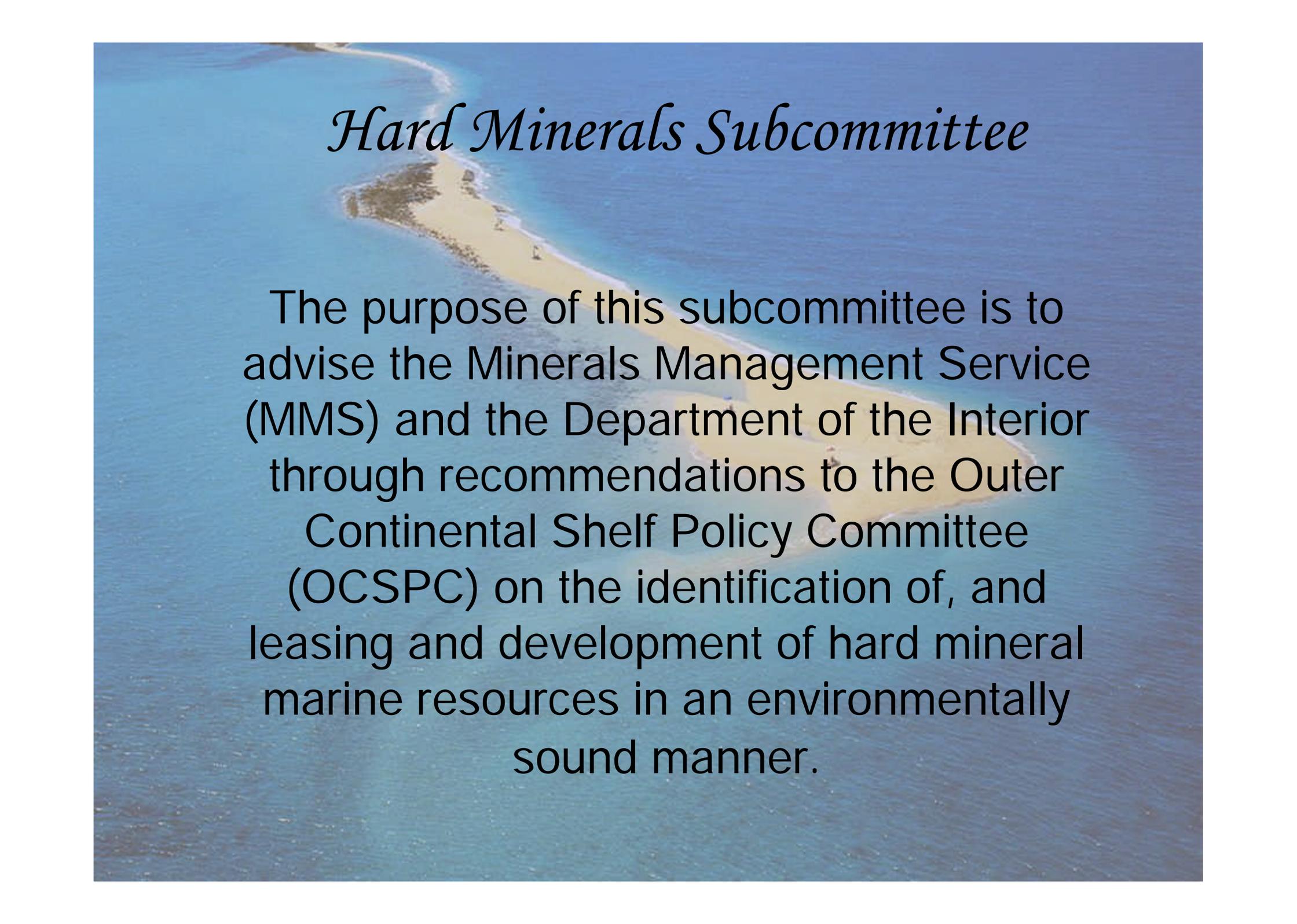


An aerial photograph of a sandy beach and ocean. The beach is a narrow strip of light-colored sand, with a few small structures or people visible. The ocean is a deep blue color, with some lighter blue areas near the shore. The text is overlaid on the image in a black, serif font.

