

Note: Conference Call regarding OCNMS Data Management Workshop

Date: 1-6-2011

Time: 11:00 am PST

Attendees: OCNMS (George Galasso, Nancy Wright, Liam Antrim, Ed Bowlby)
ONMS (Steve Gittings, Mitchell Tartt, Tom Culliton)

ONMS, and in particular Olympic Coast NMS, has been asked by the OCNMS Advisory Council to improve its data management, sharing and reporting capabilities, as evidenced in a letter to Dan Basta on May 21, 2010. Dan's response of July 9, 2010 to the AC assured them that ONMS would convene a data management workshop to support the data management and dissemination requirements of OCNMS within the ensuing twelve months. This conference call was a scoping session to discuss 1) the importance of bringing greater transparency to OCNMS data holdings; 2) the design and expected outcome of a data management workshop; 3) the establishment of data management protocols in the OCNMS Management Plan, and; 4) the expansion of local OCNMS data management initiatives to regional and national initiatives.

OCNMS recommends the following actions in response to the AC request. First, OCNMS will develop a data inventory and status report of OCNMS data holdings. This inventory may include information on raw and processed data, derived products and reports. Second, a small working group of AC, IPC, agency and academic members will be convened to collaborate with OCNMS in developing a Data Sharing Web Page. This web page will serve as a communication and information access tool for the public. This web page will provide the following:

- an overview of OCNMS data management process,
- up-to-date information about data holdings, new acquisitions, processing and product deliverable timelines,
- direct access to data sets where possible, and
- links to other ONMS and NOAA data sources (e.g. the regional PaCOOS West Coast Habitat Server, and NOAA Geospatial "One-Stop")

Third, to address the larger issue of data management and information access in support of the national marine sanctuary system, OCNMS AC will be included in a series of national workshops focused on designing and implementing the ONMS Sentinel Site Initiative. During these workshops, ONMS staff and partners will address many aspects of the initiative, including data management, sharing and reporting, and how the ONMS will address that aspect of the Sentinel Site Initiative.

OCNMS AC will have the option of selecting a Data Management Working Group at their January 21, 2011 meeting. The deadline for an active Olympic Coast NMS web page with broad data transparency is September 2011, to correspond with the unveiling of a completed Management Plan for OCNMS and a new web page.