes (min 4). Quorum requirement met.

¹ Coord. Comm member, NOAA employee, non-voting

² Guest, one-time, non-voting

³ Alternate for primary CC member (guest)

⁴ Regular guest, non-voting status

⁵ Ex-officio, non-voting member

3. Minutes of Coordinating Committee meeting of January 31, 2020.

The NTHMP Administrator called for approval of the minutes of the January 31, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting. With no dissention, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

4. [Vote] Island Caucus Terms of Reference -

Call for approval: NTHMP Administrator:

Members of the Island Caucus present for this Coordinating Committee meeting confirmed their input and attendance when finalizing the Island Caucus Terms of Reference. All agreed the Terms of Reference was acceptable and was ready for the Coordinating Committee to vote for approval:

With no dissention, the Island Caucus Terms of Reference was approved by acclamation.

5. [DISCUSSION] FY20 grant status: NTHMP Administrator

We are in the process of the Federal Review Panel.

NTHMP Administrator will be reaching out with questions from the Federal Review Panel.

We will plan for success. If there are extenuating circumstances, regarding Covid19, let us know and we will coordinate with you.

Review panel will continue to send out feedback, most likely next week, possibly the following week.

6. [DISCUSSION] Warning Coordination Subcommittee: NTHMP Administrator

This subcommittee is not functioning by its Terms of Reference or as required by the *Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act of 2017*,

§3203 *Tsunami forecast and warning system*,

(d) *Tsunami Warning Centers*,

(2) *Responsibilities*,

(G) *Coordinating with the national tsunami hazard mitigation program conducted under section 3204 of this title to **ensure ongoing sharing of information between forecasters and emergency management officials.***

This is the specific citation from legislation that establishes the foundation of the NTHMP's Warning Coordination Subcommittee.

James Gridley: Dave will be a better fit as the Co-chair, therefore nominates him.

Marie Eblé: Requirements for co-chair? Ian: Yes he meets the requirements.

Subcommittee votes on co-chair? To be confirmed, and then CC vote will follow.

From the terms of reference:

Chairpersons: Chairpersons are approved by a majority of the NTHMP Coordinating Committee, and shall include both TWC directors (or designated non-bargaining unit TWC employee from each Center) and a representative from one of the member states.

7. NTHMP Gap analysis task group

Marie Eblé: After soliciting final round of input Jon Allen and MMS the tool is essentially done. We need to develop a guidance document, hopefully to be complete in the next week or two. Jon Allen is working on that document.

8. [DISCUSSION] NTHMP Annual Meeting Planning: NTHMP Administrator

NTHMP will plan for success until otherwise overcome.

Presently – the hotel venue was switched from the Holiday Inn to Sheraton. The meeting venue is like the Holiday Inn and it is in budget. The Holiday Inn was not in budget when it came time to book.

We will continue to work as if the meeting will be held. Will continue working on the agenda with the team previously identified.

Sheraton can meet budget and meeting space requirements.

1230 J St., Sacramento, California 95814 USA

Meeting is still planned for the week of July 20.

9. The CC agreed to delay discussions/elections for subcommittee, Island Caucus, and Work Group leadership until the Annual Meeting. This is just a reminder on what to plan for regarding leadership transitions that will occur in the summer.

No Discussion

10. Old Business

Mike Angove – Some polygon designations didn't work very well.

360 characters seems to work pretty well. Should that be the endpoint? Need to determine whether some inland areas are alerted by using county codes.

Corina Allen - preferred approach with polygons that hug the coast v. county codes for Washington.

Kevin Miller- echo refined approach for California - difference of 40k v. 1.1 million (i.e. San Diego) people getting the warning.

Dan Belanger- agreed a refined approach would be preferred for Alaska.

Mike Angove: May have to do additional internal review to determine the best approach.

Christa von Hillebrandt - We'll be discussing Advisory in the summer meeting. In PR, we are in the process of reaching out to our stakeholders as there was a lot of confusion in PR.

11. New Business

Mike Angove: We strongly suspect there will be another task from the NWS regarding the alert level "Advisory."

Rick Wilson - when they go forward, is there a way to bring members into the fold?

Mike Angove - suspect yes - as it is our leadership asking for inclusion.

Victor Huerfano - Their management office will have a new director soon.

Christa von Hillebrandt - annual Caribe Wave exercise is now only a communication exercise given COVID - 19.

Dan Belanger - Alaska is cancelling live code test on March 25.

Kevin Miller - Eureka WFO and Cal OES cancelled the annual live-code test and California cancelled all in-person activities in coordination with Tsunami Preparedness Week scheduled for March 2020.

Corina Allen - Washington cancelled tsunami road show. Washington is going to be doing a webinar and hopefully reschedule the road show in the fall.

Christa von Hillebrandt - The TsunamiReady program is a concern. First the earthquake, then Covid19. Will we consider an extra grace period. NTHMP Administrator will investigate what NWS can do.

Laura Kong - Are the Ocean Today tsunami videos still rolling out. NTHMP Administrator will follow up.

Marie Eblé: MMS held teleconference. NCEI is finishing FY19 DEMs. Then get started on FY20 - some of the DEMs are needed for current tasks.

Powell center is still scheduled waiting on critical invites.

Stephen Grilli - The landslide document is still pending and has not been updated since January. Ensuring alignment between guidance document and journal manuscript.

ASCE letter drafted. A redrafted letter is in review with Grant Cooper before going to GC.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the NTHMP Administrator at 3:52pm EDT.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at 3pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Sears
NTHMP Administrator