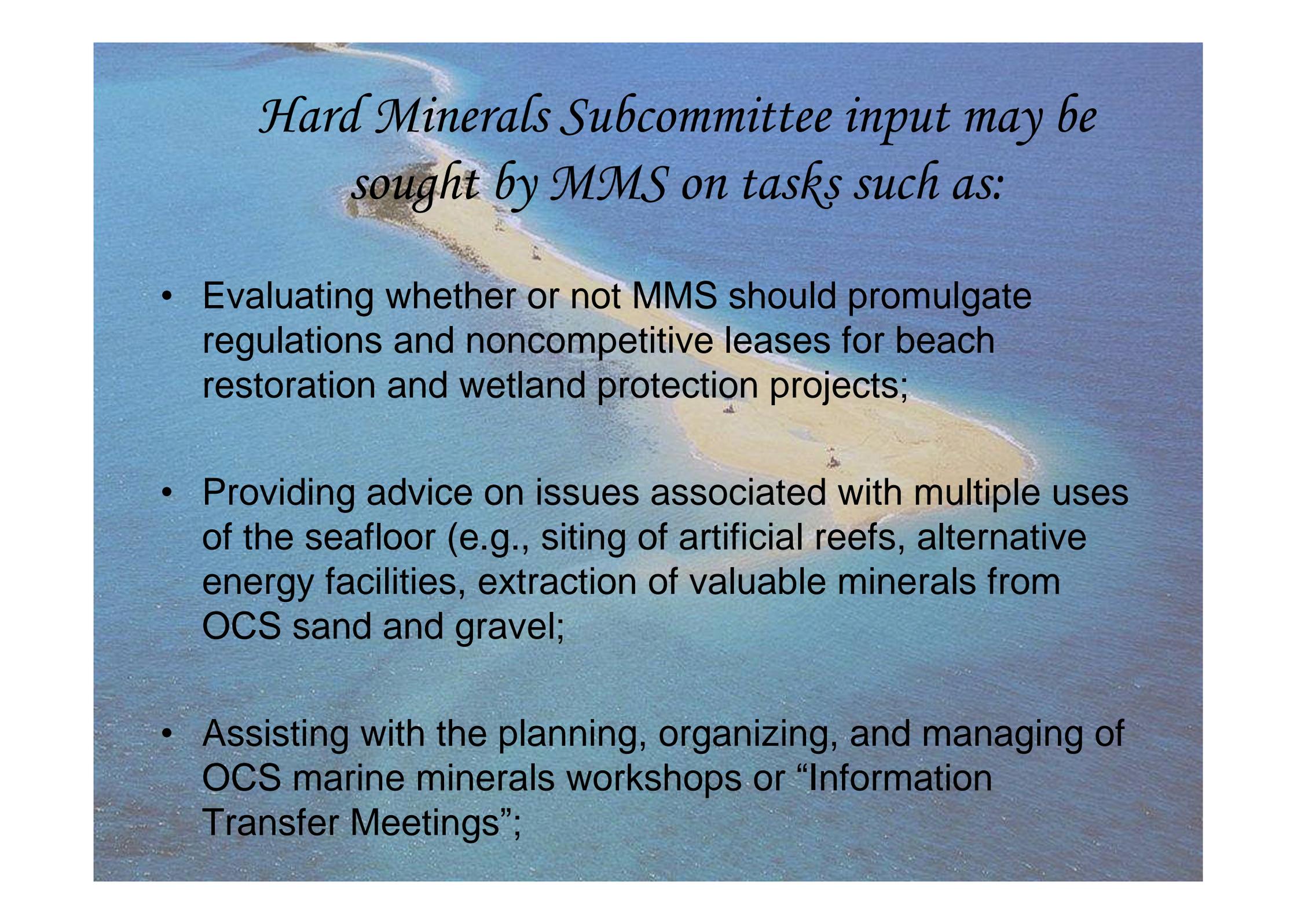
*Mid-Atlantic OCS Sand Management  
Working Group Meeting*

*September 16, 2008*

An aerial photograph of a tropical island. The island is elongated and features a wide, light-colored sandy beach on one side. The water is a vibrant turquoise color near the shore, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. There are some small structures or buildings visible on the island, and a few people can be seen on the beach. The overall scene is serene and idyllic.

