

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary 2012 OCNMS Advisory Council Work Plan - STATUS REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2012									
AC Workplan Topic	Link to MP Activity	Timeline	Goal/Desired Outcome	Actions-Input to AC	Actions-Output from AC	Lead Responsibility	Meeting Where Topic Was Addressed	AC Advice and Recommendations	Outcome/Status Update
<b>Advisory Council Administration and Operation</b>									
IPC-AC Annual Meeting		Nov-12	Promote communication and collaboration as appropriate on topics of mutual interest to AC and IPC; identify topics to include in AC 2013 work plan	Executive Committee work with IPC representatives to outline format for AC/IPC annual meeting	With concurrence of IPC, hold joint AC/IPC annual meeting	Executive Committee and IPC representatives			IPC would like to hold a joint meeting, planning to occur in October 2012
National AC Chairs Summit		spring webinar, winter meeting (proposed)	Shared awareness of different AC initiatives and activities across national marine sanctuary system. AC Chairs provide input on national or regional issues and initiatives	OCNMS/OCNMS staff and AC Chair brief AC on national meeting agenda and topics	AC position on key topics for national meeting	AC Chair	July and September 2012		Chip provided a briefing on the National AC Chairs webinar. There was a in-person meeting of the West Coast Chairs at the end of August, as well as a 2 hour national AC Chairs webinar. There will be a nationwide chairs in-person meeting in December 2012
Annual Work Plan Development	COM1	2013 work plan revisions by end of 2012	Prioritize work of AC to focus on highest priority issues and maximize effectiveness of advice to Sanctuary Superintendent. Develop annual AC work plan for 2012-2013	OCNMS staff provide briefing on anticipated priorities for Annual Operating Plan; Discussion draft produced by Executive Committee	AC Work Plans adopted in January 2012 and November 2012	Executive Committee	February 2012; need to address 2013 work plan at Sept. and Nov. 2012 meetings		2012 work plan was adopted in February 2012. The 2013 work plan will be drafted by the Executive Committee and reviewed by the AC at the November/January meetings.
Consideration of New Young Adult Seat	COM1	anytime	Gain perspective of younger adults on key topics; encourage and foster future leaders in marine conservation	OCNMS staff brief AC and/or working group on results of OMB review and options for adding young adult seat	Recommendation on age criteria and recruitment plan for young adult seat	AC Working Group	March		Subcommittee was formed but has not been active. Topic not yet addressed
<b>Emerging Topics</b>									
Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)	HP2	May 2012	Effective protection of EFH at identified locations in OCNMS; AC informed of critical fishery management issues affecting OCNMS	OCNMS involvement with marine strategies in LOSR process ; collaboration on planning, research, and outreach initiatives	OCNMS or AC members briefings on ongoing initiatives				July 2012 NMFS EFH representative provided a briefing on the EFH process to the AC.
Lake Ozette sockeye recovery (LOSRR) planning	HP2	ongoing			Identification of partnership opportunities	AC members			Not yet addressed
<b>A. Collaborative and Coordinated Management</b>									
Advisory Council Effectiveness	COM1	ongoing	Increased public awareness of OCNMS and its AC; improved AC member and constituent participation at AC meetings	AC discussion on goals and options	Possible actions: 1)AC members announce AC meetings and outcomes on distribution lists or websites; 2)each AC members identifies and reports on a constituent outreach effort for FY12; 3) Active participation by primary and/or alternate in AC meetings and working groups	AC members	Proposed for Sept 2012 meeting		To be addressed as part of University of MI recommendation discussion at September 2012 meeting
New Member Recruitment	COM1	initiated before November ; completed by end of 2012	Recruit and maintain engaged and active AC representatives	Notification of open seats in 2012 - Coastal Marine Resources Committees; also Education, and Commercial Fishing seats expire at end of 2012	Identify potential candidates. Executive Committee reviews candidates and makes recommendations to Superintendent	Executive Committee	July 2012 announcement of MRC seat; recruiting for other seats needs to be addressed at Sept. and/or Nov. 2012 meetings	Executive Committee reviewed and provided recommendations on MRC representatives	MRC seat were filled. New members announced at the July 2012 meeting. Recruiting for, and filling, the other seats needs to be addressed in the fall.
