

WASHINGTON COASTAL MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 25, 2013 ~ 10:00am – 3:30pm
WA State Capitol Campus – Pritchard Building, Washington Room
Draft
Meeting Summary

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment 1

DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS The following items were decided during the meeting.

- WCMAC members and each coastal MRC will develop a list of their MSP goals and objectives in advance of the MSP objective setting workshops coordinated by WA Sea Grant.
 - Chair of the MSP Project Subcommittee, Rich Osborne will email members a template for listing goals and objectives.
 - Members will complete and send their list to Rich by **COB February 27th**.
 - The MSP Project Subcommittee will meet in early March to compile the lists and will present them to the WCMAC for discussion at the March meeting.
- The MSP Project Subcommittee will have a conference call to discuss submitting a project proposal to DNR for the \$71,000 in available MSP funds.
- WCMAC members will review proposed legislation: Washington Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Improvement Act of 2013 and will discuss with their constituents to determine if it aligns with their interests.
 - Members will send comments and suggested edits on the bill to Dale Beasley and Doug Kess.
 - Once the bill is introduced, Chair Doug Kess and Vice-Chair Rod Fleck will meet to discuss members' support for the bill and next steps.
- The coordinators of the coastal MRCs will work with Michele Culver and Jenna Jewett, WDFW, Michael Rechner, DNR, and Paul Dye, The Nature Conservancy, to explore opportunities to support greater coordination among the coastal MRCs on MSP. Suggested options included submitting a proposal to DNR to fund a staff coordinator to support the coastal MRCs and pursuing available funding from The Nature Conservancy.
- The WCMAC formed a Subcommittee to develop criteria for evaluating potential projects on the coast. Subcommittee members include: Brian Sheldon, Jeff Ward, Rod Fleck and RD Grunbaum.
 - The Subcommittee will meet in February/March and will present their proposed criteria to the WCMAC at the April meeting.
- Jennifer Hennessey will send information to the WCMAC on the candidates for the Tourism seat in advance of the March meeting.
- The Agenda Committee will discuss including expected actions/outcomes on each agenda item on future meeting agendas.

- Tami Pokorny will join the Agenda Committee to assist in the planning of the meetings educational component.
- WCMAC members will send their updated contact information, bios and photos to Amanda.
- The WCMAC approved the October 10th meeting summary with the correction that Casey Dennehy was present.
- The WCMAC approved the January 25th meeting agenda.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Doug Kess welcomed members to the meeting. Doug reported Mark Swartout with the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership has joined the WCMAC. Mark was not able to attend the meeting, and Doug introduced his alternate Miles Batchelder. Doug then asked members to introduce themselves by stating their names and affiliations.

Neutral convener Amanda Murphy reminded Council members that WCMAC materials are available on Ecology's website. She asked members to send her their updated contact information, biographies and pictures so she can update the contact list.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA & OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY

Doug reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for comments. No comments were given and the WCMAC approved the agenda.

Doug then asked if there were comments on the October 10, 2012 meeting summary. Casey Dennehy noted that he was in attendance at the meeting; however the attendance list shows he was not present. Amanda agreed to make the correction and the WCMAC approved the October meeting summary.

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CHAIR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Report

Doug provided a brief overview of the December Coastal MRC Summit. He then asked members who attended the Summit to share their perspectives and invited questions from the Council. Several members commented on the importance of increased coordination among the coastal MRCs in regard to Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). Capacity to take on such coordination has been challenging and several members suggested pursuing funding to support a staff person to take on this responsibility.

Michelle Culver, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) expressed support for pursuing opportunities to increase coordination and communication among the coastal MRCs and encouraged MRC members to work with Coastal MRC Program coordinator Jenna Jewett, WDFW. MSP funding could potentially be used for a coordinator and Department of Natural Resources suggested the MRCs and/or the WCMAC submit to them a proposal. Paul Dye, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) added that TNC may also have some available funding to support the MRCs participation in the MSP process.

The WCMAC asked that the coordinators of the coastal MRCs work with Michele Culver, Jenna Jewett, Michal Rechner and Paul Dye on these funding opportunities to support greater coordination among the coastal MRCs on MSP.

COASTAL LEGISLATOR PRESENTATION

Coastal legislators were invited to share their perspectives on marine spatial planning on Washington's coast, activities related to the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification, and legislation that may have impact on coastal communities and the WCMAC. Doug welcomed Representative Steve Tharinger and Senator Kevin Ranker and thanked them for attending.