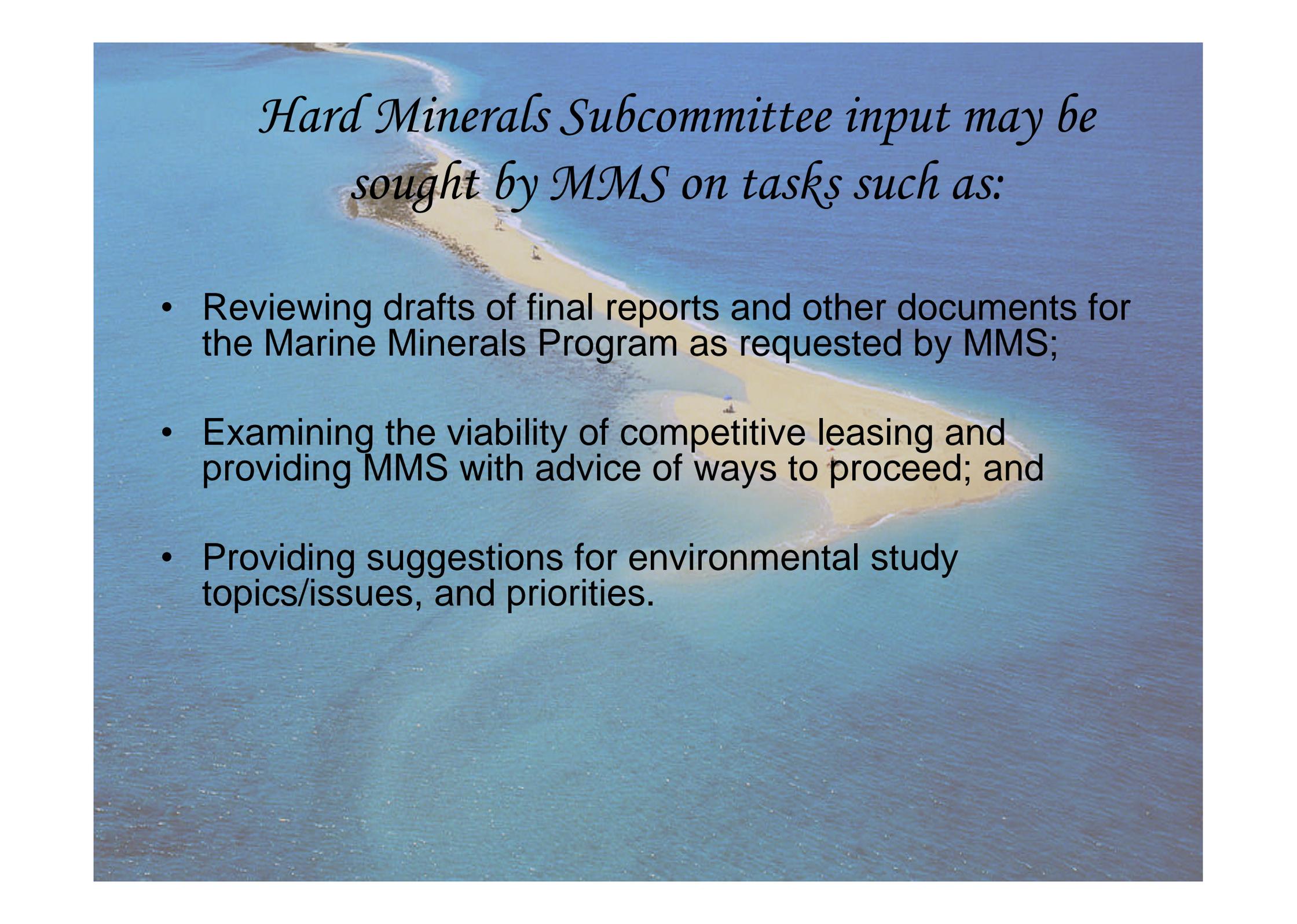
## *Hard Minerals Subcommittee*

The purpose of this subcommittee is to advise the Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the Department of the Interior through recommendations to the Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee (OCSPC) on the identification of, and leasing and development of hard mineral marine resources in an environmentally sound manner.



