

2013 Annual Plan for OCNMS Advisory Council Working Groups
DRAFT – March 4, 2013

Purpose: to provide a planning outline for working group and subcommittee activity for the OCNMS Advisory Council in 2013.

Current Working Groups

Data Management Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: Nancy Wright
WG Co-chairs: Jennifer Hagen and Joe Schumacker

Recent Actions

1. February 2012 - Council briefed on progress
2. August 2012 - Working group provided a progress report dated August 1, 2012; planned Council briefing did not occur at September 2012 meeting
3. February 2013 – AC Coordinator solicited evaluation from co-chairs as to future actions

Actions in 2013

March 2013 - Council briefed on August 2012 progress report. Determine if additional working group effort is recommended, and if not, co-chairs provide Council Chair a letter recommending acceptance of the August 2012 progress report and disbanding the working group.

Mooring Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: George Galasso
WG Chair: Jan Newton

Recent Actions

1. January 2013 - Council briefed on final report from July 2012 meeting

Actions in 2013

March 2013 – Working group Chair presents letter recommending adoption of final report and disbanding of the working group. Council determines if further working group effort is needed and considers action to forward recommendations to the Sanctuary Superintendent.

New Working Groups

Coordination/collaboration (Ocean Acidification focus) Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: Kevin Grant

WG Chair: to be determined

WG Members: Rob Jones, Lee Whitford, Jody Kennedy, Brady Scott, and Jennifer Hagen (volunteers at November 2012 IPC/AC meeting). Joe Schumacker and Jan Newton were recommended.

Purpose: to develop recommendations to the OCNMS Advisory Council (AC) and Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) for council collaboration to address the emerging issue of ocean acidification.

Recent Actions:

1. November 2012 – Working group was recommended at joint IPC/AC meeting
2. January 2013 – Working group charter drafted by OCNMS and reviewed by IPC representative; working group discussed in context of 2013 AC Work Plan at Council meeting

Actions in 2013

1. Get IPC input on the draft working group charter and IPC representation on working group. Next IPC meeting is scheduled for March 20.
2. May 2013 - with IPC input
 - a. AC reviews their representation on working group and considers additional representation
 - b. AC makes recommendations on draft working group charter, including a timeline for working group activities
3. Summer 2013 – initiation of working group activity, including finalization of charter

Tourism Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: Bob Steelquist

WG Chair: to be determined

Purpose: to develop an outreach campaign for OCNMS that focuses on constituency engagement and tourism, and to provide recommendations on how OCNMS can be better marketed as a destination and how that supports OCNMS goals and objectives (from AC 2013 work plan)

Actions in 2013

1. March 2013 - Confirm AC support for establishing this working group
2. March 2013 - Solicit working group volunteers from AC and recommendations for other participants
3. Draft a working group charter, including a timeline for working group activities

4. Initiate working group activity

Science Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: Ed Bowlby

WG Chair: to be determined

Purpose: work to establish OCNMS as a sentinel site for long-term climate change research and monitoring in the Pacific Northwest, and to provide advice on marine, chemical, physical and biological indicators of climate change that OCNMS and partners should consider monitoring, (from AC 2013 work plan)

Actions in 2013

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Young Adult Seat Working Group

OCNMS Staff Lead: to be determined

WG Chair: to be determined

Purpose: to gain perspective of younger adults on key topics and encourage and foster future leaders in marine conservation, determine if OCNMS should pursue a young adult seat on the AC, to identify critical issues unique to this seat, including age criteria, and to develop a recruitment plan (from AC 2013 work plan)

Actions in 2012

At the March 2012 AC meeting, it was recommended that the original subcommittee be reformed as a working group, and Les Bolton and Rich Osborne volunteered to participate

Actions in 2013

1. March 2013 - Confirm AC support for re-establishing this working group
2. March 2013 - Solicit working group volunteers from AC and recommendations for other participants
3. Draft a working group charter, including a timeline for working group activities
4. Initiate working group activity

Standing Working Groups

Executive Committee

1. Ongoing - agenda planning meetings approximately 1 month in advance of upcoming meetings
2. March 2013 – assist with recruitment for Conservation seat representation and review of applicants
3. September 2013 – start work on drafting 2014 AC work plan
4. September 2013 – assist with recruitment for open AC seats
5. November 2013 – assist with review of applicants and selection of new AC members