

WASHINGTON COASTAL MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 28, 2013 ~ 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Ocean Palace Restaurant – 112 E. Wishkah Street Aberdeen, WA

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, GROUND RULES, AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Doug Kess welcomed members to the meeting. Doug welcomed Carol Evert and Carrie Backman representing the Wahkiakum MRC to the Council, Carol will be replacing Mike Backman's as the Wahkiakum MRC representative, and Carrie will be her alternate. He added that Lorena Maurer has stepped down from her education seat. Ecology will re-advertise this seat. He then reviewed the Council's adopted ground rules. Doug then asked members to introduce themselves by stating their names and affiliations.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY

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

WORK SESSION – WCMAC MSP GOALS AND PRIORITIES

MSP Project Subcommittee Chair Rich Osborne was introduced to provide background on the process of compiling the shared MSP Priority List. Rich reported that the Subcommittee distributed the questionnaire following the January WCMAC meeting. He received 15 completed questionnaires including one from the Makah Nation and the Quileute Tribe. The Ruckelshaus Center reviewed the questionnaires and compiled the commonalities into the shared priorities list document. The second document includes all responses that were not reflected in the shared priorities. Bridget Trosin with WA Sea Grant was introduced to give an overview of the goal and objective setting workshop the following day. She explained that participants will include state and federal agencies, local government, tribal representatives and the WCMAC. She added the goal of the series of workshops will be to develop a goal, boundary and series of objectives for Marine Spatial Planning in WA State. Once this document is developed the state will put it out for public comment, and conduct government to government meetings with tribes. After this is incorporated the document will be finalized. Rich explained that the WCMAC was going to walk through each of the sections to see if the Council has any additions or changes to the shared priorities list.

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

The Council discussed the following goals and intended outcomes and agreed on the broad categories. They asked that under protect and maintain healthy ecosystems “control coastal erosion” be altered to “protect natural coastal and shoreline processes” and add “improved science and understanding of human and ecological connections.”

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

Items to Place on CMSP GIS Map

The Council requested that regulations be added to legal jurisdictions.

With that addition, the WCMAC supported placing the following items on the 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 Condition Indicators

Council members asked that turbidity and salinity be added to, and coastal erosion be removed from the list of indicators.

With those changes, the WCMAC agreed upon their shared marine condition indicators including:

- 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

Council members discussed threats to coastal communities and asked that sea level rise be added to climate change and ocean acidification. Additionally, they added changes in resource abundance and removed "ill-informed proposals for new ocean uses" and "new uses that are financially unsound and have a higher level of environmental threat, because they believed those threats were addressed in other threats included in the list.

With those changes, the WCMAC agreed upon 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

This category was a catch-all for other activities for WA MSP. Broad common shared categories included:

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

STATUS UPDATE ON MSP PROJECTS

DNR distributed an update on the MSP project including the progress of each on. Members were encouraged to send questions to Michal Rechner or Katrina Lassiter with DNR.

Casey Dennehy reported that the MSP Subcommittee had a conversation surrounding the additional MSP funds DNR has identified at the January meeting. Surfrider submitted a proposal for funding for the MRCs to conduct additional public outreach regarding MSP. That proposal was approved and the MRCs are in the process of planning their workshops that will take place in April.

Michele Culver with WSWF distributed their proposal for extending funding for their Coastal Forage Fish Survey. WCMAC members will send comments on the proposal to the MSP Project Subcommittee for review.

Casey added that the current budget proposal includes \$2 million for marine spatial planning,

STATUS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Chair Doug Kess reminded the Council of their agreed upon ground rules, and invited all members to comment on ESB 5603 and share any concerns they may have and outline what would be needed to increase comfort with the bill. He reminded the Council that they were not taking a position or lobbying on the bill, just looking for feedback from the members. Brain Lynn with Ecology updated the Council on the status of the legislation. He reported that ESB 5603 had passed out of the Senate, but was amended to include the formation of an Ocean Acidification Panel. He added it just passed out of Committee in the House with an amendment adding tribal representation on the Council, but the exact language is still in flux and it may need to go back to the Senate for approval.

Most members were supportive of the concept of the bill because it would codify the WCMAC. Concerns were raised that some of the duties outlined in the legislation are not in-line with an advisory body, that the agencies will now be voting members, and the Governor's office has the ability to appoint/approve all members of the Council.

Members inquired what would happen to the WCMAC if the bill does not pass. If the bill does not pass, the WCMAC will continue to operate as it does now.

NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURN

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

Attachment 1 Meeting Attendees

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 Ilawco	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	✓

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		N

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	N
Hoffman	Jennie	EcoAdapt	N
Jewett	Jenna	Department of Fish and Wildlife	N
Kline	Randy	State Parks and Recreation	N
Krueger	Katie	North Pacific County MRC	N
Lassiter	Katrina	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Lynn	Brian	Department of Ecology	✓
Martin	Arnie	Grays Harbor Audubon	N
Masterson	Ikuno	ESA	N
Mooney	Jamie	Washington State Emergency Management	N
Nichols	Bob	Governor Gregoire’s Office	N
Niles	Cory	WDFW	N
Ranker	Kevin	Washington State Senator	N
Rechner	Michal	Department of Natural Resources	✓
Robinson	Bill	TNC	N
Sarff	Dana	Makah Nation	N
Sawchuk	Jennifer	Surfrider	N
Schelling	John	Emergency Management Division	N
Sheldon	Dick	Willapa Shellfish Growers	N
Siemann	Dan	NWF	N
Steinbeck	Charles		N
Stoike	Suzanna	Ecology	N
Swenson	Eric	Global Ocean Health Program	N
Tharinger	Steve	Washington State Representative	N
Toteff	Sally	Department of Ecology	N
Trosin	Bridget	WA Sea Grant	✓
Watts	Ele	Grad Student – UW Evans School of Public Affairs	N
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