*Hard Minerals Subcommittee input may be sought by MMS on tasks such as:*

- Evaluating whether or not MMS should promulgate regulations and noncompetitive leases for beach restoration and wetland protection projects;
- Providing advice on issues associated with multiple uses of the seafloor (e.g., siting of artificial reefs, alternative energy facilities, extraction of valuable minerals from OCS sand and gravel);
- Assisting with the planning, organizing, and managing of OCS marine minerals workshops or “Information Transfer Meetings”;



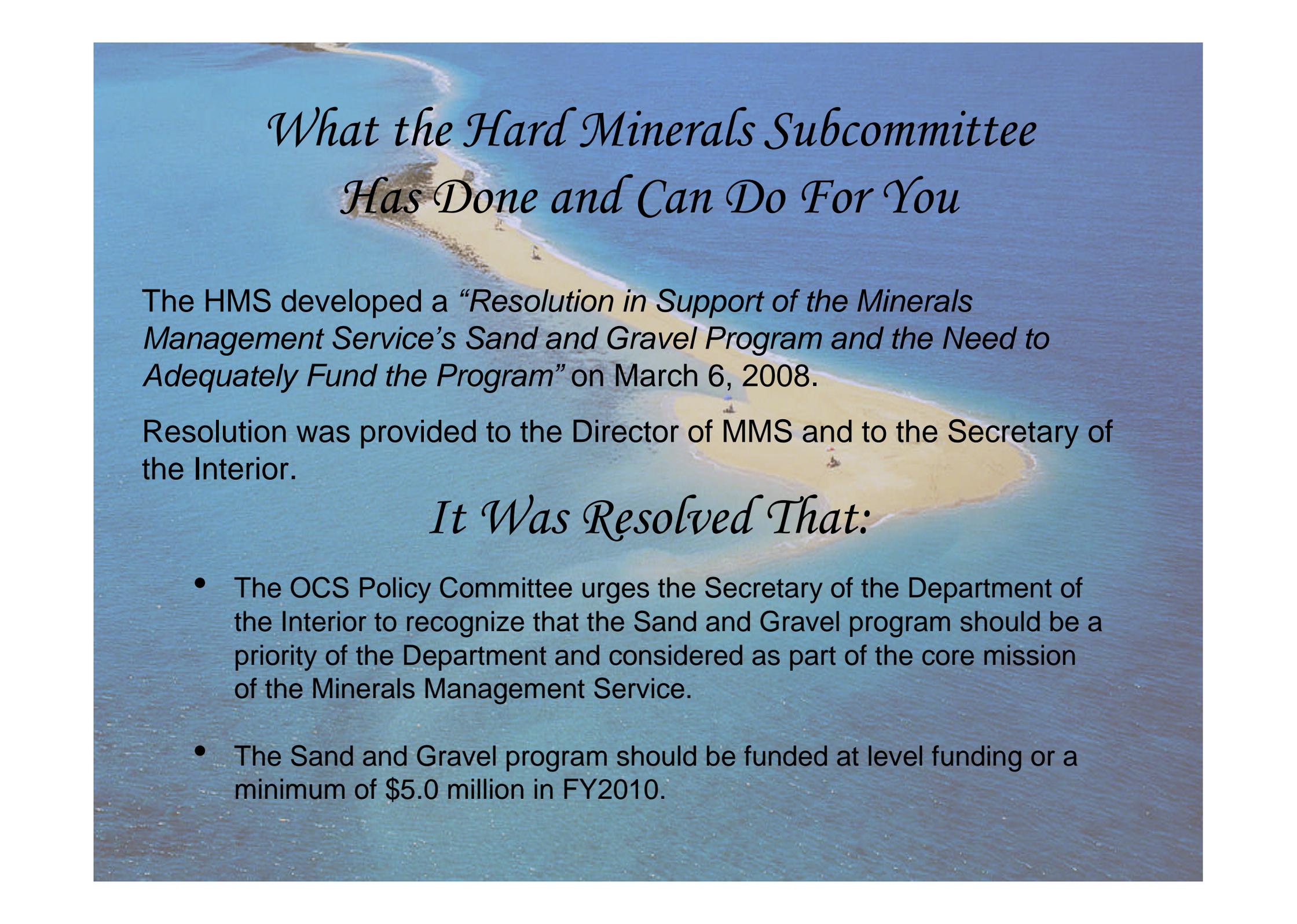
*Hard Minerals Subcommittee input may be sought by MMS on tasks such as:*

