

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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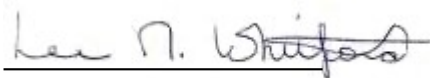
**OCNMS Advisory Council
Virtual meeting**

**Friday, May 21, 2021
Meeting Notes**

Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



Carol Bernthal, Superintendent



Lee Whitford, Chair

Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates and Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC)

Members in Attendance: Lee Whitford (AC Chair, Education), Casey Dennehy (Vice Chair, WA Dept. of Ecology), Steve Shively (Secretary, Tourism and Economic Development), Stephanie Sleeman and Dawn Grebner (US Navy), Jim Vail and Mike Doherty (Citizen at Large), Linda Sturgis (Maritime Industry), Heidi Eisenhour (Jefferson County), Steve Joner (Makah Tribe), Mark Ozias (Clallam County), Kevin Decker (Tourism and Economic Development), Dan Ayres (WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife), Jennifer Brown-Scott (US Fish and Wildlife Service), Jan Newton (Research), Joe Schumacker (Quinault Indian Nation), Joel Kawahara (Fishing), Micah Horwith (WA Dept. of Ecology), Rich Osborne (Conservation), LCDR Keola Velasco (US Coast Guard), Josh Peters (Washington Dept. of Natural Resources), Tami Pokorny (North Pacific Coast Marine Resource Committee), and Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Tribe).

Presenters and Others in Attendance: Liz Schotman (Citizen), Amy Jankowiak (Department of Ecology), John Veentjer (Citizen)

NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance: Andrew Torres (NOAA Fisheries, Office of Law Enforcement), Jennifer Clincy (Office of General Counsel), Carol Bernthal, Jacqueline Laverdure, Katie Wrubel, Cheyenne Palmo, Holly Keedy, Nicole Harris, and Chris Butler-Minor (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary).

The meeting was opened by Lee Whitford, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council (AC) Chair.

Internal Affairs

- The draft agenda was adopted with a motion to adopt provided by Mike Doherty and a second from Dan Ayres.
<https://nmsolympiccoast.blob.core.windows.net/olympiccoast-prod/media/docs/20210326-sac-agenda.pdf>
- Meeting notes from the January meeting were approved with a motion by Heidi Eisenhour and second by Steve Shively.
- ACX is recommending an applicant for alternate conservation seat. In one year OCNMS AC will be looking for a new SAC chair as Lee's eligibility for the SAC will expire in 06/2022. The Council welcomed Linda Sturgis as the Marine Industry primary seat.
- The OASeS working group met April 23rd. They finalized text and content of an OASeS 2-pager (using the finalized logo from the youth competition: winner was a 7th grader from Sequim). The group continues to work on their management plan through subcommittee meetings. New subcommittees: website development, Symposium development over the next year.
- The Condition report review should be completed by next week (end of May) Next steps include integrating edits, formatting and processing.

Information, Discussion, and Action Items

Memorandum of understanding (MOU) update with Washington Department of Ecology

Amy Jankowiak, Compliance & Technical Assistance Unit Supervisor with Washington State Department of Ecology provided an overview of the voluntary MOU between the Port of Seattle, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Cruise Lines International Association North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC) which outlines guidance for solid waste, hazardous waste, and oily bilge discharges; inspections; non-compliance notifications; annual meetings; annual reports from lines; amendments; and funding. Amendment proposals are accepted every 3 years. The 2020-2021 Amendments proposed for public comment were

1. Institute ban on the discharge of exhaust gas scrubber washwater from all scrubber

- types, including bleed off or sludge, in MOU waters
2. Incorporate Vessel Sewage No Discharge Zone (Chapter 173-228 Washington Administrative Code) – remove conflicting allowance of sewage discharges

Draft amendments which received nearly 26,000 largely supportive comments will be finalized in the July 2021 timeframe. Post COVID-19, cruise ships may begin running again in July 2021 if the temporary waiver for foreign flag vessels to stop in Canada passes both house of the Washington state legislature. Contact Evan Dobrowski evan.dobrowski@ecy.wa.gov or Amy Jankowiak amy.jankowiak@ecy.wa.gov for additional information.

Climate change Rapid Vulnerability Assessment working group

Katie Wrubel, OCNMS shared updates on goals of the Climate change Rapid Vulnerability Assessment working group (RVAWG). Eighteen volunteers will hold their first meeting on May 25 followed by bi-monthly meetings. The RVAWG hopes to conduct a training workshop in the fall. The Assessment is anticipated to take the next 6-8 months to complete and leverages information from the condition report and the climate impacts addendum.

Introduction to Executive Order 14008, Sect 216 recommendations

Katie Wrubel, OCNMS Resource Protection Specialist introduced the topic, reminding the SAC that at the March meeting, Carol gave an overview of the EO 14008, Sect 216 request for recommendations in reach the 30% of U.S. land and water conservation goal by 2030. Meetings with the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) has resulted in a three page letter of 21 recommendations. Although the White House clarification on “what is conservation?” did not provide a direct definition of conservation it was clarified that conservation IS NOT preservation. The CCWG internally defined conservation as sustainable and compatible uses. Feedback from the council include a concern with its length and readability. Responses included acknowledgement of the long length, but also that recommendation were requested for three areas 1) Processes and strategies for participation, 2) Measuring progress, and 3) Resiliency of fisheries and protected resources to climate change and the CCWG believes that all of the points are important. Also noted is that the recommendations are sent to Carol, which is then forwarded to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) headquarters. At ONMS, staff will compile and summarize the information from all SACs prior to compilation with other America the Beautiful agencies.

