

MSP Actions List Discussion Guide

Issue:

The goal of this discussion is for the Council to review and recommend the state adopt the revised draft MSP “actions” list.

Background:

At the previous meetings, WCMAC members received overviews on the revised draft actions list and MRC comments. The draft actions list describes the activities that would fall under each of the goals and objectives in the Marine Spatial Plan. This draft list is intended to describe the actions of the Marine Spatial Plan in more detail. The draft list reflects ideas on either:

- general content of the plan or
- planning process activities (e.g. stakeholder involvement).

The draft list does not include implementation details such as specific methods used.

Actions in the draft list should meet the following criteria:

- Compatibility with specific requirements in the Marine Spatial Planning law.
- Compatibility with SEPA scoping decisions, including the list of issues “in scope” for the plan.
- Relevance to the listed goal and objective.
- Relevance to and compatibility with existing state ocean policies that are appropriate for a planning scale (as opposed to those addressed by specific project permitting).

Timeline of activities:

- January 29: WCMAC members agreed to provide feedback on the draft actions list by February 28 which would be incorporated into a revised document.
- March: Staff received a handful of responses from WCMAC members on the draft MSP Actions list. The action list was revised to incorporate suggested changes received by WCMAC members.
- March-April: The Marine Resource Committees held meetings about Marine Spatial Planning and their desired outcomes and provided detailed comments to staff on April 18.
- April 23: WCMAC agreed to wait for staff to provide a crosswalk with MRC comments and suggested revisions to the draft actions list that address comments with the intent of providing a recommendation to adopt the revised actions list at the July meeting.
- June: Staff sent out suggested revisions to the draft actions list and a crosswalk with MRC comments. Staff requested WCMAC members raise any major concerns with suggested changes by June 23. Staff did not receive comments or concerns on the revised list.

Staff recommendation:

WCMAC recommends that the state adopt the revised actions list presented at the July WCMAC meeting to guide the planning process and development of the Marine Spatial Plan.