

OPAC Executive Committee Meeting
June 14, 2006
Summary

Attendees: Jim Good, Scott McMullen, Jessica Hamilton, and Greg McMurray

GNRO position on the South Coast Commissioner OPAC Seat – The Governor recently met with South Coast Commissioners, heard their concerns, and offered them and John Griffith a path towards resolving this issue. The meeting was characterized by those present as quite positive.

Federal Agency Liaison Committee – A total of nine letters of invitation will have been signed and mailed to federal agencies by Friday, June 16, 2006. The recipients include: NOAA Fisheries, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, US Geological Survey/ National Biological Survey, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Executive Committee believes that this should be a standing committee, with a chair or delegate to actually sit at the OPAC table, or alternatively, with all seated at an executive support table, similar to that of Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Until the committee chooses its own representative, NOAA Fisheries will be asked to sit at the table. Functions of this committee should be spelled out more detail, if needed, in the OPAC operating procedures.

OPAC Visioning Exercise – Jessica reported that she has hired a well-known consultant to facilitate this process: he is Jim Owens of Cogan-Owens-Cogan. He will do some preparation with interviews of OPAC members and/or questionnaires before the event. The Executive Committee had a conference call with Mr. Owens to lay out the details; he will be contacting OPAC members directly.

OPAC Proposed Working Groups – Greg will present the results of the query for volunteers for the three necessary working groups and a first cut at assignments at the June 23 OPAC meeting; Scott will then lead a council discussion. There was also some discussion of the possible need for additional working groups, including one for technical information systems. Some members of OPAC are feeling a need to establish standing committee that addresses this bridge between policy and management.

OPAC Meeting Agenda – The group walked through the agenda draft for the Astoria meeting and made a few minor changes, adding a brief technical information systems presentation by Paul Engelmeyer.

NMS Outreach Process – Jim Good will conduct a meeting of the NMS Outreach Committee from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the afternoon of June 22, in Astoria, prior to the OPAC visioning session that evening.

NMS Issues – Greg developed a first cut at a matrix to identify the high priority issues and will briefly present it at the next meeting. It is mainly intended to stimulate discussion in the NMS working group. Jim reported that he has been working with Michael Harte of the OSU Marine Resource Management Program to provide staff support to the outreach process and design the report to the Governor. Jim is also working with the outreach group to identify and provide facilitation for the outreach process.

OPAC Web Site – Old links and dated material (including metadata tags) need to be removed from DLCD's OCOMP web site, and new metadata tags need to be developed for the new site.

Next OPAC Meeting – Tentatively, late August (24-25) in Brookings or Gold Beach, then mid-October (9-10) in Newport