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1 The Administrative/Budget Committee of the Gulf of Mexico  
2 Fishery Management Council convened at the Astor Crowne Plaza,  
3 New Orleans, Louisiana, Monday morning, January 30, 2017, and  
4 was called to order by Chairman Kelly Lucas.

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6 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
7 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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9 **CHAIRMAN KELLY LUCAS:** Good morning, everybody. The first order  
10 of business is Adoption of the Agenda. Are there any  
11 corrections to the agenda? Seeing none, the agenda passes.  
12 Next up, we have approval of the minutes. Can I get a motion to  
13 approve the minutes or any corrections to the minutes from  
14 anybody? Seeing no corrections to the minutes, we will approve  
15 the minutes. Next up, Mr. Gregory, with the Action Guide and  
16 Next Steps.

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18 **ACTION GUIDE AND NEXT STEPS**  
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20 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUG GREGORY:** Thank you, Madam Chair. A  
21 quick announcement. For those of you that are picking up our  
22 flash drives with the agenda, those were done on Friday. Any  
23 changes we make to the agenda today, and like we just got a  
24 revised presentation from CLS, any of those revisions will be on  
25 the website, and so, if you've got an older version of  
26 something, that is what has happened.

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28 The Action Guide and Next Steps, Tab G, Number 3, we only have  
29 two major agenda items. One is a Review of Advisory Panels.  
30 There are two aspects to this. One is an annual review of the  
31 ad hoc advisory panels.

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33 The council, two years ago, said they wanted to review the ad  
34 hoc APs at the beginning of each year, to see if they all needed  
35 to be continued and if any of them needed to be re-advertised,  
36 and so that's the first thing there.

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38 The second agenda item for advisory panels is it's time for the  
39 Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel and the Red Drum  
40 Advisory Panel to be re-advertised, based on the staggered  
41 system we set up two years ago. These two had a two-year  
42 timeframe. Even though they were formed in 2015, they're up for  
43 reappointment in 2017, and so we'll do that.

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45 Then the next major agenda item is Council Participation in the  
46 Marine Resource Education Program, and I will talk about that.  
47 The first thing for us to look at are the ad hoc advisory  
48 panels, and that is Tab G, Number 4(a).

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2 **REVIEW OF ADVISORY PANELS**  
3 **AD HOC ADVISORY PANELS**  
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5 We have five ad hoc panels. At the bottom of this document is  
6 the listing of the memberships. What I don't have here, and I  
7 can get it by the council meeting, if needed, is I don't have  
8 the membership attendance records for all the members, but you  
9 can see that the Artificial Substrate Ad Hoc met twice. They  
10 were formed in 2012.

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12 The Red Snapper Charter/For-Hire Panel has met twice. The Ad  
13 Hoc Red Snapper IFQ has not met since they were formed in August  
14 of 2015. The Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat has met twice, and then  
15 we also had a joint meeting of the headboat and charter boat  
16 just this month. The Ad Hoc Red Snapper Private Angler  
17 Committee, which was just formed at the last meeting, and we're  
18 arranging a meeting for them in the near future, has not met  
19 yet, and so whatever the committee wants to do as far as  
20 continuing these committees, dropping any of them or re-  
21 advertising any of them.

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23 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Riechers.

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25 **MR. ROBIN RIECHERS:** Can I ask, Doug, if you remember -- I am  
26 trying to remember, but I think the Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate  
27 was created when we were having some discussions regarding  
28 artificial reefs and oil and gas exploration issues. Am I  
29 recalling that last, kind of when that came up again, and I  
30 think, regarding removals and types of removals, and I recalling  
31 that correctly?

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33 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** It sounds right. That was before  
34 my time, as to when that committee was formed. Carrie, do you  
35 have any insight into that?

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37 **DR. CARRIE SIMMONS:** I believe this group was really helping us  
38 when we were looking at the oil and gas platforms and the  
39 designations for EFH, or consideration of them as EFH, and I  
40 think we convened this group several times, possibly with the  
41 Shrimp AP, in combination, and it was probably in 2014, I  
42 believe, that we did that.

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44 **MR. RIECHERS:** If that's the case then, the table may not be  
45 correct, if we had convened them in 2014, and you said several  
46 times, and so I'm assuming that's more than the two indicated  
47 here, the last one being in October of 2012, is what it suggests  
48 here.

