

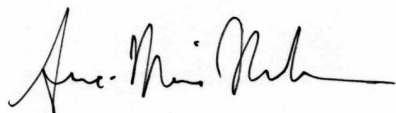
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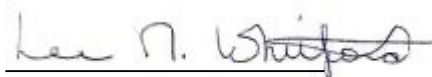
OCNMS Advisory Council Virtual meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2021
Meeting Notes

Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



Anne-Marie Runfola, Acting Superintendent



Lee Whitford, Chair

Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates and Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) Members in Attendance: Lee Whitford (AC Chair, Education), Steve Shively (Secretary, Tourism and Economic Development), Dan Ayres (Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife), Rich Osborne and Liz Schotman (Conservation), Dawn Grebner (U.S. Navy), Jim Vail (Citizen at Large), Joel Kawahara (Fishing), Linda Sturgis (Maritime Industry), Sean Carlson and Hannah Blackstock (Washington Dept. of Natural Resources), Jan Newton (Research), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Tribe), Micah Horwith (WA Dept. of Ecology), Mark Ozias (Clallam County), Julie Ann Koehlinger (Hoh Tribe), and LCDR John Keola Velasquez (US Coast Guard)

Presenters and Others in Attendance: Tommy Moore (NWIFSC) and Haley Kennard (Makah Tribe)

NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance: Jennifer Clinchy (Office of General Counsel) Greg Busch and Andrew Torres (NOAA Fisheries, Office of Law Enforcement), Anne-Marie Runfola (Acting Superintendent), Jenny Weddell, George Galasso, Nicole Harris, Katie Wrubel, Kevin Grant, Chris Butler-Minor, Anna Marchand, and Kennedy Cameron (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary).

The meeting was opened by Lee Whitford, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council (AC) Chair with The Rain poem by Robert Sond.

Internal Affairs

- The draft agenda was adopted by consensus with a motion by Jan Newton and a second by Joel Kawahara.
- Meeting notes from the September meeting were approved with a motion by Dan Ayres and second by Joel Kawahara.
- Chris Butler-Minor advised that the GoToMeeting® platform will be available through June 2022. Future meetings will be virtual until further notice.
- Lee Whitford reminded members that the Maritime Industry advisory council seat is currently up for renewal. The Tourism and Economic Development, Fishing, and Education seats will be up for renewal in the spring.
- The climate mitigation recommendations provided through a July resolution of the advisory council and via OCNMS Superintendent Bernthal in response to Executive Order 14008, Section 216(c), have been received and acknowledged by Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Director John Armor. The response letter from John Armor can be found in the attachments of the meeting materials email, sent to advisory council members on November 9th, 2021.
- Rich Osborne, chair of the Whale Reporting Working Group, reported that the first working group meeting was held on Friday, November 12th. The next meeting will be held in January, date to be determined.

Information, Discussion, and Action Items

2021 Advisory Council Work Plan approval

Lee Whitford, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair, led the review of the 2021 advisory council work plan. The draft work plan can be found in the materials email, see document “2021-ac-work plan-draft-11-18-2021”. Highlights of the work plan include supporting the Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site (OASeS) working group, sanctuary outreach, condition report progress, and support for the new research vessel. The draft 2021 Advisory Council Work Plan was adopted by consensus, with a motion to accept

by Daniel Ayres and a second by Linda Sturgis. To suggest additions to the work plan, contact Lee Whitford or Chris Butler-Minor. No public comment was received.

2022 Advisory Council Meeting schedule approval

Chris Butler-Minor presented the draft of the 2022 Advisory Council Meeting Schedule. After discussion, the March meeting was rescheduled for Friday, April 1st 2022. The schedule was approved with a motion from Dan Ayres and a second by Joel Kawahara. No public comment was received.

2022 OCNMS AC Charter renewal

Chris Butler-Minor reported on the OCNMS AC Charter renewal process. The current Charter expires on February 7, 2022. Due to the short timeframe for update and approval by the advisory council, then Director John Armor, an extension for the charter until July 2022 is being requested. The Charter subcommittee consisting of Lee Whitford, Joel Kawahara, Jennifer Hagen, and Dan Ayres will be reactivated. Chris Butler-Minor and Anne-Marie Runfola will oversee the subcommittee together. The members of this subcommittee will hold their first meeting in December.

Management Plan Implementation review and 2022 priorities for OCNMS

George Galasso presented some preliminary thoughts on the Management Plan Implementation review and 2022 priorities for OCNMS. This review is described by section 304(e) of the [National Marine Sanctuary Act](#), which outlines three primary goals within this process: review, revise, and prioritize. There are six major steps to be taken during a management plan review, with two to three of these steps planned for the next fiscal year: initiation, project planning, and public scoping. During the 2008-2011 review process, steps were taken to ensure early involvement by the Coastal Treaty Tribes and active engagement by the advisory council. Some items that were considered but not implemented during the last review were: a ban on large ship discharges, a ban on discharge of invasive species, changing the overflight regulation from 2,000ft to 1,000ft, and marking the ATBA (area to be avoided) as mandatory. The Condition Report, which will inform the Management Plan Review, is almost done and planned for public release with an overview provided to the AC at the January 2022 meeting. The Rapid Vulnerability Assessment, is being completed by a SAC working group, should be finished by the end of the fiscal year. Other potential 2022 activities include an internal 2018-2022 Management Plan Implementation Review, developing a process and timeline, developing and refining preliminary priority topics, announcing public meetings to discuss priority topics, and possibly providing 4th quarter 2022 notice to begin the management plan review.