- Reviewing drafts of final reports and other documents for the Marine Minerals Program as requested by MMS;
- Examining the viability of competitive leasing and providing MMS with advice of ways to proceed; and
- Providing suggestions for environmental study topics/issues, and priorities.



## *Members*

- ***John H. Talley***, (Chairman) Delaware Geological Survey, Newark, **Delaware**
- ***Berry H. “Nick” Tew, Jr.***, Geological Survey of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, **Alabama**
- ***Deborah L. Tucker***, Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, **Florida**
- ***Syed M. Khalil***, Office of Coastal Restoration & Management, Baton Rouge, **Louisiana**
- ***Karl W. Muessig***, New Jersey Geological Survey, Trenton, **New Jersey**
- ***Charles L. Morgan***, Planning Solutions, Inc., Honolulu, **Hawaii**
- ***Charles B. Chesnutt***, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, **Virginia**



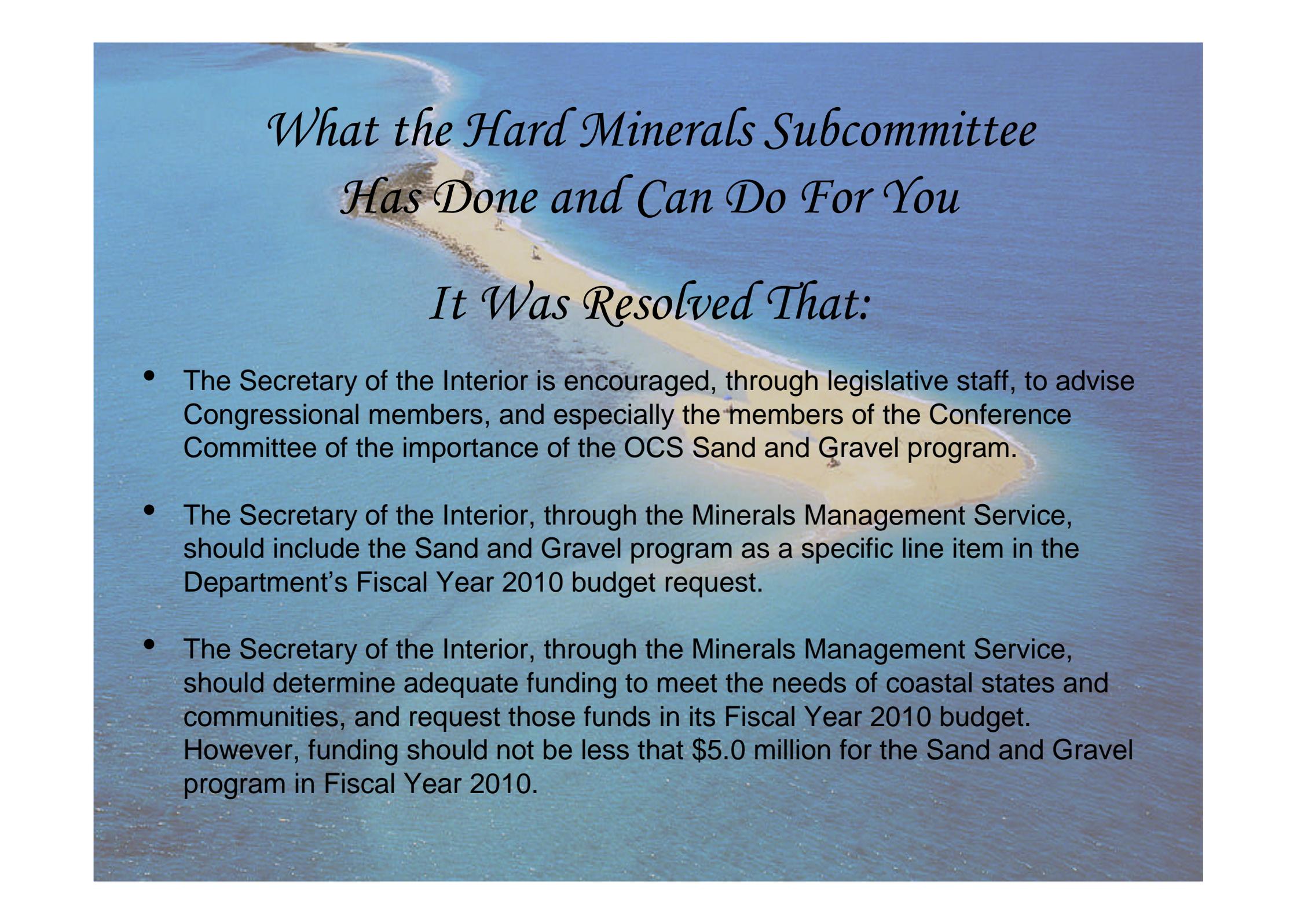
## *What the Hard Minerals Subcommittee Has Done and Can Do For You*

