MARS Council Meeting Summary

General Information	
Date/Time:	Thursday, June 12, 2008, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Location:	SSMC-3, Room 13836

Attendees:
NMFS – Tonya Coleman
NMFS OCIO – Marina Rubina, Rahul Dayal
NWS – Mary Rieck, Gerald Stark, Penny Schmiedeberg, Inaki Plaza
NWS – Shelia Foster, Carla Kirby
OAR – Dinara Holmes, Sylvia Scott, Eugene Burger
NOS – Carmen Solis
Program Support – Peter Boyle
NMAO – Gerald Thomas
NOAA/CIO – Diana Smith

Meeting Discussion

CCR#	Description	Discussion	Comments/Actions
Promoted to Production			
381	Commitment Screen Amt Field	In the commitment screen there is not enough spaces to show the entire amount of the commitment - it instead shows ######### it should have as many spaces as the obligation field - which does show the entire amount - example MARS Commitment #13634312	Promoted to Production - Closed
301	Remaining Commitment	Naming Convention Consistency (Pipeline vs Remaining Commitments. Changes will be required by both components of MARS.	Promoted to Production - Closed
Work In progress - Data Entry			
50	NFC	Default Project/Task population for the NFC Download. Investigate use of the DIST_SUB_LEV column.	On-Going
82	Data Entry Rpt 27	The MARS Data Entry Financial Status Summary Report 25 requires you to pick a Line Office, but does not allow you to select all Line Offices. Program Support (and other LOs possibly) needs to run this report specifying a program (eg 06-01-02-004), but reporting obligations/ BOP against that program in all Line Offices. Can you add that capability to select all Line Offices for Reports 25x (and other similar reports), so that Report 25 BOP/Oblig total for a prog	On-Going

		(all LO's) matches Bus Obj NOA118 (LO-FMC) YTD LO-Detail tab which shows a total for a program/fund covering usage in all NOAA LOs?	
201	AA Form Change	Increase the underlying table size of the description/reason field used by the Allowance Advice form.	Completed – Will promote into production next Thursday (6/19)
Work In progress – Reporting & Querying			
70	Workforce Mgt	Based on a request from the Workforce Management Office, load data from source tables, and create universes and reports.	Gerald will forward the summary to the Council. Mary presented the new Workforce Management reports that were converted over from the HRDS system. 12 out of 14 reports are completed. Working with WFM to obtain the remaining information to complete the last 2 reports. In order for individuals to access the new data within BOBJ, we're asking each LO to resubmit the User Access Forms along with the NDA and Rules of Behavior. A new user form is being updated and may be available within the week with the new Workforce management option.
58	Variance Process	Penny provided an update to the team and addressed several issues incurred in the process as well as several follow-up items.	1. Carmen will document the business rules to be incorporated in the user guide 2. Tonya will forward documentation used for the NMFS Financial Conference for incorporation in the user guide 3. One last modification will be made, and then CCR 58 will be closed. Additional modification requests must have a new CCR - Final modification: a filter will be added to the LO Response report so that FMC responses can be filtered out. This has already been completed. 4. Started discussion on FTE . . . Question still remains as to whether FTE should include expired funds and whether FTE should include 11-60 and 77-xx object codes rather than the internal fund. Group was undecided whether this was a Business Rules meeting discussion

			or not. Penny offered to put together slides highlighting the options.
General			
341, 481, 501	Reports using custom grouping feature	Request change in Data Entry Module terminology of Division and Branch when used for grouping in a fashion other than using the CBS ACCS. CCR 341 and CCR 481 request Reporting & Querying to accommodate this feature in reports following the Data Entry groupings. Work on 341 and 481 will be dependent on a change in terminology so that users of Reporting & Querying who do not use the feature in the Data Entry Module will not be confused. A couple of suggestions might be OPT Group and OPT Subgroup or OPTDIV and OPTBR.	The Reporting and Querying team will continue to evaluate the request. Tonya was asked to provide a naming convention that will work for both the Data Entry Module and Reporting & Querying. Follow-up will be provided next meeting.