

MARS Council Meeting

General Information	
Date/Time:	Thursday, June 17, 2010, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST
Location:	SSMC-2, Room 10246
Call-In Number	Call in #:866-801-2175 Passcode: 4113559

Penny Schmiedeberg - NWS	Mary Rieck - NWS
Kasey O’Neal - NESDIS	Tonya Coleman - NMFS
Marina Rubina - NMFS	Mark Blades - NMFS
Michelle Chawlk - OAR	Patricia Murray – Program Support
Sylvia Scott - OAR	Tarandeep Bawa - NWS

Items for Discussion

1	Update on the Department of Commerce (DOC) Execution Report and the Table of Organization (TO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOC went through the first cycle for March. The NOAA Variance Reporting will support the DOC Execution Report for June. It will not include Personnel data until FY 11. At the TO meeting a few months ago, there were a number of questions on how to count positions. Steve Gallagher is asking DOC for further guidance. It was suggested that we have a start and end date for positions in the TO. We don't have a method to map the Personnel data to the Budget Program Groups. The TO working group and budget folks need to get together to find a solution. Adding budget data/funding source to the TO cleanup would add to the 20 working days response. It was agreed to inform everyone on that data call that funding source information will be needed in the coming months. We will add program code to the spreadsheet that is sent out.
2	CCR #1338 - Create a universe in Reporting and Querying for the extraction of all data fields available in the Data Entry labor projection module for ad hoc querying and reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was determined that this is a duplication of CCR 1225 and will be canceled.
3	Property Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Property – Derek Hill met with the DOC system owner and was provided system documentation. Derek is now waiting for the technical folks to set up an account for us to access the system. Personal Property – no update If Council members have reporting requirements, please send them to Tarandeep and Derek.

4	Oracle 11g Upgrade and Data Entry Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upgrade to the MARS production environment will begin July 8, 2010 at 8PM EST and will go until July 12, 2010 at 7AM EST. MARS will be back online July 12, 2010 at 7AM EST. A one day extension has been granted for Variance reporting. There will be no impact to Reporting and Querying users; however, Data Entry will have a new look and feel. Marina provided a presentation and highlights of the changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JInitiator is not going to be needed with Oracle Forms 11g. Java plug-in is required on the client. Oracle certified Sun's JRE: 1.6.0.12 and higher Redesigned Web Layout – Implementation of NOAA-wide look and increased usability for the current web pages Addressed security issues on Web Pages Enhancements to Travel Document module Self-Service Password Reset Functionality. Users can reset their own passwords at anytime. Data Entry Training documentation and a new User Guide will be made available to users in the coming weeks. Desktop requirements for Data Entry have changed and they will be sent out to all users and LO technical POCs in the next week so they can plan accordingly.
5	Status of NDW_AP_Trans Patches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 2 patches applied in NOAA NDW_AP_Trans on 05/22/2010, one for CPC data (for FY 2010) and one for EA document chaining (2003-2010); these patches have not been applied on the Data Entry side yet. EA patch changes Doc Type and ARN for the documents started as EA that were not chained back to EA (problem with Certification of Obligations). For FY 2003-2009, we are planning on updating AP_Trans (and Reporting Table), without changing commitments data. For 2010, we are planning to re-create/update commitment data and to preserve obligations match status as much as possible.
6	C.Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Rieck was contacted by the C.Request staff. C.Award award will not have reporting capabilities so they will want to use Business Objects for reporting.

Closed CCR's (Promoted to Production)

None

CCR's Pending Review

None

Work In Progress

Status (06/16/10)	Count
Closed	133
Open	10
Hold	6
Work In Progress/Testing	15
Proposed	0
Total	164

Mod.	Pri.	CCR	Short Description	Type CCR	Comments/Status	Due Date
RQ	2	60	Leave & Benefit Statement / OC 77 Modifications	Business	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) 3/4/08	
RQ	1	67	Obtain a direct data source to load Sunflower data into the MARS data warehouse	Business	Approved by in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	

RQ	2	441	Comp Time Rpt	Business	Need to find new data source other than Labor Detail since comp & credit earned may not be included after the re-engineering of over-under.	
Both	1	561	Outstanding part: Build universes, create reports for GOL Data.	Business	Approved by in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	
RQ	3	1225	Labor Projection Universe	Infrastructure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck)	
DE	1	1314	Projections Recalc based on the NFC rates	Infrastructure		
DE	2	1320	Keep working on converting MARS DE Download Procedures to Informatica (replacing PL/SQL procedures to the Informatica mappings). Phase 2 (for the CCR# 664).	Infrastructure	Operations & Maintenance	
DE	2	1326	Upgrade Oracle from version 10g to 11g.	Infrastructure	Operations & Maintenance	
RQ	2	1327	Upgrade Oracle from version 10g to 11g.	Infrastructure	Operations & Maintenance	
RQ	1	1332	Create the DOC Quarterly Execution Report in MARS and upload the data to MAX. BEX is to provide the template. Additional work will be needed on the NOAA TO in order to complete the portion related to position ceiling and vacancies.	Business	Directed by Steve Gallagher – 4/23/10	
RQ	1	1333	Move the NOAA TO into MARS.	Business	CFO Council direction – 3/31/10	
DE	1	1334	Add capability for DeepWater Horizon Incident Reporting in MARS.		Approved by NMFS (Maureen Pulver) – 5/19/10	
RQ	3	1335	Add CAMSADM.PROGRAM_AUTHORITY data to the allotment data that is already available.	Business	Requested by NOAA BEX	
DE	1	1336	Update DE Travel Reports (79B) and Travel Commitments to use MARS Travel Numbering System info until CBS TM data is available (Reserv_Trans).	Infrastructure		
RQ	1	1338	Create a universe in Reporting and Querying for the extraction of all data fields available in the Data Entry labor projection module for adhoc querying and reporting	Business		

Best Practices

None at this time.

CCR Queue (Open)

Open CCR's should be reviewed when evaluating and prioritizing new CCR requests.

Mod.	Pri.	CCR	Short Description	Type CCR	Comments	Due
Both	3	984	Reference Guide for Reports	Infra-structure	Approved by the MARS Council 11/13/08	
DE	3	904	New Match Parameter Rpt – Auto Ob Settings	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 11/13/08	
RQ	3	63	DE to RQ Report Conversion	Infra-structure	Approved by in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	
RQ	3	64	User interface for R&Q maintenance tables	Infra-structure		
RQ	3	65	User interface for Appropriation Data	Business		
Both	1	69	C.Req/C.Buy Data Extract and Commitments	Business	Approved in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2 Working on data analysis for MARS Commitments generation.	
RQ	2	1301	Copy all available Leave Balance information from WFM Universe into the Labor Detail and Labor Detail Surcharges Universe. This will allow leave information to be available to users who don't have or need complete WFM access.	Business		
Both	3	1286	Create samples of the reports found within Data Entry and Reporting and Querying modules.	Business	Allow users to quickly view reports with sample data to see if format/information relevant without having to run the actual reports. Samples will be useful for new users, and for existing users who are searching for the most relevant report for a given situation. No resources to complete this now.	
R&Q	2	1302	NMFS is proposing that MARS Council initiate discussions on creating the Flux Variance process within the MARS Reporting and Querying system module	Business	This would replace the current process using Oracle Discoverer and the Excel spreadsheets. It would be similar to the variance process currently in place.	
DE	3	1337	NMFS request is requesting a new report to address PPBES requirements. The requirements are based on Report 25P with the exception of using P1=02 instead of ORG 01=30	Business		