The HMS developed a “*Resolution in Support of the Minerals Management Service’s Sand and Gravel Program and the Need to Adequately Fund the Program*” on March 6, 2008.

Resolution was provided to the Director of MMS and to the Secretary of the Interior.

### *It Was Resolved That:*

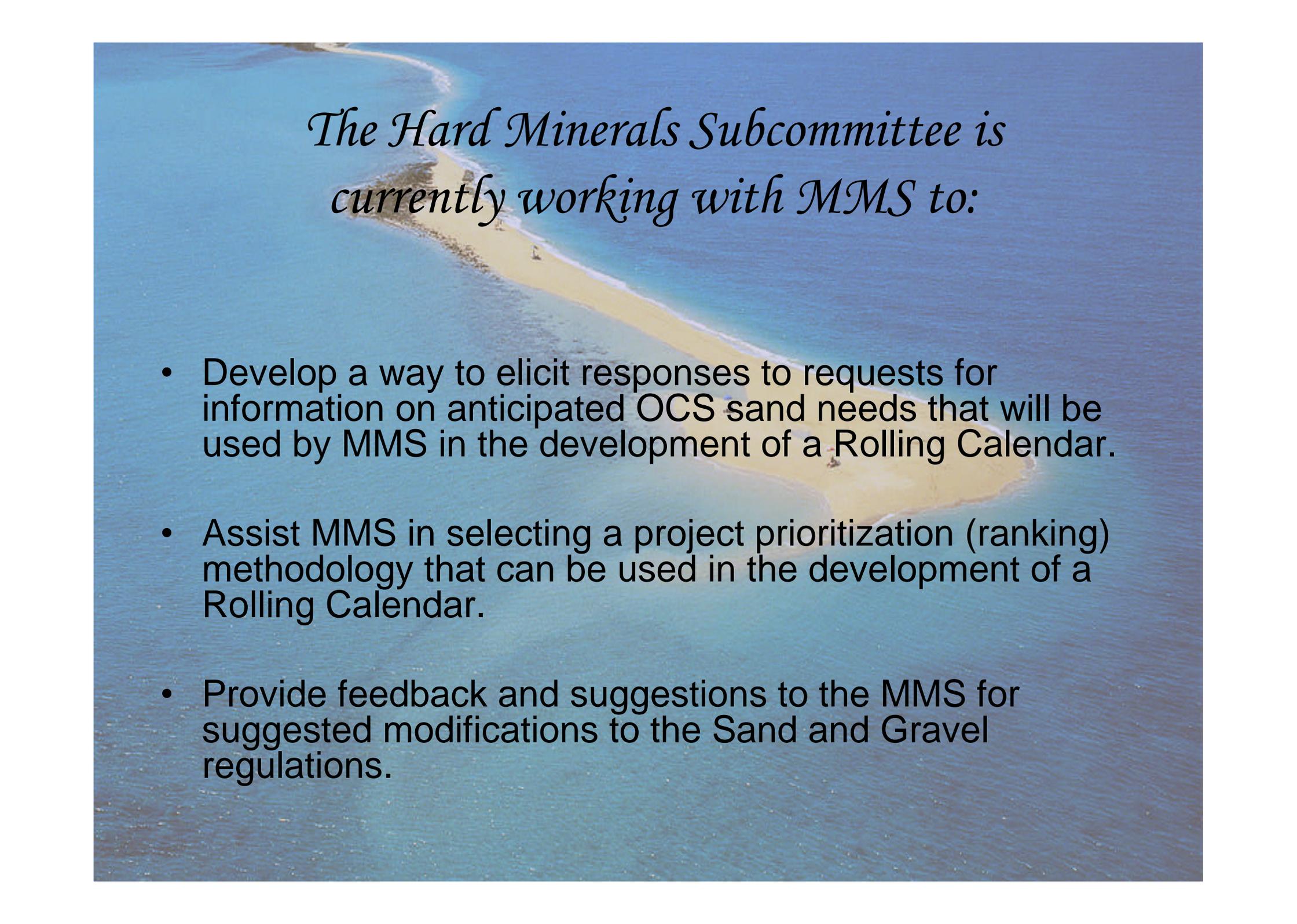
- The OCS Policy Committee urges the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to recognize that the Sand and Gravel program should be a priority of the Department and considered as part of the core mission of the Minerals Management Service.
- The Sand and Gravel program should be funded at level funding or a minimum of \$5.0 million in FY2010.



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*It Was Resolved That:*

- The Secretary of the Interior is encouraged, through legislative staff, to advise Congressional members, and especially the members of the Conference Committee of the importance of the OCS Sand and Gravel program.
- The Secretary of the Interior, through the Minerals Management Service, should include the Sand and Gravel program as a specific line item in the Department's Fiscal Year 2010 budget request.
- The Secretary of the Interior, through the Minerals Management Service, should determine adequate funding to meet the needs of coastal states and communities, and request those funds in its Fiscal Year 2010 budget. However, funding should not be less than \$5.0 million for the Sand and Gravel program in Fiscal Year 2010.



*The Hard Minerals Subcommittee is  
currently working with MMS to:*

- Develop a way to elicit responses to requests for information on anticipated OCS sand needs that will be used by MMS in the development of a Rolling Calendar.
- Assist MMS in selecting a project prioritization (ranking) methodology that can be used in the development of a Rolling Calendar.
- Provide feedback and suggestions to the MMS for suggested modifications to the Sand and Gravel regulations.

## Sand and Gravel Negotiated Non-Competitive Agreements: Rolling Calendar

Final Project NEPA Review & Determination Schedule for 2008-2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Quarter 1</b>		Martin Co., FL			
<b>Quarter 2</b>	Pelican Island, LA		Top Sail, NC		
<b>Quarter 3</b>	New Jersey	Ocean City, MD			
<b>Quarter 4</b>	SC Ports Authority	St. Lucie Co., FL			
	Racoon Island, LA				
<b>Unknown Quarters</b>		Holly Beach, LA	Dam Neck, VA		
		Whiskey Island, LA	Sandbridge, VA		
			Ocean Beach, CA (Pacific Region)		
			Wallops Island, VA		
			North Topsail, NC		
<b>Project Specifics Unknown</b>	Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Brevard County, FL, Collier County, FL				





