

OLYMPIC COAST
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Meeting Notes

OCNMS Advisory Council Meeting
May 29, 2020

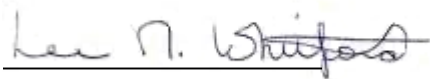
Virtual GoToMeeting

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Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



Carol Bernthal, Superintendent



Lee Whitford, Chair

Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates in Attendance: Lee Whitford (Chair, Education), Casey Dennehy (Vice Chair, Department of Ecology), Dan Ayres (Department of Fish and Wildlife), Hannah Blackstock and Josh Peters (Department of Natural Resources), Cindy Kunz and Stephanie Sleeman (US Navy), CAPT Patrick McElligatt and LCDR Kedo Velasco (US Coast Guard), Steve Shively and Kevin Decker (Tourism and Economic Development), Rich Osborne (Conservation), Jan Newton and Tom Mumford (Research), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Tribe), Joe Schumacker (Quinault Indian Nation), Julie Ann Koehlinger (Hoh Tribe), Steve Joner (Makah Tribe), John Veentjer (Secretary) and Dan Nutt (Maritime Industry), Joel Kawahara (Fishing), Tammy Pokorny (North Pacific Coast Marine Resource Committee), Mark Ozias (Clallam County), David Sullivan (Jefferson County), Mike Doherty and Jim Vail (Citizen at Large), and Jennifer Brown-Scott (US Fish and Wildlife Service).

Presenters and Others in Attendance: Joseph M. Smith, PhD (Northwest Fisheries Science Center), Liam Antrim, Dawn Grebner, and Frank Hanson.

NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance: Gregory Busch (NOAA Fisheries, Office of Law Enforcement), Scott Hecht (NOAA Fisheries, West Coast Region), Nichole Rodriguez and Luke Hiserman (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary), Alayne Chappell (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary), Carol Bernthal, Kevin Grant, George Galasso, Jenny Weddell, Nicole Harris, Jacqueline Laverdure, Katie Wrubel, Gabrielle Genhart-Stiehler, Melanie Swick, and Chris Butler-Minor (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary).

The meeting was opened by Lee Whitford. Attendees on the call announced themselves to other participants via roll call.

Internal Affairs

- The draft agenda was adopted by consensus after a motion by Dan Ayres and second by Mike Doherty. <https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/media/docs/20200529-sac-agenda.pdf>.
- Notes from the Mayy meeting were approved with a motion by Steve Shively and second by John Veentjer. <https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/media/docs/20200313-sac-notes.pdf>.
- Proposed meeting dates and locations (virtual or in-person) for the remainder of 2020 were provided in the meeting materials. If the meeting is virtually, it will be held from 10am to 1 pm on the applicable date.
- The primary and alternate positions for both positions of the Research and Citizen at Large seats resulted in approval for the new seats and the request for term limit waivers. New and returning members were welcomed. Additional recruitment efforts will be planned for the outstanding open Conservation alternate seat.

Information, Discussion, and Action Items

Impact of COVID-19 on Organizations and Operations on Olympic Peninsula

OCNMS, State and Tribal Representatives as well as other members provided updates related to their organizations' response to the unexpected and challenging impacts from the novel coronavirus of 2019 including Washington state Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order to reduce transmission of the virus and adjusting to teleworking. Large scale effects include revised prioritizations, reductions to essential services, project timeline adjustment or deferments,

reduced markets for fishers, tribal and public lands closures in addition to recreational fishing and hunting seasons, reductions in maritime traffic -particularly cruise lines, reductions in tax revenues especially resulting from hospitality and other tourism related business closures and cancelled bookings along with record unemployment levels. A common theme was the challenges in planning due to the uncertainty of the duration of the pandemic.

Northwest Fisheries Science Center Salmon Ocean Behavior and Distribution study (SOBaD)

<https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/media/docs/20200722-salmon-ocean%20behavior.pdf>

Joseph M. Smith, PhD with the Northwest Fisheries Science Center NWFSC Research Ecologist provided a briefing on the acoustic tagging project program manager, David Huff, PhD and he have been conducting with financial support from the US Navy's Northwest Testing and Training program within the sanctuary and nearby waters. Joe provided insights into the impetus for the study and methodologies, benefits of the data gathering such as in orca and salmon recovery, initial findings, along with intentions for future smolt tagging efforts and technology use, like the REMUS 1000 automated underwater vehicle which can be used in nearshore and deep ocean waters.

From Chaos to Creative Learning: Virtual solutions for Education and Outreach

<https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/media/docs/20200722-virtual-education.pdf>

Jacqueline Laverdure, the sanctuary's Education and Outreach Coordinator and Nicole Harris, the Education and Outreach Specialist joined up to acquaint the council with how the team was able to transition from hands-on, face to face learning and promotional efforts to providing quality web-based content to audiences in the face of COVID-19. Lots of modifications to existing programs were necessary and created by working with partners to address as many of their requests and must haves as possible. Although the challenges have been great, so have been the results. Staff and partners have explored and learned new technological skills such as webinar hosting, video editing, developing web-based curriculum, and designing interactive activities for a variety of age groups. In some instances the team has also been able to expand their geographic reach to engage larger groups of people.

Future Agenda Topics

Members are encouraged to contact AC Chair and/or Coordinator with suggestions for topics of interest to the council. Items noted include

- Condition Report progress
- Acoustic monitoring in OCNMS
- Status of National Science Foundation Cascadia plate seismic survey
- Cruise ship MOU (new)

Location of Next Meetings

<https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/meetings.html>

Friday, July 24, 2020

Location is virtually via GoToWebinar (register at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5358098688683829260>