

WASHINGTON COASTAL MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 28, 2013 ~ 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Ocean Palace Restaurant – 112 E. Wishkah Street Aberdeen, WA
Draft
Meeting Summary

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment 1

DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

The following items were decided during the meeting.

- The Council supported the shared CMSP priorities document with the agreed upon additions and changes. Shared goals and outcomes include:
 - Protect, preserve existing sustainable uses
 - Establish policies, conditions for emerging new uses
 - Protect, maintain healthy ecosystems
 - Healthy communities, culture and social values
 - Inclusive MSP process
- Council members will send comments on WDFW’s proposal for funding to extend their Coastal Forage Fish Survey to Rich Osborne at osborner@uw.edu, for the MSP Project Subcommittee to review and discuss by COB Friday, April 12th.
- Lorena Maurer has stepped down from her education seat on the WCMAC. Ecology will advertise this opening.
- DNR provided a document with updates on the status of the funded projects. If Council members have questions or would like additional MSP project information, they can contact either Michal Rechner or Katrina Lassiter at: michal.rechner@drn.wa.gov or Katrina.lassiter@dnr.wa.gov.
- The WCMAC approved the January 25th meeting summary.
- The WCMAC approved the March 28th agenda.
- The next meeting will be April 26th in Aberdeen from 1:30-4pm.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Doug Kess welcomed members to the meeting. Doug welcomed Carol Evert and Carrie Backman representing Wahkiakum County MRC. Carol will be replacing Mike Backman’s as the Wahkiakum MRC representative on the Council and Carrie will be her alternate. Doug also informed the Council that Lorena Maurer has resigned from the education seat. Ecology will be sending out a call for nominations to fill the vacant seat.

Doug then reviewed the Council’s adopted ground rules and asked members to introduce themselves.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA & JANUARY 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 January meeting summary. No comments were given and the WCMAC approved the meeting summary.

WORK SESSION – WCMAC MSP GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Bridget Trosin, WA Sea Grant provided an overview of the MSP Goal, Boundary and Objective Setting Workshops that WCMAC members, federal and state agencies, local governments, and coastal tribal governments would be participating in over the next several months. The purpose of the workshops is to develop a goal, boundary and series of objectives for Washington Coast Marine Spatial Planning.

MSP Project Subcommittee Chair Rich Osborne provided a brief overview on the process of compiling the Councils shared MSP Priority List. He reminded members of their decision from the January meeting to ask each member and coastal MRC to identify their goals and objectives for Marine Spatial Planning in preparation for the up-coming MSP Goals & Objectives Workshops. Members were emailed a questionnaire to complete and the MSP Project Subcommittee was tasked with compiling the results.

The Subcommittee received twelve questionnaires, including one from the Makah Nation and one from the Quileute Tribe. Responses were compiled into WCMAC **shared** MSP priorities (the commonalities among members for each question - for example, all in some form wrote that protecting and preserving existing uses was a goal) and a second document containing each interest/seat's responses (to each question) that were **in addition to** the shared MSP priorities.

Rich explained that the goal of this work session is to gather input from members on each section of the shared MSP priorities list and identify any shared modifications.

Goals or Intended Outcomes of Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

Rich walked through the shared goals/intended outcomes and reminded members that each is written as a broad, general statement. Members discussed each goal/intended outcome and agreed to the following revisions:

- Under "Protect, Maintain Healthy Ecosystems", remove "*control coastal erosion*" and replace with "*protect natural coastal and shoreline processes*".
- Under "Protect, Maintain Healthy Ecosystems" add "*improved science and understanding of human and ecological connections*".

With these revisions, the WCMAC supported the following shared goals or intended outcomes for CMSP:

- Protect, Preserve Existing Sustainable Uses
- Establish Policies, Conditions for Emerging New Uses
- Protect, Maintain Healthy Ecosystems
 - Improved science and understanding of marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems, critical resources and habitats
 - Protect natural coastal and shoreline processes

- Improved science and understanding of human and ecological connections
- Healthy Communities, Culture and Social Values
 - Safety in marine industries
 - Healthy economy and jobs
 - Provide, maintain access
- Inclusive MSP Process
 - Local involvement and participation
 - Education and outreach

Items to Place on CMSP GIS Map

The Council agreed that “Regulations” be added to “Legal Jurisdictions”. With this addition, the WCMAC supported the following items to place on a CMSP GIS map:

- Shipping Routes
- Recreation Areas
- Legal Jurisdictions and Regulations
- Bathymetry
- Invasive Species
- Shellfish Growing Areas
- Fishing (Commercial and Recreational)
- Habitat Types
 - Biotic use areas
- Existing Uses
 - Economic information for each use

Marine Water Condition Indicators

The Council agreed on adding “Turbidity” and “Salinity” to the list of indicators and removing “Coastal Erosion”. With these revisions, the WCMAC supported the following marine water condition indicators:

- Ocean Acidity and Hypoxia
 - pH
 - DO, oxygen levels
 - DCO2
- Temperature
- Algal Blooms (HABs)
- Salinity
- Primary Productivity
 - Chlorophyll
 - Phytoplankton
- Debris/Litter
- Fecal Coliform
- Turbidity

Threats to Coastal Communities’ Economic Stability and Viability

Members discussed the list of threats to coastal communities and agreed on the following revisions:

- Add “Sea level Rise” to “Climate Change and Ocean Acidification”.
- Add “Changes in Resource Abundance”.
- Remove “New Uses” and make each sub-bullet its own category.
- Remove “*Ill-informed proposals for new ocean uses*” and “*new uses that are financially unsound and have a higher level of environmental threat*”. These are already addressed in other threats included in the list.

