

**Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council  
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)  
Form and Function  
Final STAC Revision 19 January 2010**

OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1. The STAC will provide independent scientific and technical advice to OPAC on ocean resources management issues.
2. The STAC will submit reports to OPAC.

MEMBERS AND CHAIR

1. The STAC will consist of approximately 10 members representing the scientific and technical disciplines appropriate to OPAC responsibilities.
2. STAC members may be appointed by the OPAC Executive Committee based on openly solicited nominations and ratified by OPAC.
3. Members will be appointed for three year terms, renewable once, at the discretion of the OPAC Executive Committee. Terms will be staggered to ensure continuity.
4. Members will be subject to ethical standards consistent with requirements of state government.
5. The STAC chair will be determined by the OPAC Executive Committee as outlined in ORS 196.451.

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ADMINISTRATION

1. The STAC will report to the OPAC Executive Committee.
2. The STAC will meet approximately three times per year; additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the STAC Chair.
3. STAC members will not be compensated for their services but will be reimbursed for necessary travel and per diem and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties subject to ORS 292.495.
4. STAC will respond to requests from OPAC for science and technical advice.
5. STAC may initiate advice on scientific and technical issues of relevance to OPAC.
6. As needed, the STAC may convene ad hoc subcommittees to provide expanded expertise for workshops or reviews. Membership of ad hoc subcommittees will be

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determined by the STAC.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1. As outlined in Oregon House Bill 3013 (2009), the STAC will provide independent scientific and technical advice to ODFW on its work plan, biological and socioeconomic assessments, and other research and data collection activities related to the implementation of marine reserves.
2. The STAC will submit reports to the ODFW Marine Resources Program Manager.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

1. The STAC will report to the ODFW Marine Resources Program Manager in addition to the OPAC Executive Committee.
2. The STAC will develop a Plan of Work (POW) for providing scientific and technical advice on marine reserve implementation. The POW will be coordinated with the ODFW Marine Reserves Work Plan.
3. STAC members will not be compensated for their services but will be reimbursed for necessary travel and per diem and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties subject to ORS 292.495.
4. As needed, the STAC may convene ad hoc subcommittees to provide expanded expertise for workshops or reviews related to marine reserve implementation. Membership of ad hoc subcommittees will be determined by the STAC.

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## **Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Legislative Charges**

### ORIGINATING LEGISLATIVE CHARGE

ORS 196.451 Technical advisory committee:

- (1) To aid and advise the Ocean Policy Advisory Council in the performance of its functions, the council shall establish a permanent scientific and technical advisory committee chaired by the director of the Sea Grant College program or other similarly qualified member of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council and may establish additional committees as needed.
- (2) Members of the advisory committees are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the council may be reimbursed from funds available to council for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties, subject to ORS 292.495. [1991 c.501 §12]

### SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATIVE CHARGE

Oregon House Bill 3013 implemented July 1, 2009 charges the STAC to work with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in implementing OPAC recommendations on marine reserves.

#### SECTION 1.

The State Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Fish and Wildlife Commission, State Land Board and relevant state agencies shall, consistent with existing statutory authority, implement the November 29, 2008, recommendations from the Ocean Policy Advisory Council on marine reserves by:

- (1) Adopting rules to establish, study, monitor, evaluate and enforce a pilot marine reserve at Otter Rock and a pilot marine reserve and a marine protected area at Redfish Rocks;
- (2) Studying and evaluating potential marine reserves at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua; and
- (3) Supporting the development of a marine reserve proposal at Cape Arago-Seven Devils.

#### SECTION 2.

- (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with members from the scientific and technical advisory committee established under ORS 196.451, other relevant marine and fishery scientists, relevant state agencies, ocean users and coastal communities shall implement the activities described in section 1 of this 2009 Act by developing a work plan.
- (2) The work plan shall contain the following elements regarding the marine reserves

described in section 1 of this 2009 Act:

(a) A biological assessment, including information on habitat characterization, biological resources, local knowledge and, for the established pilot marine reserves, monitoring plans.

(b) A socioeconomic assessment, including a description of human uses, net effects on sport and commercial fisheries and communities and, for the established pilot marine reserves, monitoring plans.

(c) Formation of community teams, with diverse and balanced stakeholder representation that includes local government, recreational fishing industry, commercial fishing industry, nonfishing industry, recreationalists, conservation, coastal watershed councils, relevant marine and avian scientists, to collaborate and develop recommendations for potential marine reserves, considering the biological and socioeconomic information developed under this section. Collaboration may be facilitated by a neutral outside party hired through a competitive bidding process.

(d) Provision of information on the process and data gathered to interested parties and made available to the public.