

# Climate Change Working Group DRAFT Charter

## Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council

### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) is to review (and revise as necessary) Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary's (OCNMS) Climate Change Action Plan. The CCWG will:

- Receive an update from OCNMS staff on highlights of sanctuary accomplishments in its Climate Change Action Plan since finalization of the new OCNMS Management Plan of September 2011
- Review the four identified strategies of OCNMS Climate Change Action Plan and its desired outcomes, revising as necessary based upon findings of Climate Change Site Scenario
- Provide additional recommendations or more specific ideas to OCNMS as it moves forward in its implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan

The Climate Change Action Plan can be accessed online at:

[http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/actionplan\\_climate\\_change\\_final.pdf](http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/actionplan_climate_change_final.pdf)

### *Mission*

Using findings from the Climate Change Site Scenario, the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) will review OCNMS's Climate Change Action Plan and identify priorities and recommendations for updating and implementing.

### *Timeline*

During their first meeting in April 2015 CCWG members will outline a schedule for meetings and conference calls and elect a Chair. The CCWG will present a draft Charter and submit a work plan to OCNMS Advisory Council members at the May 2015 AC meeting. A draft report and recommendation letter will be presented as an action item to the AC at a future AC meeting in 2015, to be determined by the AC and Sanctuary Superintendent.

### *Structure*

#### a. Composition

The CCWG will be comprised of representatives from the Advisory Council as well as individuals with interest and experience in climate change issues and strategies for OCNMS. The working group includes members who volunteered or were nominated by AC members at the March 2015 AC meeting: Lee Whitford, George Hart, Heather Reed, Jodie Toft, Casey Dennehy, John Stadler, Jan Newton, Joe Schumacker, Mike Doherty, and Ian Miller.

Kevin Grant will serve as the OCNMS staff lead to this working group.

b. Decision making process

The CCWG will elect a chair or co-chairs at their initial meeting. The CCWG will operate under consensus decision making. If consensus cannot be achieved, a vote will be taken and a majority report completed, including explanations provided for differing points of view or minority opinions. The final recommendations from the CCWG will be made to the OCNMS Advisory Council for consideration, with a goal of forwarding recommendations to the Sanctuary Superintendent.

c. Public involvement

There is no defined need to solicit public involvement in the CCWG.

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