

Detail of Agenda Items for September 17, 2010 Advisory Council meeting

Agenda Topic 4. Environmental Protection Agency Activities in Sanctuary Region

Type of presentation: Informational

Presenters: Tom Eaton, Director, Washington Operations Office, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Issue: Mr. Eaton will discuss the range of activities that the EPA conducts in the sanctuary region, both within state and federal waters, as well as EPA's regulatory authorities.

Supporting documentation: None

Action proposed: None

Agenda Topic 5. Working Group Report - National Marine Sanctuaries Act Reauthorization (NMSA) Letter

Type of Presentation: Working Group Report

Presenter(s): Jennifer Hagen (with Diane Butorac, Ellen Matheny, Steve Joner, Fayette Krause)

Issue: The NMSA working group developed a preliminary draft letter to Secretary Locke regarding NMSA reauthorization. During its deliberations, the working group discussed several issues that it would like to broach with the larger AC before the AC decides to take action on the letter.

Supporting Documentation: Draft NMSA reauthorization letter

Action proposed: AC may consider adopting/sending the letter or may consider developing the letter further

Agenda Topic 6. Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Ocean Acidification Outreach

Type of Presentation: Informational

Presenter: Brad Warren, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

Issue: Brad will discuss the ocean acidification outreach efforts that the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership is currently undertaking, including the ocean acidification seminar planned for October 7 in Port Townsend at the Northwest Maritime Center. This presentation is a more in-depth follow-up to the very brief presentation that Amy Grondin (Sustainable Fisheries Partnership) provided the AC at its July 2010 meeting.

Supporting Documentation: Ocean Acidification Seminar Flyer

Action proposed: None

Agenda Topic 7. Assessing the Role of Scientific Information in SAC Recommendations and NMS Management Decisions

Type of Presentation: Informational

Presenter: Lauren Garske, UC Davis, Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar

Issue: Lauren Garske, a Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar and doctoral student at the University of California, Davis, will discuss the research she will be conducting on how scientific information is utilized by sanctuary advisory councils. She is working to involve sanctuary advisory councils nationwide in her research.

Supporting Documentation: one-pager on Lauren Garske's research

Action proposed: None

Agenda Topic 8. Implementing the Climate Smart Sanctuaries Program at Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Type of Presentation: Informational

Presenters: Kelley Higgason and Brian Johnson, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS)

Issue: Kelley and Brian will discuss how GFNMS is implementing the nationwide Climate Smart Sanctuaries Program. They will discuss GFNMS's recently published Climate Change Impacts Report (a required component of the "climate-smart" certification process) as well as GFNMS's green operation planning efforts.

Supporting Documentation: Climate Change Impacts Report Executive Summary and links to GFNMS climate change websites and entire Climate Change Impacts Report.

Action proposed: none

Agenda Topic 9. Subject: Management Plan Review (MPR) Status Report

Type of Presentation: Informational

Presenters: George Galasso

Issue: George Galasso will provide an update on where OCNMS is in the management plan review process. He will also discuss several key elements of the draft management plan that are of interest to the AC, including the draft management plan and environmental analysis document outline, the performance measures and the alternatives being explored under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Supporting Documentation: MPR Handout

Action proposed: none

Agenda Topic 10. Public Comment

Issue: Members of the public are invited to share any comments with the Advisory Council

Supporting documentation: none

Action proposed: none

Agenda Topic 12. Subject: Superintendent's Report

Type of Presentation: Informational

Presenter: Carol Bernthal

Issue: Carol Bernthal will report on various developments and issues relating to the management of OCNMS.

Supporting Documentation: none

Action proposed: none

Note: Any agenda item can potentially have an action item connected with it. A "none" indicated under the "Proposed Action" heading in the box below indicates that at the time this was prepared, there was not indication of an action being proposed.