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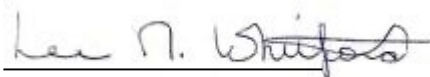
**OCNMS Advisory Council
Virtual meeting**

**Friday, January 21, 2022
Meeting Notes**

Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



Anne-Marie Runfola, Acting Superintendent



Lee Whitford, Chair

Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates and Intergovernmental Policy Council 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), Linda Sturgis (Maritime Industry), LCDR John Keola Velasquez (US Coast Guard), Jan Newton and Tom Mumford (Research), Lee Taylor and Steve Fradkin (Olympic National Park), Joel Kawahara (Fishing), Rich Osborne and Liz Schotman (Conservation) Jim Vail and Mike Doherty (Citizen at Large), Steve Joner (Makah Tribe), Victoria Knorr and Dan Ayres (Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife), Julie Ann Koehlinger (Hoh Tribe), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Tribe), Sean Carlson (Washington Dept. of Natural Resources), Joe Schumacker (Quinault Indian Nation), and Mark Ozias (Clallam County).

Presenters and Others in Attendance: John Veentjer and Patrick Gallagher (Marine Exchange of Puget Sound), Holly Keedy (WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife)

NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance: Ellen Spooner (NOAA Fisheries, Marine Ecosystems Division) Dwayne Hawes and Andrew Torres (NOAA Fisheries, Office of Law Enforcement), Anne-Marie Runfola (Acting Superintendent), George Galasso, Nicole Harris, Pike Spector, Katie Wrubel, Kennedy Cameron, Jenny Weddell, Anna Marchand, 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 with The Rain, a poem by Jane Hirshfield.

Internal Affairs

- The draft agenda was adopted by consensus.
- Meeting notes from the November 2021 meeting were approved with a motion from Joel Kawahara and seconded by Mike Doherty.
- Chris Butler-Minor reminded members that the [recruitment notice](#) for the maritime industry alternate seat is currently posted on the OCNMS website. The Tourism and Economic Development, Fishing, and Education seats will be up for renewal in the spring.
- Katie Wrubel reported that the Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site (OASeS) Working Group quarterly meeting was held in mid-January. Current priorities for the working group include creating an annual accomplishments report, developing a stand-alone website, and planning for the OASeS symposium (currently scheduled for May 10-12th, 2022).
- Katie Wrubel also reported on the Climate Rapid Vulnerability Assessment (RVA) Working Group. The working group has decided to include a new category of assessment: maritime heritage. They will hold a workshop in early February to complete RVA worksheets and develop recommendations for presentation to the AC.

- Rich Osborne, chair of the Whale Reporting Working Group (WRWG), reported that the group recently held its second meeting. The meeting consisted of eight different presentations with background information to address issues of whale migration and shipping traffic in light of different strategies for whale reporting. The next meeting will be held in March. It is expected that the group will be ready to make its final recommendations to the AC this Fall.
- Joel Kawahara shared information on the OCNMS AC Charter Renewal (ACC) working group. The working group, which was formed in November, has added a diversity and inclusion statement to the charter, and is updating the text with gender-neutral language. As the SAC handbook re-write is nearly completed and concurrently may influence the charter review, the changes to the charter will not be finalized until after the new handbook is officially approved.

Information, Discussion, and Action Items

Fulfilling Treaty Trust Responsibilities as addressed in the 2011 Management Plan

George Galasso provided an overview of the treaty trust responsibilities held by OCNMS, focusing on how these responsibilities are represented within the management plan. This presentation was intended to help prepare the council for the upcoming management plan review process.

George reviewed the Trust Responsibility doctrine, describing the relationship between federal and tribal governments as political, evolving, and based on the recognition of tribes as sovereign nations. He emphasized that tribal sovereignty is something Indian tribes have retained, not something granted to them by the federal government. In particular, Executive order 13175 recognizes the tribes' right to self-government, self-determination, and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Tribal governments.

During the 2008-2011 management plan review process, George noted that the Coastal Treaty Tribes were involved early. In order to meet the needs of the tribes, NOAA, and the state of Washington, an agreement was reached to form the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC). The IPC was heavily involved with the management plan review (MPR) process.

Before the public scoping process began, OCNMS staff and the IPC identified six priority topics that were anticipated to be high priorities for consideration during the MPR process. In order to share which issues should be addressed in the MPR, based upon the best professional judgement of OCNMS and the IPC and to encourage public comments on specific issues, these topics were published. After public scoping and issues analysis, a working group condensed and organized the results into a list of topics and topic descriptions, which formed the first draft of the Scoping Summary and Topics of Analysis Report. Of these topics, treaty trust responsibility was emphasized as

a priority topic. With this in mind, OCNMS worked with the AC and the IPC to develop a list of goals and objectives including: cooperative and coordinated management, government-to-government consultation, common goals and research consensus, and improved communication.