Representative Steve Tharinger, House Environment Committee Member introduced himself and briefly spoke about his work on marine issues including his participation on the Salmon Recovery Board. He concluded by saying he looks forward to continuing working on marine issues and thanked the WCMAC for inviting him to speak. He then introduced Senator Kevin Ranker.

Senator Ranker thanked the WCMAC for inviting him to speak. He began with a brief overview of his background, including twenty years of work on coastal policy and his service on the National Ocean Council Advisory Panel. He represents Washington State's 40th District and his committee assignments include Ranking Member of The Energy, Environment and Telecommunications Committee and Ways and Means. He explained his interest in marine issues as combining conservation with economic development and protecting natural resources and the jobs that depend on them. He added one of his main goals is developing MSP in Washington State, bringing together all uses, protecting existing uses while allowing for future uses.

Senator Ranker discussed some of his priorities for the current legislative session, including legislation to create an ocean protection council that would consist of: the Puget Sound Partnership, WCMAC, members of both chambers of the state legislature, DNR, DFW, Ecology and chaired by the Governor's office. The council would have no regulatory authority but would coordinate marine activities. He gave an overview of the purpose and responsibilities of the council and stressed its importance. He added California and Oregon already have ocean advisory boards in place and Washington could learn from those processes.

Additionally, last year, a \$4.2 million Ocean Trust Fund was created which could be used for MSP and marine management. Governor Gregoire's budget allocated \$3.3 million of this to UW to combat ocean acidification. He added he will be working on protecting these funds for MSP.

DISCUSSION Q&A

After the presentation, Senator Ranker and the Council engaged in an open question and answer discussion.

Q: If the ocean protection council is created would funding discrepancies between the Puget Sound Partnership and the WCMAC be rectified?

A: The Puget Sound Partnership received federal appropriations and it would most likely not be equal. However, if the WCMAC were codified they could work with state agencies to receive increased funding.

Q: What is the timeline on the proposed legislation creating the ocean protection council?

A: The legislation will be introduced shortly and, hopefully will move forward in this session.

Q: How would the proposed ocean protection council work with existing state agencies already working on MSP?

A: The council will work closely with existing state agencies and would have no new regulatory power.

Q: There were concerns about some of the language in last year's MSP legislation (SSB 6263), and the lack of recognition of the diversity along the coast. The Ocean Trust Fund and ocean protection council sound like great ideas. How should the process move forward?

A: Legislation to codify the WCMAC and legislation to create the ocean protection council could move forward along parallel tracks and separately monitor the Ocean Trust Fund.

Q: There have been some concerns with the spending plan for MSP dollars. Is there an opportunity for the WCMAC to play a larger role in developing the spend plan next time there is a budget allocation?

A: There are currently no funds appropriated to MSP in the next biennium and the focus should be on demonstrating that those funds are critical.

Members thanked Senator Ranker for attending the WCMAC meeting.

WORK SESSION – WCMAC 2013 ACTION PRIORITIES

Amanda Murphy explained that the Council was going to map out their activities for the next year. The purpose of this session is to chart out the priority issues the WCMAC will address in 2013, and a timeline with identified meeting dates and actions (Council and committee tasks, meeting presentations, MSP related events and tasks, SOC activities, etc.) to address those issues.

She introduced Jennifer Hennessey to give an overview of the timeline for MSP activities:

- **MSP Planning Process** – Winter and spring 2013 will be spent developing criteria for future MSP projects. This will happen in conjunction with a series of goals and objectives setting workshops scheduled for March 29th, April 26th, and May 3rd. Final goals and objectives will be set by June. If funds are allocated, these goals and criteria will be used to select MSP projects to fund.
- **MSP Data and Information** – Data layers will be produced by June 30, 2013. The planning tool will be developed between now and June. NOAA's Human Use Mapping Workshop will take place in April, and the Ecosystems Indicators Workshop will take place in May. Data from the projects funded in this fiscal year, ending June 30, 2013, will begin to come in during the first half of the year.
- **MSP Education and Outreach** – MSP 101: presentations, webinar, website and materials will be produced between now and the end of June 2013.
- **WCMAC meetings** – The WCMAC will meet in March, April, June, and tentatively September and November.
- **Other relevant events and activities** – The Legislative session ends April 28th, the Governor acts on bills in May/June and the fiscal year ends June 30, 2013.

