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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 SECOND QUARTER ICCOPR MEETING MINUTES

1. General: ICCOPR held a meeting via teleconference on March 18, 2020. Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) called the meeting to order on March 18, 2020, at 1:00 pm and it continued until 2:25 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

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 Lehman, NOAA

Ms. Kiara Leach, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Ms. Karen Stone, BSEE

Mr. Joseph Mullen, 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)

Mr. Brian Zelenke, BOEM

Mr. Tom Thompson, Maritime Administration Director (MARAD)

Dr. John Farrell, U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC)

Guests:

Mr. Jeff Wilson, Natural Resources Canada (NRC)

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.
 - 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. Natural Resources Canada Oil Spill Challenge Presentation

- a. Mr. Jeff Wilson (NRC) provided ICCOPR members with a presentation on an upcoming Oil Spill Challenge NRC is sponsoring (Enclosure 2):
 - The challenge has a total prize purse of \$9 million dollars Canadian with a goal of having international participation. The launch date for the challenge has been pushed into 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. Presentation Questions and Answers included the following:
 - Mr. Jeff Wilson (NRC) to ICCOPR members:
 - Should both marine and freshwater environments be considered?
 - Definition of “new technology” for the challenge?
 - How should the \$9 million price purse be distributed?
 - Is there an appetite for the United States to partner with NRC?
 - Mr. Joseph Mullen (BSEE):
 - How wide should response technology be spread?
 - Should the following categories of response technology be considered: Mechanical? Biological? Dispersants? In-situ burning? Artificial intelligence/modeling?
 - NRC should look at large scale facilities for capabilities testing as recommendation for the challenge.
 - Mr. John Tarpley (NOAA):
 - Is NRC looking for a partnership with ICCOPR or ICCOPR member agencies?
 - CAPT Gregory Hall (USCG):
 - In regard to mechanical methods, should problems versus technology be outlined?

Action Items:

- Ms. Carol Baillie (USCG) will send ICCOPR members Mr. Jeff Wilson’s contact information.
- Ms. Baillie will solicit for ICCOPR member feedback on Mr. Wilson’s presentation and create a unified response document to send to Mr. Wilson.

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 is with the Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard currently. It is anticipated that the report will be released to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security within the next week.
- ICCOPR FY 2022-2027 R&T Plan feedback on the latest version of the SOW draft was due by COB on March 13, 2020. CAPT Alonso will be briefed shortly afterwards for comment and approval.
- Future ICCOPR meetings for FY 2020 will be held on June 24th and September 16th. The locations and format are to be determined based on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Presenters originally scheduled for March are being rescheduled to future meetings.

Action Items:

- Ms. Baillie will be sending out meeting updates for June and September via a calendar update as information becomes available.

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

- a. ICCOPR Agencies that provided R&D updates on the teleconference included (Enclosure 2):
 - USCG
 - BSEE
 - NOAA
 - MARAD
 - USN SUPSALV
 - BOEM
 - USARC
- 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 retiring.
 - NOAA trainings are canceled through April and may be rescheduled later in the year or next year.

Action Items:

- Ms. Baillie will send out all R&D updates slides to the ICCOPR membership with the finalized meeting minutes.
- Ms. Baillie will follow up with Kemp Skudin (USN SUPSALV) regarding questions on the USCG RDC VOSS/SORS capability projects.

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 tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2020, location and format to be determined due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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