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2 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Okay. I just realized that we made  
3 a mistake in putting this table together. The Ad Hoc Artificial  
4 Substrate, I think, was removed a couple of years ago. I have  
5 to look into that again, but I'm looking at our website, and  
6 it's not listed, and so I think that was mistakenly included in  
7 this table, and so there's four ad hoc committees that we  
8 currently have. Sorry for the confusion.

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10 **MR. RIECHERS:** That makes it easy. We don't have to remove them  
11 then.

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13 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Swindell.

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15 **MR. ED SWINDELL:** I am also looking at the Ad Hoc Red Snapper  
16 IFQ committee that was formed in August of 2015. Do we still  
17 have a need to have this committee as an active committee?

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19 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Walker.

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21 **MR. DAVID WALKER:** Yes, I think we need to keep this committee,  
22 this ad hoc.

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24 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Anson.

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26 **MR. KEVIN ANSON:** I just want to echo what David said, that I  
27 think we might, with 36B that's coming up, that they could be  
28 called up to look at some things.

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30 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Any other questions regarding the ad hoc  
31 advisory panels? Mr. Gregory.

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33 **REAPPOINTMENT OF CMP AND RED DRUM ADVISORY PANELS**

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35 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** With that, we will just continue  
36 the four that we have for another year. Then, in Tab 4(b), the  
37 first page is the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel  
38 membership. The number of meetings that have been held since  
39 2015 is two, and this is their membership status. Normally, I  
40 would show you this data at the time of reappointment, but I  
41 thought that I would go ahead and show it to you now.

42  
43 This committee is up for reappointment, given our staggered  
44 terms. If you go to the second page, the Red Drum Advisory  
45 Panel has not met since 2015, and so I would respectfully  
46 suggest to the committee that we re-advertise the Coastal  
47 Migratory Pelagics, but just simply reappoint the current Red  
48 Drum Advisory Panel for another three-year term. They have had

1 a two-year term, but they haven't met.

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3 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Anson.

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5 **MR. ANSON:** Doug, why would you want to advertise for one and  
6 not the other?

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8 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Because the Red Drum Advisory Panel  
9 has not met, and, in the past, when we've done something like  
10 this, it's kind of bothersome, to me, to get comments back  
11 saying, well, this is fine, and you're considering kicking me  
12 off the panel, but I haven't even had a chance to participate in  
13 anything. Not everybody says that, but it just seems -- It's  
14 awkward, to me, and they haven't had a chance to participate or  
15 do anything.

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17 **MR. ANSON:** In the past, has there been any communication with  
18 advisory panel members that are on committees that have not met  
19 over a period of time, to just kind of see if they're still  
20 interested, maybe just so that we can maintain the numbers, in  
21 case a large portion of them decide to do something else or not  
22 participate, because they haven't participated in a certain  
23 period of time, and is there any way to kind of gauge that  
24 feeling of participation or to confirm that they're still  
25 willing to participate?

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27 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** We have not done that, no. It's a  
28 good idea, and we can do that in the future, going forward.

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30 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Anson.

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32 **MR. ANSON:** Maybe if you could that, and then, if it's a certain  
33 percentage or something of folks that decide not to re-up, that  
34 maybe you bring that back to the council for discussion. Thank  
35 you.

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37 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** I've just got a question. If we  
38 did that at this time, would it fit into the timeline? We can  
39 contact -- You can make a motion to re-advertise it if more than  
40 a certain number of people indicate that they want to drop out,  
41 but we can contact them even this week. We can send an email to  
42 them today and try to get comments back from them within the  
43 next week or two. If there is a sufficient number who are not  
44 interested in continuing, we could just re-advertise, either  
45 their particular slots or re-advertise the entire committee,  
46 whatever the council would like for me to do in moving forward  
47 with this. The other alternative would be to just re-appoint  
48 everybody for one year and then we can get this information for



1 you by next year, whichever way you want me to handle it.

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3 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Swindell.

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5 **MR. SWINDELL:** Is that not too much administration handling,  
6 trying to get all this done every year? If you could do it  
7 every year, I think it would be a good thing to do, to make  
8 darned certain that people are indeed interested, and so, when  
9 we need them to meet on a quick basis, we can actually get  
10 something done and not have to wait around because we didn't  
11 have enough committee members here.