External Evaluation - Effectiveness of OCNMS' Institutional Relationships	CCM1	May 2012	Evaluate status of OCNMS institutional relationships; establish baseline for MPR effectiveness	Briefing by University of Michigan on survey results and draft report	Discussion on report outcomes and recommendations for improving or maintaining relationships	AC members	May 2012, July 2012, to be addressed at Sept 2012 meeting	Recommendations from Executive Committee	U of M study was completed. AC was briefed by UM students in May. AC had follow-up discussion in July. Agreed that AC Executive Committee with help from Lee Whitford would discuss specific study recommendations and report back to the AC at Sept meeting. Presentation at March meeting. Facility plan, once finalized and public, was distributed to the AC
Long-range OCNMS Facilities Plan	OPS2	March 7 workshop; AC presentation in March	Effective planning for improved facilities and assets; optimization of partnership opportunities	Briefing on draft OCNMS Long Range Facility Plan	Review of OCNMS Long Range Facility Plan	AC members	March 2012		
<b>B. Research, Assessment and Monitoring</b>									
Data Management	DAT1 & DAT2	ongoing	Improved public availability and use of sanctuary data to inform management decisions and outreach; shortened lag between data collection and distribution	Periodic updates from Data Management WG and OCNMS staff	Recommendations on future priorities	Data Management Working Group	July 2012	Initial 2012 data priorities provided to OCNMS staff by data working group	Data Working Group conference call in January confirmed 2012 priorities. Ed Bowley provided an update at July 2012 meeting. 2012 Data Management Report provided August 1 to data working group by Nancy Wright. Future updates planned as data goes live.
OCNMS Coastal Moorings Program	OCEO1	January 2012	Optimize oceanography data collection (i.e., address data needs and experimental design) and distribution by OCNMS; strengthened partnerships to enhance financial support for the program	Status briefings by Moorings WG and OCNMS staff	Evaluate current program and identify potential improvements; develop recommendations for financial support for the program; identify optimal means for data/information sharing	Moorings Working Group (new)	July 2012	Initial recommendations from Newton provided to OCNMS for 2012 field season	Briefing from Moorings Working Group at July meeting. Recommendations from the Mooring Working Group due by end of 2012.
Indicator species for OCNMS	ECO9	later in 2012 or 2013	Improved ability to monitor for and understand ecosystem processes and relationships, changes over time	Status briefing by Science WG and OCNMS staff	Evaluate potential indicator species for ecosystem assessment; develop recommendations for monitoring programs off Washington	Science Working Group (new)			Not yet addressed, awaiting completion of Climate Change Site Scenario report
<b>C. Ocean Literacy</b>									
Long-range Interpretive Plan	VISIT2	summer workshops; fall briefing	Revised interpretive themes and priorities; identification of emerging interpretive opportunities and assessment of existing programs to maximize effectiveness	Status briefing by Education WG and OCNMS staff	Attend and encourage public participation in 2 workshops planned for 2012; comment on draft plan	Education Working Group (new)	May 2012		Bob Steelquist provided briefing on plans for long range interpretive plan revision. The two education seat AC members participated in July OCNMS staff meeting to discuss the interpretive plan. Draft plan to be circulated to AC for comment in fall 2012.
<b>D. Natural Resource Conservation</b>									
Climate Change Site Scenario	CLIM1	draft report anticipated by July 2012	Synthesize best available information on climate change impacts to sanctuary resources	WA Sea Grant staff briefing on draft report	Support development, possible review of report prepared by WA Sea Grant	AC members	February, May, September 2012		Working group has been quite active. An update is expected in September 2012
Marine debris and Japan tsunami debris response	MD2 & ED2	ongoing; reports as needed	Engagement of public in ocean literacy; reduced impacts of marine debris to humans and wildlife; improved understanding of potential impacts of Japan tsunami debris, and if necessary, response to minimize its impacts	Periodic briefings on regional actions, potential impacts, and development of regional response framework	Identification of AC opportunities in regional response framework; support for OCNMS marine debris initiatives	AC members	February 2012, May 2012, July 2012		Updates and reports have been provided at each AC meeting via the Superintendent's Report and the OCNMS Office Report.
Outreach and Compliance for Area To Be Avoided (ATBA) and Cruise Ship Discharge and Overflight Regulations	SPILL1; OPS8; OPS9	ongoing	Maximum compliance with ATBA and overflight regulation within sanctuary and overflight restriction zone	Status briefings as needed from OCNMS staff on outreach efforts and compliance monitoring	Individual AC members support development of outreach materials that maximize exposure to and understanding of rules and voluntary measures.	AC members	May 2012		George Galasso provided ATBA compliance update in May. He also announced that the OCNMS overflight regulations were finally revised and provided a briefing at the May AC meeting.
<b>E. Cultural, Historical and Socioeconomic Significance</b>									
			none in FY2012; but OCNMS partners began a socioeconomic study and briefed the AC				March 2012		Presentation on planned socioeconomic study in sanctuary region