

OPAC Executive Committee Meeting
August 31, 2007, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Salem
Summary

Attendees: Jim Good, Scott McMullen, Jessica Hamilton, and Greg McMurray. Jay Rasmussen participated by telephone from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

STAC – Jay reported that the STAC is planning a workshop in Corvallis on September 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will include an internal STAC discussion on roles and procedures, but most of the meeting will be allocated to a workshop on the objectives and nomination guidelines for marine reserves, which will be led by Drs. Jack Barth and Selina Heppell.

Working Group Protocols – The group noted a number of protocol issues for the working groups that should be addressed with a reminder (by Greg) at the September 25 OPAC meeting. 1) All working documents will be given full and open distribution and will be marked draft as appropriate. Internal circulation will be Word documents and external circulation will be PDFs. 2) Working documents will be distributed to all OPAC and STAC members. 3) OPAC members who are not members of the working group will be limited to the same interactions as the public, i.e., public comment. 4) Staff should make presentations of working products during working group meetings, hence, avoiding issues of ownership or politics. 5) Increased effort is needed to make documents available early, and as paper copies at meetings. Guidelines are circulation of working documents via email to membership and public lists one week ahead, and 50 hard copies for the public at meetings. 6) Working group meetings will use a closed, not open, table format, but will allow public attendance, and accommodate public comment as appropriate and feasible. 7) Only designated working group members (or their alternates, in the case of agencies) will participate in working group deliberations.

OPAC Protocols – Two issues require clarification. 1) DLCD travel reimbursement is available only for official OPAC functions or events. 2) Any direct requests for resources from agencies must be made by official OPAC action transmitted to the agency Directors.

Marine Reserves Working Group – The MRWG will next meet from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Pacific City on September 24. The ExComm briefly discussed marine reserves planning issues, agreeing to defer any further needed discussion to the marine reserves process group. Jessica also reported on a meeting between Frank Warrens and GNRO. Changes are being considered for the Marine Reserves process timeline in response to public testimony at the MRWG meeting and the meeting with Mr. Warrens.

Funding – Jessica reported on two new actions taken by the Governor's Natural Resources Office. The first is to request year-end funds from the agencies to support the marine reserves process. The second is to begin to plan out some specific funding requests that might go to the 2008 special legislative session.

Wave Energy Working Group – Greg reported that Robin Hartmann has planned a WEWG meeting for 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Pacific City on September 24.

Next OPAC Meeting Agenda – The group agreed upon a basic outline for the meeting agenda, which Greg will flesh out and circulate for review by this group by September 5.

Future OPAC Meetings – The group requested that Greg query OPAC members for their availability for a possible November meeting, in case that is needed to support the marine reserves process.