Lastly, George reviewed the Treaty Trust chapter (chapter 2) of the management plan, which drafted by a working group that included tribal, state, and NOAA representatives. There are four sections in this chapter, each discussing NOAA's relationship with and responsibilities to the individual Coastal Treaty Tribes and its related work with the IPC. George emphasized the importance of consulting with the tribes early and often.

After the presentation, AC members Jennifer Hagen, Joel Kawahara, Lee Whitford, Steve Joner, and Mike Doherty shared their insights and ideas regarding Treaty Trust Responsibility in the OCNMS management plan.

Chris-Butler Minor offered to send a hard copy of the current management plan to anyone who would like one (email Chris to request). A digital copy of the treaty trust chapter can be found at [this link](#). The topic of the next presentation on the management plan issues will be decided upon by the executive committee; email either Chris Butler-Minor or Lee Whitford if you have a preference.

OCNMS 2009-2019 Condition Report: Condition Report Rollout Plan and WebCR Review

Jenny Waddell (OCNMS) and Jennifer Brown (CINMS) presented on the condition report rollout plan and provided the council with a review of the interactive web-based (webinized) version of the condition report (WebCR) features and layout. At the time of the meeting, the WebCR was not available to the public, but it will be published before the next SAC meeting. The Condition Report is part one of the three-part OCNMS management planning process; the two following steps are the Climate Rapid Vulnerability Assessment and the Management Plan Review.

Jenny outlined the steps that will be taken to finalize the condition report and what will be available on the day of the release. She also outlined the key messages of the condition report, highlighting that impacts from changing climate conditions are the most concerning area of the report.

Jennifer provided an overview of the WebCR layout and functionality for the council. The goal of webinizing is to improve the availability on an interactive, routinely updated platform. Ideally, the WebCR will appeal to a large audience, including researchers and regional partners, resource management and policy makers, education and outreach professionals as well as the general public. Jennifer explained many aspects of the WebCR, including the architecture that in some cases will allow users to open externally sourced information and data resources in a new tab as they explore the site. Different

datasets are currently available in different formats, and can potentially become auto-updating in the future. Some data sets and graphs were modified to provide more relevant information to Olympic Coast and some are frequently updated. The platform can be viewed on laptops, desktops, tablets, or smartphones. The WebCR team has also created a technical report and an online user guide.

Discuss and Adopt 2022 Advisory Council Work Plan

Lee Whitford shared the draft of the work plan with the rest of the council. Updates to the plan included supporting use of the new vessel, the R/V *Storm Petrel*. Lee solicited suggestions on how the AC could be involved with habitat protection (reach out to her via email if you have an idea). The National Maritime Heritage item was taken out of the work plan. An early suggestion included kelp recovery. Jim Vale inquired about others' awareness of the green crab invasion. Jennifer Hagen, Tomas Mumford, Katie Wrubel, and Steve Fradkin all stated that they were informed and shared some information with the group. The 2022 work plan was passed by consensus, with a motion from Steve Shively and seconded by Jennifer Hagen. No public comment was received.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Superintendent's Report

Anne-Marie Runfola briefly discussed several relevant projects and events. She thanked everyone for their involvement at all of the working groups and subcommittee meetings. She welcomed Pike Spector, who officially joined the sanctuary team on January 3rd of this year. Anne-Marie will remain the acting superintendent until February 26th. If a new superintendent has not been selected by this date, George Galasso will step up as acting superintendent. However, the selection process is moving along, with interviews having taken place in mid-January.

Other items of interest:

- R/V *Storm Petrel* is awaiting a new captain;
- Olympic Coast Discover Center renovation is still in progress;
- Education team is ready and willing to return to in-person teaching, as COVID restrictions allow;
- Funding for the Marine Discovery Center's (MDC) interpretive exhibit consulting has been secured;
- OCNMS is still in phase zero of NOAA's COVID restrictions;
- New methods of COVID risk assessment are expected in the near future;
- Some [SanctSound](#) moorings (OC1 And OC2) will need to be collected this spring;
- Several joint research grant proposals are in development; and
- New salvage plan developed for the *Unwind*, a vessel sunk offshore of La Push in March 2021.

Location of Next Meeting

April 1, 2021 on GoToWebinar. Attendees can register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6885226896973186064>