Amanda asked for suggestions for additional activities that needed to be added to the timeline. There was discussion about developing a process for future project proposals. Members would like to know what the process looks like when a permit application for a project on the coast is received by the agency, and how it would be appropriate for the WCMAC to provide feedback on those potential projects. Additionally, a list of priority projects could be developed with or without a funding allocation in the coming fiscal year.

The WCMAC decided to form a Subcommittee to develop criteria for evaluating potential projects on the coast. Subcommittee members include: Brian Sheldon, Jeff Ward, Rod Fleck and RD Grunbaum. The Subcommittee will meet in February/March and will present their proposed criteria to the WCMAC at the April meeting. It was suggested that this group examine similar efforts in other states to learn from their processes.

Members discussed setting an end goal of the Governor signing a MSP plan into law and decided to have a further discussion of what that date would be at a future meeting. Members also discussed future meeting educational topics and decided on having an overview of the regulatory process for proposed projects and a presentation from Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council. Tami Pokorny offered to help coordinate these educational components with the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee will also discuss including expected actions/outcomes on each agenda item on future meeting agendas and ways to elicit topics for the WCMAC to advise on.

The WCMAC agreed that upcoming meeting dates will include:

- **March 28th, 3pm-TBD in Aberdeen**
 - Review and discuss WCMAC compiled MSP goals and objectives
 - Receive status updates on MSP projects
 - Discuss status of proposed legislation
- **April 26th, 1:30-4pm in Aberdeen**
 - De-brief on events/outcomes from the morning MSP objective setting workshop
 - Receive status updates on MSP projects
 - Receive report out from Subcommittee on developing criteria for evaluating potential projects on the coast
 - Educational: overview of regulatory process for proposed projects or presentation from Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council – TBD
 - Discuss status of proposed legislation
- **June 5th, 10am-3:30pm in Aberdeen**
 - Review and provide input on process for future MSP funding
 - Receive status updates on MSP projects
 - Educational: overview of regulatory process for proposed projects or presentation from Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council – TBD
 - Receive status update on ocean acidification

ACTION ITEMS STATUS UPDATE

Jennifer reported that Ecology has received interest in the vacant tourism seat. She will send information to the WCMAC on the potential candidates for the Tourism seat in advance of the March

meeting. Andi Day, with the Long Beach Visitor's Bureau introduced herself and expressed her interest in the tourism seat.

AGENCY UPDATE & REQUEST FOR INPUT

Rich Osborne, Chair of the MSP Project Subcommittee provided a brief report on the work of the Subcommittee. The Project Subcommittee had its first meeting via conference call in December. On this call, the Subcommittee agreed on their purpose:

- Help review early results of year one MSP projects
- Identify remaining data gaps and needs
- Advise on next round of project RFPs

Rich added that most of the Subcommittee's work will be dependent on results of the funded MSP projects. The Subcommittee also agreed on their roles and responsibilities:

- Attend meetings and conference calls
- Review documents pertaining to MSP projects
- Advise and keep the WCMAC updated

Rich then asked for guidance from the Council on how the Subcommittee should move forward at this time including: when and how often to meet, tasks, and the Subcommittee role in identifying MSP goals and objectives relative to the planned workshops. A suggestion was offered that the Subcommittee should make recommendations on project and criteria for evaluating projects. There were concerns about the Subcommittee taking this on before the goals and objectives were in place. The Council suggested the Subcommittee develop general criteria for what would constitute a "good" project or process for deciding on projects.

The WCMAC decided that members and each coastal MRC will develop a list of their MSP goals and objectives in advance of the MSP objective setting workshops coordinated by WA Sea Grant. Rich Osborne will email members a template for listing goals and objectives. Members will complete and send their list to Rich by COB February 27th. The MSP Project Subcommittee will meet in early March to compile the lists and will present them to the WCMAC for discussion at the March meeting.

Katrina Lassiter, DNR distributed an update on the status of the MSP projects and informed members that DNR has identified \$71,000 in unallocated MSP dollars. The WCMAC discussed pursuing these unallocated funds and asked the MSP Project Subcommittee to take on this task.

Questions were raised surrounding the proposed legislation, Washington Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Improvement Act of 2013. The proposed legislation is being put forth by the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries and includes sections 5 and 6 of SSB 6263 that were vetoed last year. Some members asked to vote on support of the bill. Other members expressed they were not comfortable voting on support of the bill, without first discussing it with their constituencies. The WCMAC decided they could not take a position on the proposed legislation at this time since members had not been able to review the proposed legislation with their constituents and many members were not present.