Jacqueline Laverdure, Jenny Waddell, and Katie Wrubel respectively presented on 2022 priorities for OCNMS in the following areas: education and outreach, research, and resource protection.

- Jacqueline outlined the education and outreach priorities, noting the following highlights: connecting with students and the public through virtual programming, visitor centers, and signage; working with teachers to engage students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education topics; supporting place-based education (such as the Hoh watershed adventure camp); administering and supporting regional NOAA education grants such as Bay Watershed Education and Training ([B-Wet](#)); hosting Office of National Marine Sanctuaries 50th anniversary events, including an on the beach celebration; and

working with partners to support sustainable tourism.

- Jenny described the following priorities for OCNMS research: sustaining and enhancing the OCNMS mooring program; utilizing and staffing the new research vessel; fielding vessel use requests from sanctuary partners; completing the Sanctuary Soundscape Monitoring Project ([SanctSound](#)); releasing new data and products in the spring; habitat and wildlife monitoring; and working to create an interactive digital version of the condition report (WebCR).
- Katie presented the priorities for research protection in 2022, including: ongoing and new permitting; supporting the OASeS sentinel site (via a new website, among other goals); continuing progress on the Climate Change Rapid Vulnerability Assessment (RVA); incident monitoring and response; NMSA 304(d) consultations; tribal engagement; completing the Pacific Crossing (PCL) seabed cable recovery survey; providing comments for the coast guard port access route study (PARS); and review of current area-to-be-avoided (ATBA) routes.

No public comment was received.

Superintendent's Report

Anne-Marie Runfola briefly discussed several projects and events of relevance. Some members of the sanctuary team recently completed a 16-hour training from the Udall Foundation on Engaging Native Nations and Incorporating Government-to-Government Consultation in the NEPA Process. As mentioned above, the Condition Report is nearly done, and the Whale Reporting Working Group had their first meeting in November. Anne-Marie acknowledged the recent accomplishments of the OASeS working group, including sourcing funding from multiple Marine Resource Committees. The R/V *Storm Petrel* will be going to Bellingham for maintenance, and the R/V *Tatoosh* will be excessed (aka *surplused*) within the next six months. The 22nd season of the mooring program was successfully completed despite inclement weather. In the realm of education and outreach, the B-WET grant funding opportunity for this fiscal year is now open and the education team is engaging ten teachers/classrooms in a salmon education program. Progress is being made to support diversity and inclusion within the sanctuary and the broader field of ocean conservation: connections are being made with two organizations: Outdoor Afro and Black in Marine Science, and multiple team members are participating in diversity and inclusion and racial equity initiatives and training, including the new chair Kevin Grant. The public comment period for the [Proposed Designation of Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary](#) is open.

George Galasso shared information on the two vessels that sank within the sanctuary this year. Salvage plans are pending for The Unwind, which sank March 20th, 2021. The Garda Marie, which ran aground in the "gut" between Tatoosh Island and Cape Flattery on October 15th, 2021, is not currently being considered for salvage. He also followed up with information on the Zim Kingston, the recent shipping container incident that occurred north of the sanctuary. Over 100 containers were lost, some of which have washed up on Northern Vancouver Island, most of which have sunk into Canadian waters.

Laird Hail, USG-VTS, Director of Seattle Traffic, reported on how current and predicted supply chain issues will impact container ships. As slowdowns continue, some container ships are doing “race tracks” or “donuts” patterns in the Strait of Juan de Fuca because there is no space for them to anchor, increasing the likelihood of collisions in this area.

Member Reports

Jan Newton, Director of Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (NANOOS) shared that there will be a workshop March 24th and 25th, with both in-person (Astoria, OR) and online components to re-energize the five-year plan and engage partner and community perspectives. Members can contact Jan to be added to the participation list. She also shared hopes for the passage of the Infrastructure bill which would provide great opportunities for both NANOOS and OCNMS.

Jennifer Hagen reported that despite breaking free and travelling north, all the way to Haida Gwaii, a Quileute lander (tele-buoy) continued to record benthic conditions.

Joel Kawahara shared that there has been discussion during the current Pacific Fishing Management Council (PFMC) session of allowing some level of fishing gear inside the boundaries of the non-trawl area (<https://www.pcouncil.org/november-2021-decision-summary-document/>). There will be analysis and public comment before any action is taken by PFMC. He also queried about deploying small dissolved oxygen sensors off fishing vessels to help monitor hypoxic conditions on the outer coast.

Mark Ozias reported that Clallam county is focused on disaster relief. Some of the road closure issues to the west, especially along Highway 112 may take months to be fixed.

Micah Horwith shared that the Department of Ecology will be submitting comments to the Coast Guard Port Access Route study. The department also plans on extending their ocean acidification monitoring in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.

Rich Osborne brought Nagwia's up, a proposed offshore wind energy project proposal presented during a September 24 [special session](#) of the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council.

Future Agenda Topics

Members are encouraged to contact AC Chair and/or Coordinator with suggestions for topics of interest to the council. Items noted include:

- Condition Report progress
- Status of National Science Foundation Cascadia plate seismic survey
- Pacific Crossing cable survey results

Location of Next Meetings

January 21, 2021 on GoToMeeting. Registration is not required. Join at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/934726957> or dial in [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212) Access Code: 934-726-957