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## MEMORANDUM

From: Ms. Carol Baillie  
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Reply to: 202-372-2269  
Attn of: Ms. Carol Baillie

To: Members, Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR)

Subj: FY 2020 THIRD QUARTER ICCOPR MEETING MINUTES

1. General: ICCOPR held a meeting via Microsoft Teams on June 24, 2020. Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) called the meeting to order on June 24, 2020, at 1:00 pm and it continued until 2:45 pm. Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) reviewed the agenda (Enclosure 1). Representatives of ICCOPR agencies that were in attendance via phone were:

CAPT Ricardo Alonso, ICCOPR Chair, USCG

Dr. Candi Hudson, ICCOPR Vice Chair, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Ms. Carol Baillie, ICCOPR Executive Director, USCG

Mr. William Carter, USCG

CDR JoAnne Hanson, USCG

Mr. Alex Balsley, USCG

Ms. Karin Messenger, USCG

CAPT Gregory Hall, USCG

Mr. John Tarpley, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Dr. Lisa DiPinto, NOAA

Mr. Steve Lehmann, NOAA

Dr. Robyn Conmy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Ms. Kiara Leach, EPA

Mr. Joseph Mullin, BSEE

Mr. Bill Vocke, BSEE

Mr. Kemp Skudin, U.S. Navy Supervisors of Salvage (USN SUPSALV)

Mr. Daniel Eldredge, USN SUPSALV

Mr. Carlos Cedeno, USN SUPSALV

Dr. Zhen Li, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Dr. Walter Johnson, BOEM

Ms. Susan Zaleski, BOEM

Ms. Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Mr. Barry Forsythe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Mr. Tom Thompson, Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Mr. Robert Smith, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Mr. Nate Lamie, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Guests:

Ms. Jo Ellen Hinck, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

CDR Amy McElroy, USCG

Ms. Emily Gupta, Government Accountability Office Audit Team (GAO)

2. Welcome and ICCOPR Opening Remarks

- a. CAPT Ricardo Alonso (USCG) and Dr. Candi Hudson (BSEE) opened the meeting and welcomed both ICCOPR members and guests.
  - a. CAPT Alonso provided the group with a USCG Marine Environmental Response Policy update.

**Action Items:**

- There were no action items associated with this portion of the meeting.

3. General Updates/Announcements

- a. Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) provided general updates to ICCOPR membership on the following topics:
  - ICCOPR FY 2018-2019 Biennial Report to Congress is now posted on the ICCOPR website and has been distributed to the ICCOPR membership.
  - ICCOPR website has been updated to reflect current membership structure, meeting minutes dating back five fiscal years, as well as past Biennial Reports to Congress and Research and Technology (R&T) Plan reports.
  - ICCOPR Executive Director has been involved with the National Response Team (NRT) Science and Technology (S&T) Committee meetings in order to bridge the gap and solicit for potential member candidates and presentations. ICCOPR updates are provided at the meeting in order to information share across the scientific community.
  - Meeting format for the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be virtual. Agenda and length of meeting will be determined at a later date. Information regarding the meeting will be shared via a calendar invitation.
  - Ms. Jo Ellen Hinck (USGS) is observing the meeting. USGS is a potential candidate for joining the Interagency Committee. In 2015, USGS observed previous ICCOPR meetings.

**Action Items:**

- There were no action items associated with this portion of the meeting.

4. Business Meeting:

- a. Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) highlighted key activities for awareness purposes, including the ICCOPR Biennial Report to Congress, FY 2022-2027 Research and Technology (R&T) Plan, and the upcoming ICCOPR meeting on June 24, 2020:
- ICCOPR Biennial Report to Congress for FY 2018-2019 was approved by OMB and signed by CAPT Alonso. Additionally, the report has been delivered to Congress. The report has been posted on the ICCOPR website for visibility.
  - ICCOPR FY 2022-2027 R&T Plan is in the planning stages. A timeline and solicitation for the report workgroup will be forthcoming over the next several months. The Statement of Work (SOW) is currently in final legal review with NOAA.
- b. Mr. Bill Vocke (BSEE) provided the group with a presentation on the International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) 2020 paper concerning the evolution of the ICCOPR R&T Plan. An overview of the paper was presented and an opportunity for Q&A was provided to the membership.

**Action Items:**

- Ms. Baillie will coordinate with the ICCOPR Chair and Vice Chair agencies regarding the R&T Plan Steering Committee.
- Ms. Baillie will send out a solicitation message to the ICCOPR membership for participation in the R&T Plan process.

5. Agency Research and Development (R&D) Updates

- a. ICCOPR Agencies that provided R&D updates on the teleconference included (Enclosure 2):
- USACE
  - USN SUPSALV
  - BSEE
  - USCG
  - BOEM
  - PHMSA
  - EPA
  - NOAA
  - DOE
- b. Important updates to note:
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the ICCOPR member agencies are experiencing cancellation or delay of scheduled R&D projects at this point in time.
  - Steve Lehman (NOAA) is coordinating technical talks weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays on a variety of topics. Information on the weekly talks will be distributed to the ICCOPR membership.

**Action Items:**

- Ms. Baillie will send out all R&D updates slides to the ICCOPR membership with the finalized meeting minutes.
- Ms. Baillie will coordinate with Ms. Elena Melchert (DOE) regarding a presentation on DOE R&D efforts.

- Ms. Baillie will coordinate with Ms. Jo Ellen Hinck (USGS) regarding a presentation on R&D efforts and potential contribution to ICCOPR.

6. Closing Comments and Meeting Adjournment

- a. CAPT Alonso (USCG) and Dr. Hudson thanked ICCOPR representatives for participating in the meeting and encouraged ongoing communication among agencies.
- b. The next ICCOPR meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020, format will be virtual due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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Enclosures: (1) Meeting Agenda  
(2) Master Presentation Slide Deck