

NTHMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2020

3:00pm EDT

1. Roll Call:

Alaska

Mr. James Benzschawel, Alaska Division of Emergency Management, Anchorage, AK
Dr. Dmitry Nicolsky, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

American Samoa

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 representatives

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

Mr. Leo Espia, Guam Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Agana Heights, GU

Gulf Coast States

No representative

Hawaii

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

Oregon

Dr. Jonathan Allan, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Portland, OR
Dr. Althea Rizzo, Oregon Emergency Management Agency, Salem, OR

Puerto Rico

Wildaomaris Gonzalez, Puerto Rico Emergency Management, San Juan, PR

U.S. Virgin Islands

No representative

Washington

Ms. Corina Allen, Washington Geological Survey, Olympia, WA

NOAA

Dr. Grant Cooper, NWS Western Region Director, Salt Lake City, UT
Mr. Mike Angove⁵, Tsunami Program, NOAA/NWS Headquarters, Silver Spring, MD
Ms. Marie Eblé¹, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab, Seattle, WA
Mr. Ian Sears⁵, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD
Mr. Lewis Kozlosky⁴, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD
Ms. Christa von Hillebrandt, NOAA/NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Pgm, Mayagüez, PR
Dr. Diego Arcas, NOAA PMEL, Seattle, WA
Dr. Laura Kong, International Tsunami Information Center, Honolulu, HI
Dr. James Gridley, NTWC Director, Palmer, AK
Ms. Kelly Stroker, NCEI, Boulder, CO

FEMA

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

USGS

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

26 present, 9 state votes (min 7); 5 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

2. Welcome and call meeting to order: NTHMP Administrator Ian Sears
The NTHMP Administrator called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm EDT

3. Minutes of Coordinating Committee meeting of May 19, 2020.

The NTHMP Chair called for approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting. With no dissention, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

4. [DISCUSSION] FY20 grant status: NTHMP Administrator
Recommendations made to the Grants Management Division process ongoing. No-cost extensions and reprogramming efforts are underway.
5. [DISCUSSION] NTHMP summer meeting – proposed meeting schedules: NTHMP Administrator
The Schedule of meetings has been distributed. “101s” are an opportunity to communicate who partners are and activities at a high level. Meant to keep tsunami efforts underway on track. A series of keynotes would be beneficial.

Diego - suggestions of topics? Jon - will list be provided for discussion? Yes, there will be discussions on speakers and topics.

Grant - what would partner 101s entail? Jon - didn't want to reiterate what is being done, more of learning from experiences to improve overall progress. Ian - would also be beneficial to report what activities aren't being done in order to potentially fill some gaps.

Eventually will determine which partners will present when.

Grant - ambitious, events are twice a month, optional? Ian - Yes, but will try to schedule for maximum attendance. Does this include Feds? There is room for that.

Also a more detailed seminar series is also being planned, which may be a better fit for Fed presentations.

6. [DISCUSSION] HAZSIMP – update from NWS: NTHMP Administrator

Developing examples for replacing Advisories. Examples are close to ready, and we plan to share with the NTHMP next week.

Corina - How is survey advertised?

It will be a public survey via Survey Monkey. PNS will be issued. The survey will possibly be posted on public media.

Elinor- when PNS goes out it goes to all WFOs, and many post on public media.

Christa - Plans are to make the survey and examples in Spanish.

Althea - Will Spanish examples be packaged with the English examples? Currently unknown, will look into how each will be distributed.

Wildaomaris - can help with translation.

Elinor- Samoan as well? Ian - Will look into it.

Once the survey is closed will the results be available to NTHMP? Not known at this time. Mike - can look into that and will follow up.

7. MES readout

See MES meeting [notes](#).

MRPWG –

- MRPWG continues to make minor progress on a couple of the primary tasks from our Annual Plan
 - Community response to COVID-19 and protests in some areas have limited our ability to engage community officials to help with this work
- For maritime mitigation planning, CA is updating the maritime guidance website with recent review comments
 - CA is also developing a similar website using an ARCGIS Story Map approach, which will be a more user-friendly approach
- For debris guidance, OR and CA continue to collaborate on developing a working group to help with putting draft guidance together
 - OR is planning to hold additional webinars on tsunami debris management
 - CA working with a modeling group holding webinars on tsunami debris modeling

8. MMS readout

See MMS meeting [notes](#).

9. [VOTE] WCS nominated Yvette LaDuke to represent the states as co-chair of the WCS.

Call for vote: Grant Cooper - With no dissention, Yvette LaDuke was approved as the states representative to the WCS

10. Old Business

Not covered

11. New Business - Mike summarized the AK event this week. NWS is committed to proper communication during alert level events

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm EDT