

Assessing Washington's Working Coast

A Phased in Approach

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MRC Summit - Joint Project

- **2nd Annual Coastal Marine Resources Committee Summit, held October 13-14, 2011 at Olympic Natural Resources Center**
- **Focus on collaboration, shared issues, political cohesion**
- **Economic Assessment: Selected as 1 of 2 top project concepts**

Purpose

- develop
 - detailed understanding of marine resource-based jobs
 - to seek collaborative ways to sustain and expand them.
- build information base to move towards sustainability
- support the coastal economy in tough times

Deliverables

- Report on Marine resource-based economy of the coastal region
 - *All* related businesses: tribal, non-tribal, recreational, commercial, consumptive, non-consumptive etc.
 - Assess threats to sustainability, how to enhance and maintain businesses
 - May need to be adjusted (student team will have 2 quarters)
- Economic Summit
 - Share results, build understanding, generate coastal cohesion to secure sustainable future

Timeline for Deliverables

- Report on Marine resource-based economy of the coastal region
 - Phase 1: March 2012-June 2012
 - Compile existing studies & form Business Advisory Committee
 - Phase 2: July 2012-June 2013
 - Student team conducts assessment, interviews businesses, develops report from Oct 2012 through March 2013
- Economic Summit
 - Phase 1: July 2013-December 2013
 - Conference presenting results and developing action plan

Methodology

- Report on Marine resource-based economy of the coastal region
 - Phase 1: ONRC staff assemblies
 - Compile existing studies & form Business Advisory Committee
 - Phase 2: UW Program on the Environment Class
 - Conduct assessment & trade cluster analysis, interview businesses, develop report
- Economic Summit
 - Phase 1: Joint MRC Steering Committee hosts
 - Conference presenting results and developing action plan

Program on the Environment

● 3-6 Graduate Students = team

- <http://depts.washington.edu/poeweb/>
- Examples of completed projects at their website
- <http://depts.washington.edu/poeweb/students/gradprograms/envmgt/keystones.html#none>
- Bring diverse expertise
- Faculty mentor provides guidance

● Cost is modest; benefits huge

- launched in 1997
- one of the UW largest interdisciplinary academic programs
- offers a Graduate certificate in Environmental Management
- interdisciplinary, collaborative, innovative and responsive

Estimated Costs

- Report on Marine resource-based economy of the coastal region
 - Phase 1: \$12,000
 - ONRC staff compiles existing studies & forms Business Advisory Committee
 - Phase 2: \$14,000
 - PoE Faculty mentor- \$10,000 Travel for class visits --\$4,000
- Economic Summit
 - Phase 1: \$7,500
 - Conference presenting results and developing action plan

Joint Project- Joint Funding

- MRCs have little money to take on significant projects
 - No current process for “joint funding”
- Funding cycles make continuity difficult
- Partnerships would be helpful
- Lots of attention to economic stress in rural areas
- Encourage partnership with the OCNMS

Questions?