

Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council
DRAFT Work Plan: Meetings for July 2014 – June 2015

The Steering Committee recommends WCMAC use the Work Plan as a living document. It will be continually updated and used as a guide for planning WCMAC meetings. The Steering Committee encourages members to identify agenda requests as early as possible.

Governor’s charge to the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council is to focus on providing advice for marine spatial planning process through June 2015, particularly:

- Funding priorities for key data gaps and information.
- Information for and expert team review of draft sector analyses.
- Data quality of existing data (by expert teams).
- Issues and concerns for impacts of proposed activities to aid development of scenarios and draft Environmental Impact Statement and Marine Spatial Plan.

Meeting	Information	Advice/Action
July 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft sector analysis reports (consultants) • Conceptual models and ecological indicators overview and status (NWFSC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding recommendations (FY16-17) • Draft MSP Actions • Operating procedure
October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss scenario development • Discuss potential designation types • Discuss other issues/concerns about new uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input on designation types • Additional analysis or data needed for scenario development
Feb 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Advisory Panel and outreach report (WSG) • Coast-wide Economic Analysis (consultants) (or April?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designation recommendations? • Other input for draft plan? (impacts, policies, scenarios, implementation)
April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on status/trends ecological indicators (NWFSC) • Report on social science indicators? (WSG/NWFSC) • Draft plan and draft EIS presentation? • Discuss draft WCMAC work plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input on draft plan and EIS?
June 24 (due to end fiscal year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological modeling and seafloor mapping results (NCCOS)? • Other MSP project reports – indicators • Discuss framework for research agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process and timeline for research agenda • Input on next year’s work plan

Technical workshops – WCMAC members invited and encouraged to participate

- January 7 - Ecologically important areas analysis - (WDFW)
- March 25 - Ecologically important areas analysis - (WDFW)

Other information needs to fit in:

- Background on spills program and state vs. federal jurisdiction.
- Background on BOEM/FERC roles in planning, licensing/leasing for marine renewable energy.
- Lessons-learned from other planning processes.

Other topics, issues, or recommendations may be addressed through the process set up by the Council and as time and resources allow.