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SETTING A NEW COURSE FOR OCEAN GOVERNANCE: THE STRAW
GOVERNANCE MODEL
SECOND GENERATION COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (8:30 A.M.)

3 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: I would like to welcome all

4 of you to the fourteenth public session of the U.S.

5 Commission on Ocean Policy. This is our second open

6 deliberative discussion which will focus today on a

7 number of topics I will talk about later.

8 We will have for the first time presentations

9 on new topics not covered here in this auditorium two

10 months ago during our last open deliberative session,

11 and this will take us we believe to about 70 to maybe

12 even three-quarters of the issues that we have to

13 address as we commence our drafting of the report to the

14 President and to the Congress.

15 The Commission encourages anyone interested to

16 submit comments, ideas and recommendations on our work.

17 We have received them from all over the country, and, in

18 fact, other parts of the world as well.

19 The Commission will take public comment today

20 at 3:00 p.m. until 3:45. Individuals interested in

21 making public comments to the Ocean Commission must

22 complete a "Public Comment Form" in order to

1 participate. Sign-up will end at the beginning of the
2 comment session at 3:00 p.m. today. In addition, we
3 have established a link on our website at
4 www.oceancommission.gov to make it easy as possible for
5 people to send us additional comments, and you can also
6 fax or mail comments to us. The sign-up for the public
7 comment period, please go out to the front desk and fill
8 out the sign-up form.

9 Before we commence the topical discussions
10 today, I would like a motion from the Commission to
11 address the minutes, any changes that you have to them,
12 they are in Tab 7 of the "Briefing Book." I would like
13 a motion to approve and have any discussion thereafter.

14 M O T I O N

15 MRS. BORRONE: So moved.

16 MR. KOCH: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: All in favor?

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: Anybody have any -- no

20 comments?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: So be it, they are

1 approved.

2 (Whereupon, the motion is carried.)

3 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: Now, today the topics will

4 be presented by the designated working group chairs that

5 are presenting those for consideration by the Commission

6 as a whole. The "Draft Table of Contents" is available

7 to the public, and sections will be shown on the screen

8 as the issues are discussed so you can place them in the

9 context of what we anticipate will be envelope that

10 surrounds our entire set of issues within our final

11 report.

12 There will be some issues, in fact there are

13 probably just one or two today, that will be a follow on

14 from our open deliberative discussions here in this

15 auditorium a couple of months ago. Those will be
16 generally in the first two topics that we bring up. You
17 will see a continuing discussion, because they deal with
18 governance issues that are very complex and do kind of
19 bring our entire report into some clear context so they
20 are the most complicated.

21 There will be continuing discussion probably
22 here and in April, when we meet again on April 1, 2 3,

1 and it will be on April 2 and 3 that we will probably
2 have a full two days of open deliberative discussions as
3 we close our various issues publicly before the drafting
4 of the final report.

5 This is part of our iterative process and
6 represents our evolving thought as the Commission moves
7 forward, so nothing in this discussion today will
8 eventuate in a final approval of any document or any
9 position. The Commission is not ready to do that, and
10 we have all made it very clear in the last open session
11 that we were not going to put our names to approval of
12 the final report until we see all of the words.

13 We want to see the justifications. We want to
14 see the report put in the context of a powerful letter

15 to the President, the Congress and the American public
16 that we are into serious issues here that face the
17 nation, and we want to ensure the maximum possible
18 success of the outcomes along the lines of our
19 recommendations. That is a serious task for us, and we
20 take it seriously. None of us are going to approve any
21 of these. The processes are being exchanged between
22 commissioners. You will hear today for the first time

1 the Commission as a whole addressing subjects that come
2 up from our three basic working groups of Research,
3 Education and Marine Operations; of Stewardship; and of
4 Governance.

5 Dr. John Ehrmann has been our facilitator. He
6 is sitting on my right here (indicating), a couple of
7 seats over, and he is going to describe the rules for
8 debate and facilitate discussion of the recommendations.
9 I am going to turn it over to John now to explain what
10 those rules are.

11 DR. EHRMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 Just briefly to reiterate and emphasize a
13 couple of points the Chairman just made, the discussion
14 today will be initiated in each case by representatives

15 of the three working groups that he just referred to.

16 Our format will be to have a brief

17 presentation of key points relative to issues that have

18 either been agreed upon by the working group at the

19 working group level and are being brought to the

20 Commission for their full deliberation, or issues that

21 the various working groups are looking for additional

22 insight and guidance from the full Commission as they

1 proceed in thinking about these issues.

2 However, as the Chairman indicated, today we

3 will not be seeking final approval on any of these

4 issues, but the perspectives and input from

5 commissioners that the staff can take into account as

6 they prepare for the next phase of the deliberations.

7 Those opening presentations will be relatively brief,

8 and they will be accompanied by slides that you will be

9 able to see in front of you.

10 Following those presentations, then we will

11 facilitate a discussion among the commissioners to

12 solicit their perspectives and ideas on the potential

13 recommendations that are being put forth by the various

14 representatives of the working groups. We have asked

15 the commissioners to keep their comments concise and to
16 the point as we have that discussion, so we can have the
17 maximum amount of interchange among the commissioners.

18 At the end of each section, myself and the
19 Chair will do our best to summarize some of the key
20 points from that discussion, and we will also give an
21 opportunity for the staff leads of the various topics to
22 ask any questions in terms of follow-up of the various

1 commissioners so that they can be clear about the next
2 steps that they are going to be following in their
3 process to support the deliberations of the Commission.

4 As was indicated, there will be public comment
5 opportunities at the end of the day. If the members of
6 the public have any thoughts about any of these topics
7 that we are going to be discussing, we of course welcome
8 those comments and would ask that you enter those into
9 the record at the end of the day in the appropriate
10 public comment period.

11 With that, Mr. Chairman, I will turn it back
12 to you.

13 CHAIRMAN WATKINS: I will ask each of the
14 chairmen of the three working groups when they make

- 15 their presentations today to let us also know those
- 16 areas that you still have work to do on where you do not
- 17 have consensus within the working group, to let us all
- 18 know the order of magnitude of what is left to be done
- 19 to bring to open session deliberative action.