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**New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program
Management Committee Conference Call of Nov 8, 2007
(Nov 13, 2007)**

Participants included: Bob Nyman, Boris Rukovets, Jeff Myers, John Tavolaro, Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Ashley Pengitore, Michelle Doran-McBean, Rosalie Siegel.

The call was convened at 2:30 p.m. and was chaired by Bob Nyman. The purpose of the call was to review the draft mission statement prepared by Big Duck and progress on rewriting the action plan according to Policy Committee directions.

There were differing opinions on the level of specificity that should be included in the mission statement. Many felt that the mission statement should not be too specific while another opinion was that there should be some specifics similar to those found in the NJDEP mission statement. Some suggestions for revisions were provided by MC members on the call and additional specific suggestions were to be provided to Nyman by Nov 13th. A revised draft will then be sent to Big Duck for additional editing and/or recommendations.

The draft action plan was then discussed. Nyman said that significant additional revisions had been made since he sent out the last version for the conference call, including the addition of the Challenge and Accomplishment sections. Those revisions were not to be reviewed on the call. The main portions that needed discussion and agreement were the goals, or organizing principles.

Goal 4 was reworded to read, “**Support an Economically and Ecologically Viable Harbor and Port** – The Port of New York and New Jersey will be an integral and complementary part of the world-class NY-NJ Harbor Estuary that is environmentally sustainable, economically efficient, and safe for commercial and recreational navigation.”

The graphic box surrounding goals 1 and 4 will be separated from the sub goals.

Nyman will send the revised goals to the Policy Committee as an update and the MC will continue to work on the rest of the action plan. Additional language suggestions for priority actions shall be provided to Nyman by Nov 13th and incorporated into a new version.