Advancing the Blue Economy nationally, regionally, and locally.

Jacqueline Laverdure, OCNMS Education and Outreach Coordinator presented how the sanctuary is working to promote Olympic Coast as a sustainable tourism destination with a focus on wildlife, cultural and tribal relations, and recreation. Sustainable tourism involves a balance of three key components: place, people and profit. Jacqueline outlined current visitor services provided by OCNMS and local partners. She gave a view into local, regional and national initiatives, especially those related to increasing awareness of the benefits of having the sanctuary nearby. Through a recent survey and sustainable tourism workshop we learned in general, most visitors (75%) are not aware of the sanctuary. Additional efforts will include future workshops, offering interactive outdoor activities, opportunities to support voluntourism, development of outreach materials to help enhance the visitor experience, and continuing to look into ways to engage businesses. This year’s GET INTO YOUR SANCTUARY is August 2-8. Our virtual event will be held on August 4th at 2pm. On August 8, OCNMS will host an early morning tidepooling session at the Kalaloch area’s Beach 4.

Superintendent Report

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- Office staff are still on maximum telework. NOAA continues to take the protective, science-based approach. In person activities undergo approval through the regional director.

- The Wharf is undergoing construction, impacting the Olympic Coast Discovery Center. The Discovery Center will not be open until construction is complete. Two in-person outdoor summer camps will be held in partnership with Feiro Marine Life Center.
- Seasonal Moorings deployed and acoustic soundtrap retrieval missions are planned in the final field season on the R/V *Tatoosh*.
- Carol and Kevin visited All American to see the new vessel, which is slated for delivery in mid-August. After delivery, sea trials and staff training will take place. Looking to bring on a skipper to the staff. **Hold the afternoon of September 24: Vessel dedication ceremony**
- Staffing shifts at OCNMS: Jacqueline Laverdure will be at Florida Keys NMS for the next 4 months. George Galasso will be returning from his detail at the end of June. Cheyenne and Holly finish their AmeriCorps term at the end of July. New AmeriCorps will join staff mid-august/ early September.
- June 8-10: [Capitol Hill Virtual Ocean Week](#)
- Climate Resiliency plan for the entire ONMS system is soon to be released. Stay tuned.
- Working on locating and salvaging the Unwind, the vessel that went down near La Push, with their insurance company.

Member Reports*

Andrew Torres: Expecting to release Prohibited Discharges brochure in the new month.

Casey Dennehy: Marine spatial planning and prioritization of data for ocean services summary updates via a white paper and at a future SAC meeting. Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council (WCMAC) is looking at providing coastal resiliency workshops and recommendations to the governor.

Dan Ayres: Razor Clam opening dates

Dawn Grebner: EIS consultation and USFWS recommendations out at the end of June.

Heidi Eisenhour: New Legislation on counties and PUDs providing internet in process, Olympic Discovery Trail in the west end was funded (mid-section linking both coasts of the peninsula remains unfunded), Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network, Local Integrating Organization ([Strait ERN LIO](#)) is working with Puget Sound Partnership on action addendums.

Jan Newton: [NANOOS](#) award commitment is level and includes harmful algal bloom assessments, but not real-time moorings. They will be using an OSU vessel for June mooring deployments.

Joel Kawahara: Northwest weather off the coast and strong upwelling is impacting fishing.

Josh Peters: "NW Now: [Picking Up the Past](#)" video on creosote impact to water quality in the Puget Sound.

Keola Velasco: Cruise ship to Alaska exception to port of call in Canada is headed to the White House, District 13 will be going through command changes as Capt. McElligatt leaves and is replaced by Capt. Burkett.

Kevin Decker: updates to socio-economic dashboard can be viewed at <http://wacoasteconomist.com>

Mark Ozias: Clallam transit considering using hybrid, broadband funding in Clallam County in process, and additional access to waterfront in Clallam Bay through Slip Point expansion. Farmland preservation efforts continue.

Rich Osborne: State legislature passed funding for SRKW taskforce to take over where governor's task force left off, Lamprey restoration initiative kicked off.

Steve Shively: COVID-19 numbers continue to create challenges for tourism however the season has begun. Smaller cruises will start soon.

Steve Joner: Fishing has been good for the Makah. Some concerns with proposed SRKW closures impacts on tribal fishing areas.

Tami Pokorny: Next NPCMRC (North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee) meeting special guests will be talking about Nuclear Inclusion X (NIX) in razor clams and European green crab in river otter diets.

*Contact individuals for more information on their topics

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
- Pacific Crossing cable survey results

Location of Next Meetings

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

Friday, July 23, 2021 10 am – 1 pm (PDT)

Location is virtually via GoToMeeting. Registration is not required. Join via browser or desktop from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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