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13 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Well, certainly going forward, if I  
14 had thought of this myself, we would have done this before this  
15 meeting and had that information for you, but it's doable either  
16 way. The only category we would have that would be problematic  
17 would be people that don't respond to an email immediately, for  
18 whatever reason. They're on a trip, they're on vacation,  
19 they're out fishing.

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21 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Anson.

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23 **MR. ANSON:** You went ahead and offered to do that, Doug, and I  
24 guess I didn't suggest or ask that it be done, in this  
25 particular instance, but it's just the concern that I have for  
26 those APs that don't meet in a while. People change jobs, and  
27 they may not have free time where they did before, and so that's  
28 all, and whether or not it would be a significant impact as we  
29 try to populate each AP with members from throughout the region,  
30 to try to maintain some sort of homogeneity of participation  
31 among states, and so that's all.

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33 I didn't want to make it a big deal or put a kink in things.  
34 Whether or not if you postpone it a year, and if that throws it  
35 out of the cycle and kind of puts a kink in, as far as  
36 administrative planning and staff time, I didn't want to create  
37 an undue burden, but that was just a concern that I brought up.  
38 Thank you.

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40 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Gregory, do you need a motion or what are  
41 you looking for here?

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43 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** I would like a motion as to whether  
44 or not to re-advertise the Red Drum AP. I think it's a given  
45 that we'll re-advertise the Coastal Migratory Pelagics. It's  
46 been two years since they were appointed. This is part of a  
47 staggering to get to everybody to have a staggered three-year  
48 term.

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2 Last year, we had some APs come up that had only been appointed  
3 for one year, and we automatically reappointed them for three  
4 years without re-advertising. I think two years is a sufficient  
5 length of time and, for the Coastal Migratory Pelagics, it's  
6 probably worth advertising, but, again, that's the council's  
7 direction. If you want to just continue both of these for  
8 another three years, we can do that, if you want me to.

9  
10 I will certainly follow up with the Red Drum AP, as Mr. Anson  
11 suggested, and bring that information back to you in April.  
12 Let's say if more than five people decide to drop out, I will  
13 automatically re-advertise them, if there's a motion to that  
14 effect. That gives me direction. If less than five people want  
15 to drop out, then we won't re-advertise the red drum, if that's  
16 okay with the committee. It would be nice to have a motion.

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18 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** All right. Does anybody have a motion? Camp.

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20 **MR. CAMP MATENS:** I move that we don't advertise and that we  
21 just roll it over for another year.

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23 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Just Red Drum or both committees?

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25 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** We have a motion. We may have a question.  
26 Leann has a question.

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28 **MS. LEANN BOSARGE:** Camp, are you moving that we roll it over  
29 for one year or for the typical three years?

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31 **MR. MATENS:** You know, Leann, I kind of struggled with that. I  
32 wouldn't mind modifying this, to roll it over for three years.  
33 These guys have never met. I know what's going to happen.  
34 We're going to get phone calls, I'm going to get phone calls,  
35 saying you guys have kicked me off and we never met. It has  
36 already happened, and, so, yes, I would like to change that to  
37 let's roll it over for three years.

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39 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Robin.

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41 **MR. RIECHERS:** Camp, I somewhat agree with you, but I'm  
42 struggling too, because they haven't met. Some of them may have  
43 gone on to other things and have no interest in meeting or are  
44 at a point in their lives now where this is not of interest to  
45 them, versus when they applied.

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47 While I don't want to change your motion, I would recommend that  
48 we try to find some way to check in with these folks, and maybe

1 we thread the needle a little bit here. You reappoint them for  
2 three, but you send a letter saying you've been reappointed. If  
3 you still want to be active on this committee, please indicate  
4 to us that you do, but it gives us some way -- If we lose  
5 enough, in that respect, then it means that we come back here  
6 anyhow.

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8 I mean, this formation of the committees, even though we've  
9 tried to create a schedule, it's not set in stone, and so we can  
10 certainly come back and visit if we were to lose several people  
11 on the way like that.

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13 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** I have a motion, but I need a second.

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15 **MR. DOUG BOYD:** I will second.

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17 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Thank you. We have a second. Kevin.

