

Marine Spatial Planning FY14-15 Funding

The state has \$3.7 million for FY14-15 to advance marine spatial planning on Washington's coast. Law requires funding to be spent consistent with recommendations of Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council to the maximum extent practicable (RCW 43.372.070).

The table below shows the estimated funding levels for MSP support and projects for this biennium, as well as how each project aligns with the funding recommendation items listed in the operating procedures. This table is intended to be used as a reference for discussions about funding recommendations. It should be noted that the Technical Committee has had continuous, robust discussions about studies and assessments needed for MSP and MSP work. The April 23 WCMAC meeting will allow for time to review these projects and to initiate a discussion about funding needs for the next biennium.

MSP Budget Outlook April 2014

		Alignment with operating procedures			Estimated Costs	
		Council operations	MSP work	Studies needed for MSP	low	high
Contracts signed or in negotiation	WCMAC facilitation and services	✓			\$ 125,000	\$ 130,000
	MRAC facilitation and support				\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
	Forage fish indicator surveys			✓	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
	Seabird and marine mammal data			✓	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
	Plan research, analysis, and development*		✓		\$ 150,000	\$ 220,000
	Technical support		✓		\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
	Ecosystem assessment and indicators			✓	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000
	Outreach		✓		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
	Science coordination		✓		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
	Sector analyses			✓	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Recreational use study			✓	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
			Subtotal	\$ 1,885,000	\$ 2,110,000	
Contract scope of work & deliverables under development	Seafloor maps			✓	\$ 150,000	\$ 175,000
	Seabird and marine mammal ecological monitoring			✓	\$ 125,000	\$ 150,000
	Coastal economic analysis			✓	\$ 75,000	\$ 350,000
	Identification of important ecological areas*			✓	\$ 75,000	\$ 250,000
				Subtotal	\$ 425,000	\$ 925,000
WCMAC identified as high priority - Need to develop contract scope of work & deliverables	Shipping data			✓	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000
	Visual resource characterization			✓	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000
	Scenario development		✓	✓	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000
				Subtotal	\$ 175,000	\$ 250,000
			Overall Estimated TOTAL	\$ 2,485,000	\$ 3,285,000	

* These items are on the agenda for discussion at the April 23 WCMAC meeting