WCMAC members will review proposed legislation: Washington Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Improvement Act of 2013 and will discuss with their constituents to determine if it aligns with their interests. Members will send comments and suggested edits on the bill to Dale Beasley and Doug Kess.

Once the bill is introduced, Chair Doug Kess and Vice-Chair Rod Fleck will meet to discuss members' support for the bill and next steps.

NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURN

Doug called for public comment. There was a suggestion that time for public comment be provided throughout the meeting. No additional comments were given and Doug adjourned the meeting.

Attachment 1 Meeting Attendees

Coastal Group Members				
Last	First	Seat	Affiliation	In Attendance?
Backman	Mike	Wahkiakum County MRC	Wahkiakum County MRC	N
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	✓
Dalan	Garrett	Grays Harbor County MRC	Grays Harbor County MRC	✓
Dennehy	Casey	Recreation	Surfrider	✓
Fleck	Rod	North Pacific MRC	North Pacific MRC	✓
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	N
Maurer(Marchant)	Lorena	Education	Educator	N
McMurry	Key	Citizen	Key Environmental Solutions LLC	N
Osborne	Rich	Science	Feiro Marine Life Center Research Associate	✓
Sheldon	Brian	Shellfish Aquaculture	Wippala-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	✓
Ward	Jeff	Energy	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	✓
Alternates				
Batchelder	Miles	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	✓
Cassinelli	Mike	Recreational Fishing	City of Ilawco	✓
Johnson	Mike	Citizen	Pacific County MRC	✓
Kennedy	Jody	Recreation	Surfrider	✓
Leraas	Robin	Grays Harbor County MRC	Grays Harbor County MRC	N
Nordin	Mike	Pacific County MRC	Pacific County MRC	✓
Pokorny	Tami	North Pacific MRC	North Pacific MRC	✓

State Agencies, Organizations & Public				
Last	First	Affiliation	Affiliation	In Attendance?
Baldwin	Mike	Commercial Fishing		N
Barkhurst	Ross			N
Cardinal	Kara	The Nature Conservancy		✓
Culver	Michelle	WDFW		✓
Dye	Paul	The Nature Conservancy		✓

Delvin	Eric	The Nature Conservancy	✓
Dietz	Dana	Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	N
Feely	Richard	NOAA/PMEC	N
Fricke	Doug	Coalition of Coastal Fisheries	N
Glaub	Gretchen	Fellow - Ecology	✓
Grayum	Michael	Puget Sound Partnership	N
Hennessey	Jennifer	Department of Ecology	✓
Ho	Yolanda	Grad Student – UW Evans School of Public Affairs	✓
Hoffman	Jennie	EcoAdapt	✓
Jewett	Jenna	Department of Fish and Wildlife	N
Kline	Randy	State Parks and Recreation	✓
Krueger	Katie	North Pacific County MRC	✓
Lassiter	Katrina	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Lynn	Brian	Department of Ecology	✓
Martin	Arnie	Grays Harbor Audubon	N
Masterson	Ikuno	ESA	✓
Mooney	Jamie	Washington State Emergency Management	N
Nichols	Bob	Governor Gregoire’s Office	N
Niles	Cory	WDFW	✓
Ranker	Kevin	Washington State Senator	✓
Rechner	Michal	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Robinson	Bill	TNC	✓
Sarff	Dana	Makah Nation	N
Sawchuk	Jennifer	Surfrider	N
Schelling	John	Emergency Management Division	N
Sheldon	Dick	Willapa Shellfish Growers	✓
Siemann	Dan	NWF	✓
Steinbeck	Charles		N
Stoike	Suzanna	Ecology	✓
Swenson	Eric	Global Ocean Health Program	N
Tharinger	Steve	Washington State Representative	✓
Toteff	Sally	Department of Ecology	✓
Trosin	Bridget	WA Sea Grant	✓
Watts	Ele	Grad Student – UW Evans School of Public Affairs	✓
Wecker	Miranda	University of Washington	N
Welch	Herb	Grays Harbor County	N
Whiting	Libby	Fellow - DNR	✓
Wigand	Laura	Fellow - DOH	✓
Winters	Vickie	Senator Hatfield’s Office	N
Wolff	Sue		N