History

- 1996 Intertanko Report
- 1998 Reauthorization of USCG called for formation of a Federal task force.
- “National Conference on the MTS” called by Secretary Slater.
- Establishment of ICMTS and MTSNAC and regional coordination.
Authority

PURPOSE

“To create a partnership of Federal agencies with responsibility for the Marine Transportation System (MTS) - waterways, ports and their intermodal connections – to ensure the development and implementation of national MTS policies consistent with national needs.” [CMTS Charter]
CMTS MEMBERSHIP

- Department Secretaries from:
  - Transportation (Chair)
  - Commerce
  - Defense
  - Energy
  - Homeland Security
  - Treasury
  - State
  - Interior
  - Agriculture
  - Labor
  - Justice (Attorney General)

- Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff;
- Administrator, EPA;
- Chairman, FMC; and
- Head of MTS-related Agencies as designated by the CMTS
Ex-officio members of the Committee, who can participate as non-voting members include the:

- Director, Office of Management and Budget;
- Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality;
- Assistant to the President for Homeland Security;
- Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy; and
- Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Consultation
CMTS Support/Coordinating Board

CMTS Executive Secretariat

Integrated Action Teams
Current IATs

- MTS National Strategy (USCG Lead)
  - Strategy in final stages of approval.
- MTS Assessment (USACE lead)
  - Corps received Part 1 of Phase 1. $$ limitations.
- Maritime Data Collection (MARAD lead)
  - Inventory completed. Portal being finalized.
- Navigation Technology Integration (NOAA lead)
  - Work plan completed and underway.
Other activities:

- Encouraging coordination between MTS related Federal Advisory Committees;
- Addressing the HMTF;
- Addressing impediments to MTS businesses;
- Seeking more permanent status for the CMTS;
- Developing a communications plan;
- Inventory of MTS programs and budgets.
- Role of marine transportation in NW Passage
HSRP Most Wanted provided to CMTS by VADM Lautenbacher, April 2007.

Referred to National Strategy Team.

Referred to Navigation Technology IAT.

CMTS fulfilling interest in careful crossover between Federal MTS FAC’s.

- HSRP and NAVSAC – how does NAVSAC’s interest in a safe system compare with HSRP?
Aggressively map Nation’s shorelines…

- Response:
  - National Strategy calls for deliverance of timely, relevant, accurate navigation safety information to mariners…to improve navigation safety and efficiency to reduce risk of accidents.
Integrate coastal mapping efforts...

Response:

- National Strategy calls to enhance and improve existing frameworks that plan for, operate, maintain, and mitigate risks to vessels and the environment and respond to accidents and natural disasters.
NOAA should take a larger role in improving partnerships with other Federal agencies…

- NOAA has been a leader with CMTS efforts to collaborate and coordinate.
Modernize heights and implement real-time water level and current observing systems...

Response:

- National Strategy calls to deliver timely, relevant accurate navigation safety information to mariners, including real time information systems such as [PORTS]...real time current velocity systems and those systems associated with development of [IOOS]...
- Navigation Tech IAT to coordinate real-time observations with others such as AIS to enhance information provided to the mariner.
Response:

- National Strategy recommends enhancing and improving existing frameworks to mitigate risks to vessels and environment and respond to accidents and natural disasters.

- Emerging issues proposed by the VADM and Admiral Allen requesting CMTS engagement on response. Not yet formulated.
Disseminate NOAA’s data and products for greatest public benefit…

- Response
  - National Strategy requires deliverance of timely, relevant, accurate navigation safety information to mariners.
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