

WASHINGTON COASTAL MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 26th, 2013 ~ 1:30pm-4:00pm

Rotary Log Pavilion – 1401 Sargent Blvd., Aberdeen, WA

Draft Meeting Summary

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment 1

DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

The following items were decided during the meeting.

- The WCMAC selected Rich Osborne and Casey Dennehy to participate on the CMSP Planning Development Team (the technical team charged with developing the website and planning tools for the CMSP process).
- WCMAC members will provide input on the CMSP website and Data Viewer planning tool to Paul Dye (pdye@TNC.ORG) and Michal Rechner (MICHAL.RECHNER@dnr.wa.gov). An update on these tools will be given at the June 5th meeting.
- The Project Evaluation Committee is now called the New Uses Evaluation Committee. WCMAC members will send feedback on the new use evaluation criteria document to Brian Sheldon (oysters@willapabay.org). The Committee will put together an updated spreadsheet to present at the June meeting.
- The WCMAC agreed to recommend to the Director of Ecology that Andy Day fill the tourism seat on the WCMAC.
- The next WCMAC meeting will take place June 5th, tentatively from 9:30am-4:00pm in Aberdeen. The Council requested that the bulk of the meeting focus on DNR and appropriate agencies/project leads providing updates on the status of funded projects.
- WCMAC members can send questions and comments on WDFW's Coastal Forage Fish Survey proposal to Michele Culver (michele.culver@dfw.wa.gov). Michele will provide an update at the June meeting.
- WCMAC members can send questions and comments on the PNNL Renewable Ocean Energy Suitability Mapping project to Brie Van Cleve (brie.vanclave@pnnl.gov). The Council asked that Brie provide an update on the project at the June meeting.
- Council members will send Bridget Trosin (bemmett@uw.edu) suggestions of groups that may want to receive an update on the status of the MSP Workshops.
- The WCMAC approved the April 26th meeting agenda.
- The WCMAC approved the March 28th meeting summary.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Doug Kess welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves by stating their names and affiliations.

Doug reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for comments. Rich Osborne requested adding a discussion of naming alternates and changing the name of the Project Evaluation Subcommittee. He introduced his alternate, Ian Miller with WA Sea Grant. With these additions the WCMAC approved the agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MARCH MEETING SUMMARY

Doug asked for comments on the March meeting summary. No comments were given and the WCMAC approved the meeting summary.

UPDATE FROM PROJECT EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Brian Sheldon introduced members of the Project Evaluation Subcommittee (now called the New Uses Subcommittee), Jeff Ward, RD Grunbaum and Rod Fleck, and provided an overview of their purpose to:

- Develop an comprehensive list of projects/new uses on the coast that the WCMAC may consider offering advise on;
- Identify types of criteria associated with each project type/new use; and
- Identifying existing and needed information that could aid in the evaluation process.

The Subcommittee met and compiled a list of potential projects/new uses, meant to serve as a starting point for the WCMAC to discuss and build upon. Brian asked Council members for input on the project types/new uses categories and criteria, and on where the boundaries of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) begin and end.

Council members agreed that these should be called “new uses” not “projects.” Council members inquired what the list should include. Brian responded they are trying to develop a comprehensive list of uses that the WCMAC may want to advise on and determine what the impacts may be. This information could be used by the WCMAC and/or given to the entity making the final decision. WCMAC members discussed that the boundary should be based on the effects of the projects not just where they are sited. For projects that may have an impact throughout the state, the WCMAC would only provide input on the impacts to the coast and marine waters. Suggestions were made to use the high water mark and then make exceptions if necessary. Michal added this information will work in conjunction with the work being done at the MSP goals and objectives setting workshops and the criteria developed there.

The Project Evaluation Subcommittee is now called the New Uses Evaluation Subcommittee. WCMAC members will send feedback on the new use evaluation criteria document to Brian Sheldon. The Committee will provide an update at the June meeting.

CMSP PLANNING DEVELOPMENT TEAM PRESENTATION

Michal Rechner, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided a short presentation on the CMSP Planning Development Team, charged with developing the web site and planning tools for the CMSP process. The Steering Committee, which oversees the Planning Development Team and the Technical

Development Team, includes State Ocean Caucus (SOC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), DNR and Ecology. Technical Development Team consists of technical support from the agencies including DNR, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Esri, Ecotrust and the University of Washington are tasked with developing the viewing tool. He then walked the Council through a prototype of the Washington Marine Spatial Planning mapping application that will give the public the ability to visualize, query, and map ocean and coastal data and use interactive maps focused on important ocean topics for the outer coast of Washington. Council members provided feedback that they would like to be able to print and export the maps they produce with the data viewer.

