

FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND
SUPPORTING RESEARCH (FCMSSR)

2016-1 MEETING AGENDA

(Meeting will be recorded to produce a record of actions)

April 19, 2016, 2:00 p.m EDT

Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 52015
14th and Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

2:00: OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans & Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator, and FCMSSR Chair will provide opening remarks, make introductions around the room, and call for approval of the meeting agenda.

Proposed Action: Approve the agenda.

2:10: ACTION ITEMS REVIEW

Dr. William Schulz, the new Federal Coordinator for Meteorology, will review the status of Action Items recorded at previous FCMSSR meetings. This will include voting on approval of the updated FCMSSR charter provided to all members prior to the meeting.

Proposed Action: Approve the disposition of the FCMSSR Action Items and approval of the FCMSSR Charter.

2:20: FEDERAL COORDINATOR'S ASSESSMENT AND OUTLOOK

Dr. Schulz will provide his assessment of OFCM and his intended priorities for the coming two years. This assessment and outlook was presented to FCMSSR's subordinate group, the Interdepartmental Committee for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (ICMSSR) in February. Within this presentation, Dr. Schulz will mention an action item from the March 2016 Tropical Cyclone Research and Operations Forum; "OFCM will coordinate an effort to establish an interagency process, sanctioned by FCMSSR, to define observational requirements to support tropical cyclone forecasting."

Proposed Action: Endorse the Federal Coordinator's assessment and approve the proposed interagency coordination activities.

2:40: SPACE WEATHER COORDINATION

Dr. Louis Uccellini, NOAA Assistant Administrator, National Weather Service will provide a briefing for decision for FCMSSR to approve OFCM retaining a focus on Space Weather. The proposal includes maintaining the long-standing Committee for Space Weather and Working Group on the Space Weather Enterprise Forum within the FCMSSR Federal Meteorological Coordinating Infrastructure, and OFCM providing Executive Secretary services for the Office of Science Technology Policy Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation (SWORM) activity. This proposal has been jointly developed and coordinated with the Assistant Director for Space Weather, OSTP.

Proposed Action: Approve the proposal for OFCM engagement in the National Space Weather Enterprise.

3:00: ALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONAL EARTH SYSTEM PREDICTION CAPABILITY

The Earth Systems Prediction Capability (ESPC) Executive Steering Group (ESG) is currently considering a proposal to align their group under FCMSSR. The ESG will meet on April 18th. In the event that ESPC ESG decides to pursue alignment under FCMSSR, this time will be allotted for discussion of that proposal. (Otherwise we will proceed to Open Discussion.)

Proposed Action: Approve alignment of the ESPC ESG under FCMSSR.

3:20: OPEN DISCUSSION

3:50: NEXT STEPS/CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURN:

The FCMSSR Chair will make closing comments including a summary of meeting actions, proposal for the next meeting. The meeting is expected to adjourn by 4:00 p.m.