

WCMAC – Draft MSP Actions List Discussion Guide

Issue:

The goal of this discussion is for the Council to review and adopt the revised draft MSP “actions” list.

Background:

At the last meeting, WCMAC members received an overview on the proposed draft actions list. The draft actions list describes the activities that would fall under each of the goals and objectives in the Marine Spatial Plan. This draft list is intended to describe the actions of the Marine Spatial Plan in more detail.

The draft list reflects ideas on either:

- general content of the plan or
- planning process activities (e.g. stakeholder involvement).

The draft list does not include implementation details such as specific methods used.

Actions in the draft list should meet the following criteria:

- Compatibility with specific requirements in the Marine Spatial Planning law.
- Compatibility with SEPA scoping decisions, including the list of issues “in scope” for the plan.
- Relevance to the listed goal and objective.
- Relevance to and compatibility with existing state ocean policies that are appropriate for a planning scale (as opposed to those addressed by specific project permitting).

In January, WCMAC members agreed to provide feedback on the draft actions list by February 28, 2014, which would be incorporated into a revised document. Staff received a handful of responses from WCMAC members on the draft MSP Actions list. The revised version incorporates suggested changes received by WCMAC members. Since no significant changes were suggested and overall volume of responses was very low, staff did not proceed with a conference call to discuss responses.

Staff recommendation:

WCMAC should consider the following recommendation:

WCMAC recommends that the state adopt the revised actions list presented at the April WCMAC meeting to guide the planning process and development of the Marine Spatial Plan.

If WCMAC feels additional revisions to the Actions List are needed; WCMAC could adopt the current version as a working draft and agree to a process for adopting a final version by the July meeting. This revision process would likely involve:

1. Staff soliciting another round of comments due by end of May.
2. Staff compiling comments and responses.
3. Staff convening a conference call to discuss in mid-June, if necessary.
4. WCMAC taking action on a final version in July meeting.