

NTHMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2021

4:00pm EST

1. Roll Call:

Alaska

Dr. Dmitry Nicolsky, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

American Samoa

Mr. Meauta Mageo, American Samoa Dept of Homeland Security, Pago Pago, AS

California

Ms. Yvette LaDuke, California Office of Emergency Services, Valencia, CA

Mr. Todd Becker, California Office of Emergency Services, Eureka, CA

Mr. Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey, Sacramento, CA

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Mr. TJ DLC. Manglona, CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management, CNMI

East Coast States

Mr. Ed Fratto, Northeast States Earthquake Consortium, Wakefield, MA

Dr. Stephen Grilli, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Guam

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

Mr. Chip Guard, Guam

Gulf Coast States

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

Hawaii

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

Ms. Julie Fujimoto, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Honolulu, HI

Oregon

Dr. Jonathan Allan, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Portland, OR

Puerto Rico

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

U.S. Virgin Islands

Dr. Roy Watlington, Scientist Emeritus, St. Thomas, VI

Washington

Mr. Maximilian Dixon, Washington Emergency Mgmt Division, Camp Murray, WA

Ms. Elyssa Tappero, Washington Emergency Mgmt Division, Camp Murray, WA

NOAA

Dr. Grant Cooper, NWS Western Region Director, Salt Lake City, UT

Mr. Ian Sears, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD

Dr. Diego Arcas, NOAA PMEL, Seattle, WA

Dr. Chip McCreery, PTWC Director, Honolulu, HI

Dr. James Gridley, NTWC Director, Palmer, AK

Dr. Summer Ohlendorf, NTWC Science Officer, Palmer, AK

Dr. Laura Kong, International Tsunami Information Center, Honolulu, HI

Ms. Carolina Hincapie-Cardenas, ITIC, Honolulu, HI
Mr. Dave Snider, NTWC Tsunami Warning Coordinator, Palmer, AK

FEMA

Mr. Mike Mahoney, FEMA Headquarters, Washington, DC

USGS

Ms. Stephanie Ross, U.S. Geological Survey, Moffett Field, CA
Dr. Nate Wood, U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, OR

30 present, 12 state votes (min 7); 5 Fed votes (min 4). Quorum requirement met.

¹Coord. Comm member, NOAA employee, non-voting ² Guest, one-time, non-voting
³Alternate for primary CC member (guest) ⁴ Regular guest, non-voting status
⁵Ex-officio, non-voting member

Quorum met

2. Welcome and call the meeting to order: Grant Cooper 4:03
3. [VOTE] Approval of Coordinating Committee Minutes from May 27, 2021.

Minutes ([link](#)) - Call for approval: NTHMP Chair called for approval of the minutes from May 27, 2021. With no dissention, the minutes were approved.
4. [VOTE] Approval of MMS Terms of Reference:

NTHMP Chair opened discussion on the MMS Terms of Reference. Dr. Allan described the differences in the Terms of Reference. NTHMP Chair called for approval of the MMS Terms of Reference. With no dissention, the MMS Terms of Reference were approved.
5. [DISCUSSION] FY21 NTHMP Grants progress. NTHMP Administrator

[All FY21 grants were submitted on time - and are on target to award on time.](#)
6. [DISCUSSION] FY21 in-person meetings. NTHMP Administrator

[Though NOAA has not opened up travel, we will be leaning forward to hold in person meetings in January in Portland.](#)

[Ian Sears will be working with Jon Allen on logistics.](#)

[Please reach out to Ian with any suggestions on the agenda.](#)

[Jon Allan, Maximilian Dixon, and Dave Snider will form the planning team.](#)
7. MES update – MES Co-chair

[MES Brief for July 29, 2021 CC Meeting](#)

TsunamiZone:

 - MES partners are meeting to discuss updates to TsunamiZone for translations and registration information and ways to support TsunamiReady communities.

- MES continues to work to update and improve the availability of information on TsunamiZone across the partner regions and use TsunamiZone for tracking Tsunami Week participation annually.

Hazard Simplification:

- MES will discuss the Hazard Simplification survey distributed by the WCS and get some additional input from MES to provide to MES for developing the comments paper for NOAA.
- MES discussion topic at the next meeting will also include the development of questions to inform an additional survey or discussion points for partners to use with local partners, to begin the process of engaging the local stakeholders and getting feedback regarding the proposed changes to Tsunami Messaging.

Maritime Website:

- California previously worked with the NTHMP partners for input on a website that acts as a Clearing House of Tsunami Maritime Related Resources.
- CA is finalizing the process of moving the website material to a new platform that will improve sharing and updating capabilities.

TsunamiReady

- The MES workplan had paired down the TsunamiReady activity to primarily focus on increasing the number of Tier 2 communities.
- There is discussion regarding not limiting the work plan to a TsunamiReady Tier 2 focus as continued efforts need to be sustained for TsunamiReady renewals and new communities as well as TsunamiReady Supporter.

8. MRPWG update – MRPWG Co-chair

1. No meeting - but work is being done.
2. Harbor improvement reports

9. MMS update – MMS Co-chair

Summer Ohlendorf update on the event

Washington - great job, very smooth.

California - question - concerns with timing to upgrade to Advisory (if required) for Crescent City.

Any way to get more of a guess as to what the impact will be earlier?

Confusion with public information statement –

Yvette LaDuke: Confusion over different titles of tsunami messages.

Yvette LaDuke: Use of the term “evaluating” instead of issuing a “Watch”. We have no idea what “evaluating” means as it is not a part of the NTWC response protocols that we are aware of. If it is now, then this is a change that we are not aware of, and have not been included in a discussion with the NTWC to fully understand why this is being used now instead of issuing a “Watch”; especially since the PTWC did it with no problem for Hawaii and was then able to cancel it when no threat was determined.

Dmitry - gaps in water level gauges specially near Chignik

[May 27 minutes link](#)

Rick Wilson to present on TSTAP next CC meeting.

10. WCS update – WCS Co-chair

1. June 14 meeting - tsunami advisory to tsunami warning
2. Hazard simplification process
 1. Putting a comprehensive document with feedback we have received.
 2. Capture NTHMP partners as we can in this effort.
 3. Putting together a paper - NOAA is implementing this change, process of implementing change, this passes down to the local level. What does the time line look like for changes to plans protocols procedures, materials, signage, etc. Keeping in mind no guarantee of funding - if you need to make this change, what does it look like?
3. Timeline - all of the feedback by mid-September

11. Old Business

12. New Business

[Sears - Reminder USGS partner call Aug 5 at 4pm EDT.](#)

[Sears - Next meeting - we'll get a briefing on Cascadia Rising from FEMA.](#)

[NOAA approved in person travel.](#)

[AMS Jan 23-27](#)

[Powell Center Jan 10-14](#)

13. Adjourn 451 pm