With these revisions, the WCMAC supported the following threats to coastal communities' economic stability and viability:

- Oil Spills
- Climate Change/Ocean Acidification/
Sea Level Rise
- Invasive Species
- Changes in Resource Abundance
- Industrial Development
 - Pollution
- New uses that displace existing industries
- Poor planning
- Uses that have long term negative impacts on coastal economies
- Uses that degrade the natural environment
- Changes to existing law in favor of energy development

Other Important Parameters or Activities for WA CMSP Process

Rich explained that this section was meant to be a "catch-all" for any other important CMSP activities not fully captured in the previous sections. Other important parameters or activities fall under the following broad categories:

- Offshore Energy Development
- CMSP Transparency and Collaboration
- Education, Outreach and Engagement
- Economic Development

At the conclusion of the work session Council members applauded their work and thanked Rich and the Project Subcommittee.

STATUS UPDATE ON MSP PROJECTS

Michal Rechner and Katrina Lassiter, DNR distributed an update on the status of MSP projects and project proposals. There was not enough time at the meeting for questions or discussion on project updates. Members were encouraged to contact Michal or Katrina after the meeting.

Casey Dennehy provided a brief update on the MSP Project Subcommittee's work. He reminded members that at the January meeting the Council tasked the Subcommittee with identifying project proposals to submit for available MSP funds. The Subcommittee met and decided to put forth a proposal to fund additional public outreach MSP workshops, hosted by each coastal MRC. Surfrider submitted the proposal and it was accepted by DNR. Each coastal MRC is currently planning their workshop.

Michele Culver, WDFW distributed a proposal for extending funding for the Coastal Forage Fish Survey project. WCMAC members will send comments on the proposal to the Rich Osborne, for the MSP Project Subcommittee to review.

STATUS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Brain Lynn, Ecology gave a brief update on the status of the legislation. He reported that ESB 5603 was passed in the Senate and was amended to include the formation of an additional advisory council (Washington marine resources advisory council) that would focus on ocean acidification. The bill recently passed out of the House Committee on Environment.

Chair Doug Kess opened the discussion on proposed legislation ESB 5603 with a brief overview of conversations and emails members have exchanged since January. He asked members to adhere to the discussion groundrules and to be mindful of each other's views. He informed members that they were not being asked to take a vote or to lobby on the bill and that the purpose of this discussion is to hear from each member, to better understand each other's thoughts, concerns and overall support.

Almost all were supportive of the overall concept of the bill, as it would codify the WCMAC. Members also expressed support surrounding the idea that the legislation would give the coast a more equal standing to Puget Sound and the Lower Columbia regions, would bring more attention to coastal issues, and being housed in the Governor's office would increase effectiveness. Additionally, many were supportive of an amendment to include tribal membership on the Council.

Most stated concerns included endorsing or lobbying for the bill when the language is still evolving and the lack of tribal representation. Additional concerns included the lack of clarity in the bill language concerning the fiduciary power of the Council; duties not in-line with an advisory body, such as "mediating disputes"; the agencies being voting members; the Governor's office having the ability to appoint/approve all members; and cities, counties and ports are not represented.

NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURN

Doug called for public comment. None was given and Doug adjourned the meeting.

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	✓
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	✓
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	Wippala-Greys Harbor Oyster Growers Association	N
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	N
Kennedy	Jody	Recreation	Surfrider	N
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	✓
Sheldon	Dick	Willapa Shellfish Growers	Shellfish Aquaculture	N

State Agencies, Organizations & Public			
Last	First	Affiliation	In Attendance?
Cardinal	Kara	The Nature Conservancy	✓
Culver	Michelle	WDFW	✓
Dye	Paul	The Nature Conservancy	N
Delvin	Eric	The Nature Conservancy	✓
Glaub	Gretchen	Fellow - Ecology	✓
Harbell	Steve	WA Sea Grant	✓

Hennessey	Jennifer	Department of Ecology	✓
Jewett	Jenna	Department of Fish and Wildlife	N
Kline	Randy	State Parks and Recreation	N
Lassiter	Katrina	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Lynn	Brian	Department of Ecology	✓
Mooney	Jamie	Washington State Emergency Management	N
Niles	Cory	WDFW	N
Rechner	Michal	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Sarff	Dana	Makah Nation	N
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	✓