

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Meeting Minutes

OCNMS Advisory Council Meeting
November 16, 2012

Olympic Natural Resources Center
Forks, WA

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
NOAA, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
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Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



Carol Bernthal, Superintendent

Approved by AC Chair:



Myles (Chip) Boothe, Chair

Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates in Attendance: Chip Boothe (WDOE, Chair), Brady Scott (WDNR, Vice Chair), Ellen Matheny (Education, Secretary), Lee Whitford (Education Alternate), Katrina Lassiter (WDNR Alternate), John Veentjer (Marine Business/Industry), Capt. Mike Gardiner (USCG), CDR Scott Stewart (USCG Alternate), George Hart (Navy), Jody Kennedy (Tourism and Recreation), Les Bolton (Tourism and Recreation Alternate), Kevin Ryan (USFWS), Lorenz Sollmann (USFWS Alternate), Alan Rammer (MRC Alternate), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Natural Resources), Bob Boekelheide (Citizen at Large), Frank Shipley (USGS), Joel Kawahara (Commercial Fishing), Heather Reed (WDFW), Lora Leschner (Conservation Alternate), Garrett Dalan (representing Local Government/Grays Harbor County)

Presenters and Members of the Public in Attendance: Sue Wolfe

NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance: Carol Bernthal, George Galasso, and Liam Antrim (OCNMS), Dayna Matthews (NMFS)

ACTION ITEMS:

- Any AC member can provide comments on the draft 2013 AC Work Plan to Chip, Carol and Liam ideally before the December 14 AC Executive Committee conference call, or in advance of the next AC meeting on January 18, 2013
- Liam will distribute additional information about the Study Area Profile to be developed by ONMS economists
- John V. will provide Liam information for distribution to the AC on the upcoming Harbor Safety Committee meeting

Chip called the meeting to order at approximately 2pm.

Public Comment - No public comments were offered.

Executive Committee Nominees for 2013 - *Jennifer Hagen made a motion to accept nominees for AC's Executive Committee.* Carol noted Ellen's term is expiring and her ability to remain as Secretary is contingent on her reappointment to the Education seat. ***Joel second the motion; unanimous support voiced, with no one opposed or abstaining.***

Past Meeting Minutes - July and September 2012 meeting minutes were considered and no corrections were offered. ***July and September 2012 meeting minutes were adopted by voiced consensus, with no one opposed or abstaining.***

2013 AC Meeting Dates and Locations – These were established by the AC's Executive Committee. The November location is undetermined, pending discussion with the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) on a joint meeting. Chip offered to host this

meeting in Lacey if the IPC approves. ***Joel moved to adopt the 2013 AC meeting calendar as presented; Jody seconded. Unanimous support was voiced, with no one opposed or abstaining.***

AC Seat Recruitments - Carol described ongoing recruitment for the Education and Commercial Fishing seats. Announcement has been made on OCNMS' Facebook and web site. A Federal Register notice was released on October 23. OCNMS has solicited interest in the Commercial Fishing seat via Joel Kawahara and past commercial fishing representatives. Jody has agreed to serve on the candidate review committee along with Executive Committee members.

2013 AC Work Plan – The Executive Committee worked with Carol to create a draft for AC consideration. Some revisions are anticipated based on today's discussion during the IPC/AC joint meeting. Between now and January, AC members can provide ideas, with a goal of finalizing the document at the January 18, 2013 AC meeting. Jennifer Hagen asked about a socioeconomic profile for OCNMS. Carol explained this originated with the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Socioeconomic Team, which is working with each sanctuary and using a standardized format. Currently, sanctuaries have 1-pagers with little detail. With a more comprehensive socioeconomic profile, sanctuaries can respond to various requests, inform and better engage with similar regional initiatives, enhance public outreach. Bob B. commented that following today's IPC/AC discussion ocean acidification should be identified in the draft work plan.

Jody would like to see coastal marine spatial planning (CMSP) addressed, as it is an important regional issue. Brady noted the AC Executive Committee discussed this, but separated action items from briefing topics. With no specific AC action anticipated, CMSP is best incorporated in the work plan as a Topic of Interest. It was noted that sanctuary goals and objectives should be represented in the CMSP process. Katrina said there will be an objectives setting workshop at which AC members could engage. Also, OCNMS staff will participate in specific CMSP workshops and projects. Carol suggested support for CMSP process could be added as an outcome to WP under Indicator species.

Chip encouraged all members to study the draft work plan and provide comments before the December 14 Executive Committee conference call. Brady encouraged all AC members to identify briefing topics of interest as a way to plan for future meetings.