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19 **MR. ANSON:** A point of clarification. There was a question, I  
20 think from either Doug or Leann, regarding does this apply to  
21 one of the APs or both.

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23 **MR. MATENS:** Just the red drum.

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25 **MR. ANSON:** Just the red drum, and so we might add that in  
26 there. Thank you.

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28 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** We have a motion that the committee recommends  
29 the Red Drum AP openings not be advertised, but be rolled over  
30 until the three-year term ends. We also had some clarification  
31 that Mr. Gregory was going to check in and let us know about  
32 peoples' intentions there.

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34 **MS. BOSARGE:** Okay. That's the clarification that I was making  
35 sure of. We would reappoint, as it sits, and then, after the  
36 fact, we would send out some sort of communication to gauge if  
37 they do still want to, and then Doug will bring that back to us.

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39 If we have a significant amount of people that are not  
40 interested in being on it, then we will revisit, and I guess  
41 repopulate, that particular portion of the group. I just want  
42 to make sure that everybody is on the same page with where we're  
43 headed, because, if you just read it, what you see on the  
44 screen, I don't think you would get that part of it, but, as  
45 long as we're on the same page, I'm okay.

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47 **MR. MATENS:** Yes, that's fine. I don't see that we need a  
48 motion to do that. That's administrative, and if that's okay

1 with everybody else.

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3 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** I certainly understand the intent,  
4 and we will do that.

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6 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** All right. **Are there any objections to the**  
7 **motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes.** Mr. Gregory,  
8 we are up to you and Item V.

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10 **COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN MARINE RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
11 **WORKSHOPS**

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13 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Okay. This is Tab G, Number 5.  
14 The Marine Resource Education Program, there is a little  
15 slideshow, five slides, on your agenda. I am not going to go  
16 through them. That's there for background information.

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18 The Marine Recreational Education Program holds two workshops a  
19 year, one as a science workshop in the spring and a management  
20 workshop in the fall. The whole program is supported by the  
21 three southern councils, NOAA Fisheries, and fishermen in the  
22 Gulf and South Atlantic, and it's run and coordinated through  
23 the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where the Marine Resource  
24 Education Program started.

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26 Then they moved to the Southeast, and they've been here for a  
27 number of years. A couple of years ago, they started asking if  
28 a council member wanted to attend, and that would be fine. It  
29 was an informal basis, if a seat was available.

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31 We did that a couple of times, and we had some confusion about  
32 it, and so now we formally have the opportunity to have one seat  
33 at each workshop for a council member, and so we have a spring  
34 workshop coming up, and so I would ask -- I will send an email  
35 out at the end of this meeting, to the Full Council, asking who  
36 wants to participate in the workshops this year. Then we'll let  
37 the Chair of the council select one person to attend the  
38 workshops.

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40 That person will be attending the workshop as a private  
41 individual and not as a council member. The Marine Resource  
42 Education Program pays all your travel. There will be no  
43 stipends paid. This is as an individual.

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45 If people are interested in going and they happen not to be  
46 selected by the Chair to fill that one council seat, they can  
47 still go through the application process, like everybody else  
48 does, to participate, and they will be vetted through -- It

1 depends on your background, and it depends on, I guess -- They  
2 try to get a cross-section of all the stakeholders to attend  
3 each workshop.

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5 That is the process, and this is the first time we're doing it  
6 formally. It's been on a catch-as-catch-can basis in the past,  
7 and we've had some confusion about who pays travel and that sort  
8 of thing, and so I just wanted to clarify that.

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10 This is a great opportunity. When we first talked about council  
11 members participating, we thought the science program would be  
12 most interesting, but David Walker attended both the management  
13 and the science program last year, and he thought the management  
14 program was equally informative, and so we're not going to just  
15 select the science workshop, but actually encourage that whoever  
16 participates in one of them participates in both of them, and  
17 you can start this in either order. You can start with the  
18 science in the spring or you can start with the management  
19 workshop in the fall.

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21 Whoever goes to the spring workshop would definitely get  
22 precedence to attend the management workshop, so they can  
23 complete the series. I just wanted to bring that to your  
24 attention. I will be sending an email out after this meeting,  
25 seeing who might be interested in attending these workshops, and  
26 we will get the dates of the workshops to you. As soon as we  
27 get those dates and stuff, we will contact you to see who is  
28 interested. If there is any questions, I would be glad to take  
29 them.

