

OPAC Executive Committee Meeting
June 1, 2007, 10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Salem
DRAFT Summary

Attendees: Jim Good, Scott McMullen, Jessica Hamilton, Jay Rasmussen (part of meeting), Selina Heppell (part of meeting), Frank Warrens and Greg McMurray.

Seafloor Mapping – Jessica reported that SB 1054 was introduced by members of the Legislature to fund seafloor mapping at \$7.7 million. The bill authorizes the use of the “public purpose charge” for this project, which is a controversial source of funding. The money would go to DOGAMI to pay the costs of OSU’s mapping project.

West Coast Governors’ Agreement on Ocean Health – Jessica reported on plans for a public workshop on the West Coast Governors’ Agreement on Ocean Health the evening of July 16. The input will go into the action plan, which will be finalized by November. Jessica will develop some outreach materials to stimulate public interest in the evening workshop session.

Marine Reserves Strategy and Working Group – Jessica will provide a summary of this morning’s Marine Cabinet meeting addressing the marine reserves implementation strategy. The agenda for the June 29 MRWG will be developed after the results of the Marine Cabinet meeting have been reported. The overall intent of the strategy is to have a bottom-up nomination process in place by the beginning of August; the MRWG and OPAC will review the nominations. Frank will try to have the June 29 meeting agenda circulated by June 8, and will also anticipate a July 16 MRWG meeting in Tillamook. The July 17 OPAC meeting is expected to require some in-depth discussion the marine reserves strategy.

Wave Energy Working Group – The group ran out of time to discuss the status of this working group, but Greg will check with Robin Hartmann on the amount of time needed for a report or discussion on July 17.

Next OPAC Meeting and Agenda – Greg will check the availability of the ODF building in Tillamook for July 16 and 17 for the OPAC meeting. Scott reported that OPAC has also been asked by Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi to schedule a meeting in Pacific City sometime in the future.

Jim stated that he would like to hear presentations about the ecology and uses of Oregon’s ocean at the next OPAC meeting to support the ongoing marine reserves dialogue. After some discussion, it was agreed for Greg to solicit presentations on: physical oceanography (possibly Jack Barth); pelagic ecology (possibly Bill Peterson), marine ecology (ODFW or Bob Emmett or Kirsten Grorud-Colvert from PISCO/COMPASS), rocky intertidal/connectivity (someone from PISCO), and ocean uses in the Territorial Sea (ask Gil Sylvia to recommend presenters) for a morning session. Lunch discussion would be a Q&A session with the full panel.

Greg will assemble a draft OPAC meeting agenda for July 16 and 17 in consultation with Jessica and OSU ocean experts, for review by this group.