

OPAC Executive Committee Meeting
July 28, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tillamook ODFW Offices
Summary

Attendees: Jim Good, Scott McMullen, Jessica Hamilton, and Greg McMurray; Jay Rasmussen joined a portion of the meeting by telephone.

STAC Update – Jay updated the group on STAC membership: Selena Heppell has agreed to serve in the Marine Ecologist slot, and Jay is down to four nominees whom he is interviewing for the Experiential Fisheries slot. Jay hopes to convene a first meeting of the STAC in a retreat setting early this fall. Jim will formally request the gap analysis (discussed at the June 23 OPAC meeting) from the STAC in a written memo to Jay.

Federal Agency Liaison Committee – Greg reported that a representative from FERC has joined those from NOAA Fisheries, US Coast Guard and MMS on the committee. The ExComm agreed that Greg should draft some structural and procedural committee guidance for internal review and then distribution to the committee members.

OPAC Visioning Exercise Synthesis – Greg will take a first cut at a one- to two-page synthesis of the visioning session, aimed at consensus adoption by OPAC. The ExComm will review and comment, then Greg will present the resulting draft at the August OPAC meeting.

OPAC Working Groups – On the issue of working group membership, Scott and Greg agreed that the structure of the Marine Reserves Planning Committee in the 2002 OPAC report was intended to be OPAC plus others. The ExComm agreed that all of the Working Groups need to elect chairs and draft scopes of work with timelines (and proposed budgets, if possible) by the October OPAC meeting. It was also agreed to delegate to the working group chairs the responsibility to populate the working groups with needed expertise and representation. This may include working with the STAC and federal liaison chairs to obtain appropriate scientific/technical and federal agency expertise, respectively. Every effort will be made to publicly notice working group meetings. The OPAC website will give contact numbers to allow the public to get up-to-date information on up-coming working group meetings, either from the working group chairs or from OPAC staff.

NMS Outreach Process – Jim reported on the NMS Working Group meeting held on Wednesday. Much effort has resulted in a solid plan for the public workshops. The Working Group will convene prior to the next OPAC meeting in Brookings for facilitator training for OPAC working group members who will be running breakouts at the workshops. Jane Barth, a professional facilitator, has been hired to assist the NMS outreach process.

NMS Report to the Governor – The ExComm discussed the need to get an outline developed for the report for the Governor and Jim agreed to present one at the August meeting. The background outline provided by the Marine Resource Management graduate students was also discussed and seen as appropriate and very helpful to the effort. Separation from fact and opinion, and documentation of sources was viewed as critical for that effort. Scott affirmed that OPAC will take a position or positions on the Governor's proposal and provide

recommendations; Jim confirmed that working group members would pen sections of the Governor's report not extracted from the MRM background piece.

Wave Energy Update – Greg reported on a workshop held in Newport on July 14, and subsequent discussion among state and federal government. The ExComm discussed the appropriate role(s) for OPAC in the arena of Oregon's wave energy development, and agreed to work with the Governor's Office and agencies to obtain needed guidance.

OPAC Web Site – The group briefly discussed the importance of the OPAC web site as an ongoing outreach opportunity. Greg will work on developing the Working Group and Resources modules; the ExComm advised him to seek better agency support for the site, if possible.

Next OPAC Meeting Agenda – The group created a rough conceptual agenda for the Brookings meeting; Greg will send a draft agenda to the group for review before public release. The National Marine Sanctuary public workshop practice run will begin at 4:00 p.m., with the barbeque to follow at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members will be advised to arrive in Brookings by 3:30 p.m. It was also agreed to ask for presentations from Mark Hixon (on the MPA FAC), Cheryl Coon (on MPA do's and don'ts), and a representative of PISCO or COMPASS (on the Oregon hypoxic event).

Other Events – The group agreed to announce and distribute materials for the Second Annual Heceta Head Coastal Conference and Coastal Zone '07 at the next OPAC meeting.