

OCNMS AC Charter Review Subcommittee **Suggested Revisions for Consideration**

General Updates

- Update Charter, as appropriate, to be consistent with model charter in AC Handbook
 - Replace National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) with Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)
- Correct the size of OCNMS [*previously it read 2,500 acres, it is actually 2,408 acres*]
- Replace 1994 goals with current goals in Draft Management Plan

Purpose and Scope Section

- Review and, as necessary, modify scope and focus
- Include mention of implementation of OCNMS management plan
- Describe and formalize AC relationship with the IPC [*need definition/information about IPC, perhaps add information to goals section*]

Members and Chairs Section

- Consider adding a non-voting seat for the Outer Coast MRC's [*Do we add this as an additional seat? Do we replace an existing seat with this seat, e.g. does the Northwest Straits Initiative seat become an Outer Coast MRC seat, or a shared seat between all MRC's?*]
- Consider creating a non-voting outer coast youth seat. [*need details on the specifics of how a youth seat would work*]
- Insert new term limits language and/or reference policy [*need additional information, is this already in the model charter? Clarify specifics, is this just for officers*]
- Clarify role of Superintendent in relation to SAC [*what does it mean when it says "sit on"? Is clarification needed regarding role as a non-voting member?*]
- Add Role of Chair to be liaison with IPC

Operation Section

- Formalize annual meeting between AC and IPC. [*Would this be one of our regular meeting or an additional meeting? Does this need to be detailed in charter, or should it be part of the work plan*]
- Add procedure for advance notice on items that will come up for a vote. [*Set up advance notice as a standard practice in the charter; however, recognizing we may need to be flexible and nimble, a procedure for votes to occur in "emergency" situations could be provided*]
- Is more detail needed on meeting notes requirements? [*What is the role/responsibility of AC members in review of notes; describe procedure/ role for secretary reviewing draft minutes before distribution or before AC meeting; including additional details at AC member request? Or should all this be handled outside of the charter*].
- Consider adding a procedure for requesting and receiving feedback from Sanctuary regarding our recommendations and advice? [*This question ties into whether the supervisor is a member of the AC or not, see item above*]

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