Jennifer Hagen was pleased to see an ATBA and vessel discharge outreach briefing included but is interested in a briefing focused on shipping traffic and risks to natural resources. Chip referenced OCNMS management plan activities that would support AC delving into this topic. For example, new emissions control regulations will change vessel traffic patterns. John V. offered to provide a presentation and mentioned the Harbor Safety Committee, which meets

every other month. A recent vessel traffic risk assessment is being discussed at the December 6th meeting at Federal Center South in Seattle. John V. will share the meeting announcement via Liam.

Lora asked about current AC working groups, which are identified in the column under Lead Responsibility. It was suggested that one work plan topic should be review of subcommittees and working groups. Carol offered an alternative approach: each working groups and subcommittees will have a charter that defines goals, tasks, timelines, etc.

National AC Chairs Summit – A gathering of AC Chairs from around the nation with ONMS and regional staff is scheduled for December 4-6 in Santa Cruz, CA. Chip explained this will be a continuation of ONMS dialog about the “campaign of engagement” and sanctuaries fitting into a national tourism strategy. Also, how to get citizens more engaged in marine conservation and how to better articulate the values of ONMS program and of individual sanctuary sites, including socioeconomic valuation. The second day will include a meeting in conjunction with the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (<http://www.mpa.gov/fac/>), which advises our nation’s Marine Protected Areas Center now is housed within ONMS, and an afternoon session on travel and tourism. The final morning will be informal discussions and stories from the field. Chip solicited insights from AC members before December 4 to bring to this summit. Les mentioned Washington’s Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is working on curriculum that OCNMS can help develop. Chip will attend and report back to the AC in January 2013.

Member Reports:

Lee is working with Ellen on an Op Ed article on the 40th anniversary of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act which will be distributed to local newspapers.

Jody mentioned an outer coast Marine Resources Committee summit in Long Beach on December 7, and on December 8 the public is invited to presentations by regional experts on ocean abundance, earthquakes, ocean acidification, plastics, and oceanographic modeling. On Saturday November 17, Surfrider Foundation will sponsor a beach cleanup.

John V. noted the Harbor Safety Committee meets the first Wednesday of every other month Dec, Feb, etc.

Joel met a fisherman in Neah Bay who is a NOAA/PMEL (Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory) scientist installing instrumentation for ocean acidification monitoring. This represents early efforts at ocean acidification monitoring by fishers to provide fine grained information from the entire fishing season - pH at research level precision, dissolved oxygen, and temperature data integrated with position data. A huge amount of data is anticipated,

including data within OCNMS. Instrument calibration is an issue, and PMEL is working on providing instrument packages.

Bob B. mentioned on November 28 at 7pm, Julia Parrish will present on population trends in seabirds at the Dungeness River Audubon Center in Sequim.

Les said the Lady Washington has been out on the water in Monterey Bay NMS. On Sunday, she heads to LA/Longbeach. The Hawaiian Chieftain's mission will be converted to marine sciences, marketed to junior and senior high school students, and for 4th and 5th grades the focus will be the age of exploration and trade.

Jennifer Hagen noted harmful algal bloom levels are down, and clams are safe to eat after months of closures on the outer coast this summer.

Kevin Ryan mentioned that public meetings on the state's Japan tsunami marine debris response plan are happening around the state. USFWS is working with OCNMS on a pilot project using a small drone (battery powered aircraft) for seabird population surveys. Kevin announced he is retiring December 31, after which Lorenz Sollmann will be acting Project Leader.

Lora acknowledged challenges about informing the public about the impacts of climate change.

Katrina mentioned CMSP objectives setting workshops. She is working on outreach activities with Sea Grant (workshops on MSP 101, trainings, webinars) and The Nature Conservancy (Geographic Information Systems planning tool) to increase awareness in public of the ongoing CMSP work. Also, lots of CMSP projects are underway. One is with coastal tribes and WDFW on forage fish spawning surveys.

Alan has been interested to hear talk about climate change and ecosystem indicators. He mentioned the novel "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch, which is being made into a movie and includes a character based somewhat on Alan's life experiences.

Heather Reed is working on a MSP project with coastal recreational fishers to identify priority fishing grounds.

Michael Gardiner mentioned the Memorandum of Agreement between NOAA and the Coast Guard is being renewed and should be approved soon.

Ellen said the new and final Twilight movie is bringing energy to Forks again. She appreciated being able to host this meeting. ONRC has a new director, David Ford, and a more sustainable funding structure than in recent past.

Chip is involved with vessel traffic risk assessment which is building on previous studies and modeling by BP. This is state sponsored, EPA funded, to update to 2012 and project into future. Also, the Pacific Gateway terminal project (<http://gatewaypacificterminal.com/>) includes a vessel traffic assessment. The AC had a briefing last year on Ecology's Contingency Planning process. Revisions to the rule were required by legislation, with a mandate to be completed by December 2012. The draft rule was distributed, comments are in, and Ecology is working on a responsiveness to comments summary.

The next OCNMS AC meeting is January 18 in Port Angeles.