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31 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Anson.

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33 **MR. ANSON:** Thank you, Doug. I may have missed it, but, when  
34 you were talking about some of the issues with payment, and that  
35 might be why it came to be how the seat was designated or  
36 described, but I just have a little bit of umbrage against the  
37 term "private individual", yet they're filling a council-  
38 reserved spot. Is that part of the reason why or the name came  
39 because of the funding issue or -- If that seat is reserved for  
40 a council member and the only person that can fill that seat is  
41 one from the council, it's not necessarily a private individual,  
42 and I guess that's what I am just getting a little hung up on.

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44 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Okay. I can understand that. I  
45 see this as similar to the Fisheries Forum that has been going  
46 on. Council members are invited to the forum, because they are  
47 council members, but yet your participation in the Fisheries  
48 Forum is as a private individual. They pay your travel.

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2 You are not there to represent the council, and so the person  
3 going to these workshops is not there as a council  
4 representative, but they have this opportunity, this unique  
5 opportunity, of not having to go through the vetting process,  
6 because they are a council member.

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8 It's that same gray area that we've had with the Fisheries  
9 Forum, and we have solicited clarification from NOAA Fisheries  
10 in Washington, D.C. about how we've participated in that, and  
11 they say that it's fine. The key word is you are not  
12 representing the council in any way, and, if you're not  
13 representing the council, then you're not there as a council  
14 person.

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16 **MR. ANSON:** I think I understand. Thank you.

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18 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Swindell.

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20 **MR. SWINDELL:** Likewise, it would also mean that you're not then  
21 responsible to the council at all?

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23 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREGORY:** Correct. You're not responsible  
24 for giving a report or providing anything back to the council.

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26 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Dr. Ponwith.

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28 **DR. BONNIE PONWITH:** Thanks very much. All confusion about  
29 representation aside, I am really excited to see this come up.  
30 I am excited to see that the opportunity for council members to  
31 participate in this program is being formalized. We are  
32 participants in the program. It's not our program. We are  
33 participants in the program, in that the Science Center teaches  
34 some of the courses.

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36 The scientists that teach those courses love teaching those  
37 courses, because they really have appreciated the opportunity to  
38 engage with people in the fishing industry, and it's our hope  
39 that people are walking away from those sessions with a much  
40 more strong and holistic understanding of the science that  
41 underpins the day-to-day decisions that you're making every time  
42 the council meets, and so I am really happy to see this  
43 happening.

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45 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Mr. Walker.

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47 **MR. WALKER:** Thank you. I attended the science meeting in the  
48 spring and then the management in the fall, and Martha was there

1 as well, and I just thought it was really good to get the  
2 opportunity to explore and speak with people from the Atlantic  
3 and the Caribbean management. We had a lot of good  
4 conversations, not only during the meeting, but at night. We  
5 had dinners, and there was a lot of education and science.

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7 A lot of them that participated in it, when they first started,  
8 they were a little concerned about the science. They didn't  
9 quite understand it, but, at the end of the meeting, a lot of  
10 people really understood it, and I think they appreciated it  
11 more once they saw how the science worked and how the data and  
12 how, the better the data, the better the science, and I think  
13 Martha was there too, and she witnessed a lot of that as well,  
14 but I think it's a great opportunity for the council to keep  
15 participating. Like I said, I started with the science and  
16 ended with the management, and I just thought it was of great  
17 value.

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19 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Ms. Guyas.

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21 **MS. MARTHA GUYAS:** I'm not on your committee, but, just to  
22 follow-up on what David said, I think the networking opportunity  
23 of the MREP was really valuable, getting to chat with some of  
24 the fishermen and meeting some new people that are trying to get  
25 involved in the process.

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27 I think this would be a good thing, especially as new members  
28 are coming in, new council members, especially the science part,  
29 because they do a really good job of breaking everything down,  
30 and so I thought it was very valuable.

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32 **CHAIRMAN LUCAS:** Sounds good. If anybody has any questions, you  
33 all can talk to Martha or David about what all they did there  
34 and respond to Mr. Gregory when he sends out the call. Is there  
35 any other business to come before this committee? Seeing no  
36 other business, we are adjourned.

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38 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned on January 30, 2017.)

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