Paul Dye, with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to provide a short presentation on the Marine Spatial Planning website. Paul reported that the website is now live and can be accessed at www.msp.wa.gov. He then walked the Council through the different pages of the website:

- About – provides an introduction to MSP and gives views opportunities to get more involved
- News – provides an overview of the latest announcements
- Resources – provides educational links beyond the website
- Learn – provides more narrative text surrounding MSP than the About page
- Explore – links to the interactive tools:
 - Visualize (planning tool and data viewer)
 - Interactive maps (maps driven by predetermined data informed by interests)
 - Current Projects (lists all projects currently funded and their statuses)
 - Data Catalog (download data)
- Connect – provides participation links

The Planning Development Team is conducting outreach between now and the first week of June 2013 to gather feedback to improve the tool. To assist with this outreach and tool development, the Planning Team asked for two WCMAC members to join the Team. The WCMAC selected Rich Osborne and Casey Dennehy.

WCMAC members can send comments or questions on the CMSP website and Data Viewer planning tool to Paul Dye (pdye@TNC.ORG) and Michal Rechner (MICHAL.RECHNER@dnr.wa.gov). The Council asked Michal and Paul to provide an update on these tools at the June 5th WCMAC meeting.

AGENCY AND CMSP PROJECT UPDATES

Katrina Lassiter, DNR provided a brief update on the status of MSP projects and the planning process. Additional information on the status of projects can be found on the CMSP website at www.msp.wa.gov.

Project Update, Pacific Northwest National Laborites

Brie Van Cleve, Marine Policy and Aquatic Scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) provided a brief update on the status of the Renewable Ocean Energy Suitability Mapping on Washington's Coast project. She explained the purpose of the project is to inform ongoing marine spatial planning with information about the most desirable places to develop tidal, wave and offshore wind energy from a technical and economic perspective only. The project is considering a number of factors, including energy potential and at, proximity to shore, ports, and transmission infrastructure.

She further clarified that the project is only identifying areas where energy development would be possible, not making policy recommendations on where to place alternative energy.

Council members asked about the product and timeline of the project. Brie explained that the results will be a series of maps and data, provided to DNR and scheduled to be completed by June 30th. Council members asked if the project would include information about the different types of alternative energy, such as impacts and amount of energy generated. Brie responded that no, socioeconomic and environmental factors are beyond the scope of the project. The Council invited Brie to provide an update on the project at the June 5th meeting. WCMAC members can send questions and comments on the PNNL Renewable Ocean Energy Suitability Mapping project to Brie at brie.vancleve@pnnl.gov.

MSP Project Subcommittee Update

Rich Osborne provided an update on the Subcommittee's work since the last meeting. The Subcommittee had a conference call with Michelle Culver to discuss WDFW's proposal to extend the Coastal Forage Fish Survey, scheduled to end on June 30, 2013. WDFW is proposing to extend the project through October 31, 2013 to obtain a full year's worth of data. The will cost to do so will be offset by remaining funds for the current project. Subcommittee members who participated in the call were supportive of the proposal.

WCMAC members can send questions and comments on WDFW's Coastal Forage Fish Survey proposal to Michele Culver (michele.culver@dfw.wa.gov). Michele will provide an update at the June 5th meeting.

WCMAC VACANT SEATS

Jennifer Hennessey provided an update on the status of vacant seats on the Council. For the Tourism seat, Ecology has received three nomination letters: Robert Beebie, President, Olympic Game Farm, Andi Day, Director, Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau and Roy Morris, Able Guide Service. Council members discussed each nominee and decided to recommend to the Director of Ecology, Andy Day for the tourism seat.

STATUS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Jennifer Hennessey provided an update on the status of ESB 5603 and state funding for CMSP. She reported that ESB 5603 has passed both the House and Senate, and has been sent to Governor Inslee for signature. The Governor has twenty days to sign the bill.

Jennifer reported that the status of state CMSP funding is still uncertain. Allocations in the Governor's budget priorities and the Senate and House budgets range from \$0 to \$4.2 million. With the Legislature likely entering into special session, a finalized budget may not be in place before June.

NEXT STEPS AND MEETING CLOSURE

Tami Pokorny asked the Council for suggestions on sessions/speakers for the education portion of the meetings. Members suggested:

- An update from Brie Van Cleve on the Renewable Ocean Energy Suitability Mapping project.

