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Let's let Ken Lane know, as he's been DOI's point person on interaction with the Commission. I'll forward this to him and ask whether he thinks NOAA needs to make a formal request through Marcia.

I think your ideas about who should participate are good. I'd probably go to Steve first--didn't he participate with you and Bill in the meeting they (the Commission staff) had with DOI (I've lost track...)? Anyway, will you be contacting them (Steve/Martha and Sky) or do you need me to help?

(Are you on leave?)

Thanks!

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Barbara, Judy, Suzanne -

NOAA is meeting with the Presidential Commission on August 25th to discuss the "fate of the oil" report that generated so much interest in the last few weeks. I spoke to Christine Blackburn (NOAA) a few minutes ago, and they would like USGS participation with regard to the oil budget tool, preferably someone with the big picture and "political" view (Chris' words), plus someone from the technical end. They would like a least one of the USGS participants to be in person; the other could call in.

Several questions:

1 - does NOAA need to make this request formally through Marcia, or can we work out participation more informally?

2 - Martha Garcia (initially) and Steve Hammond (most recently) helped coordinate the creation and USCG use of the oil budget tool. I think one of them would be suitable to appear in person and provide the big picture and background. Does that work for you, or do we need to someone "higher up"?

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3 - sky Bristol is the best spokesperson for the technical aspects of the oil budget tool. I recommend he be asked to take part via phone. OK?

I appreciate your feedback on these. If you want a verbal brief on the issue before providing feedback, let me know.

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Subject: Oil Spill Commission meeting

Hi Mark,

I have been working closely with the newly created Oil Spill Commission to arrange a meeting with a subcommittee of the commissioners that will focus on the Oil Spill Budget Report and maybe a little on the Oil Spill Calculator. When they asked me to bring in the appropriate people from USGS as well, Bill Lehr said you were the person to talk to.

They are planning this meeting for Aug 25th at either 9 or 9:30 am in DC. They are hoping to get a few people in person, but others can join on the phone as well (Bill will be calling in).

Is this something you could come to, or do you have a suggestion about others from USGS how might be able to talk about this issue? Also, should this request go straight to Dr. McNutt? I wasn't sure exactly how involved she was in the report, but clearly, she is more than welcome. If that is the right approach, I can just email her directly and cc you.

I'd appreciate you input,

Chris

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