- An update from Paul Dye and Michal Rechner on the CMSP website and data viewer tool
- Updates on the status of all funded MSP projects
- An update from Miranda Wecker at UW on findings from their Mapping Shellfish Growing Areas in Pacific County project

Bridget reported that she has been meeting with local governments and chambers of commerce along the coast to update them on the MSP goals and objective workshops, and asked for additional groups that may be interested in receiving an update on the process. Council members will send Bridget Trosin suggestions of groups that may want to receive an update on the status of the MSP Workshops. Members will send any additional ideas to Chair Doug Kess and the Agenda Committee.

Doug called for public comment. Key McMurry invited attendees to the Pacific County Science Conference on May 18th 8am-7:30pm at the WSU Cranberry Museum in Long Beach, WA. With no additional comments, Doug adjourned the meeting.

Attachment 1 Meeting Attendees

Coastal Group Members				
Last	First	Seat	Affiliation	In Attendance?
Beasley	Dale	Commercial Fishing	Columbia River Crab Fishermens Association	✓
Cedergreen	Mark	Recreational Fishing	Westport Charterboat Association	✓
Costanzo	Charlie	Shipping	The American Waterways Operators (AWO): Pacific Region	N
Dalan	Garrett	Grays Harbor County MRC	Grays Harbor County MRC	✓
Dennehy	Casey	Recreation	Surfrider	✓
Ervest	Carol	Wahkiakum County MRC	Wahkiakum County MRC	✓
Fleck	Rod	North Pacific MRC	North Pacific MRC	N
Garrow	Tami	Economic Development	Grays Harbor Public Development Authority	N
Grunbaum	RD	Conservation	Friends of Grays Harbor	✓
Horton	Marc	Ports	Port of Grays Harbor	✓
Kess	Doug	Pacific County MRC	Pacific County MRC	✓
Lovely	Rick	Energy	Grays Harbor PUD	✓
McMurry	Key	Citizen	Key Environmental Solutions LLC	✓
Osborne	Rich	Science	Feiro Marine Life Center Research Associate	✓
Sheldon	Brian	Shellfish Aquaculture	Willapa-Greys Harbor Oyster Growers Association	✓
Swartout	Mark	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	N
Toste	Ray	Commercial Fishing	Westport Crabbers Association	N
Ward	Jeff	Energy	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	✓
Alternates				
Backman	Carrie	Wahkiakum County MRC	Wahkiakum County MRC	✓
Batchelder	Miles	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	✓
Cassinelli	Mike	Recreational Fishing	City of Ilwaco	✓
Kennedy	Jody	Recreation	Surfrider	N
Leraas	Robin	Grays Harbor County MRC	Grays Harbor County MRC	N
Miller	Ian	Science	Washington Sea Grant	✓
Nordin	Mike	Pacific County MRC	Pacific County MRC	✓
Pokorny	Tami	North Pacific MRC	North Pacific MRC	✓
Sheldon	Dick	Willapa Shellfish Growers	Shellfish Aquaculture	✓
State Agencies, Organizations & Public				
Last	First	Affiliation		In Attendance?
Backman	Mike	Wahkiakum MRC		✓
Brown	Ray			✓

Cardinal	Kara	The Nature Conservancy	✓
Culver	Michelle	WDFW	✓
Dye	Paul	The Nature Conservancy	✓
Delvin	Eric	The Nature Conservancy	N
Galasso	George	NOAA	✓
Glaub	Gretchen	Fellow - Ecology	✓
Hennessey	Jennifer	Department of Ecology	✓
Hoeft	Bruce		✓
Jewett	Jenna	Department of Fish and Wildlife	N
Kline	Randy	State Parks and Recreation	N
Krueger	Katie	North Pacific County MRC	✓
Lassiter	Katrina	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Lynn	Brian	Department of Ecology	✓
Martin	Megan	PC MRC Coordinator	✓
Mooney	Jamie	Washington State Emergency Management	✓
Niles	Cory	WDFW	✓
Pauley	Kyle	KXRO	✓
Rechner	Michal	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Sarff	Dana	Makah Nation	✓
Schelling	John	Emergency Management Division	N
Stoike	Suzanna	Ecology	N
Toteff	Sally	Department of Ecology	N
Trosin	Bridget	WA Sea Grant	✓
Whiting	Libby	Fellow - DNR	✓
Wigand	Laura	Fellow - DOH	✓
Wolf	Sue		✓