

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting

Virtual Meeting

April 8, 2022

10AM-1130AM

STAC members: Jack Barth, Elise Granek, Dave Hansen (interim Chair), Selina Heppell, Jan Hodder, Bill Jaeger, Gil Sylvia, Craig Young

STAC members absent: Veronica Dujon

Other invited participants: Will White (OSU), Kelly Biedenwieg (OSU)

Information from previous meetings:

STAC meeting notes: [October 2017](#), [March 2018](#), [June 2018](#), [November 2018](#), [March 2019](#), [August 2019](#), [November 2019](#), [March 2020](#), [October 2020](#), [January 2021](#), [September 2021](#)

General information: [Oregon Ocean Information - STAC](#)

Video recording of this meeting: https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1_z0jou0ob

Meeting Notes

- Welcome and introductions
- Update from Marine Reserves Assessment – Will White (OSU) ([link to presentation](#))
 - The team is asking for a short extension, moving the deadline to submit the draft report to STAC from July 1, 2022 to July 15, 2022.
 - Timeline at a glance:
 - Proposed new draft report deadline: July 15, 2022
 - Project team receives comments from STAC: by Aug 15, 2022
 - Revised report deadline: September 15, 2022
 - Draft report due to the interim committees on environment and natural resources of the Legislative Assembly: October 1, 2022
 - Final report due to the Legislative Assembly: March 1, 2023
 - From the RPF: “The selected university team should anticipate being available and responsive to any inquiries, including but not limited to in-person testimony, that may be generated after the report is submitted to the interim committees on environment and natural resources of the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2022, and before a final report is provided to the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2023”
 - What does STAC do with the report once it’s prepared?

- It's not STAC's role to "approve" the report and report content. STAC can draft an accompanying note stating that the requirements from the RFP have been fulfilled by the project team.
 - The law requires a two-page executive summary to accompany the report. The two-page summary will be drafted by Dr. White's team, not STAC.
- Discussion of timeline for the university report
 - DECISION: STAC members agreed to the two week extension requested by Dr. White and his team
 - ACTION ITEM: STAC will meet in late July/early Aug to discuss the draft report.
 - ACTION ITEM: STAC will meet during Sept 15-Oct 1 window to review any changes to the report.
 - Dr. White's team will be invited to join these meetings.
 - STAC may invite contacts from ODFW to attend as well.
- New business -
 - The new OSG Director, Dr. Karina Nielsen, will start effective June 1, 2022. Dr. Nielsen will be present at the next STAC meeting.
 - ACTION ITEM: Dr. Nielsen should meet with several STAC members who can help onboard her to STAC activities.
 - Is it a rule that the OSG Director must chair the STAC committee?
 - ORS 196.451 - "The Ocean Policy Advisory Council shall establish a permanent scientific and technical advisory committee chaired by the director of the Sea Grant College program or other similarly qualified members of the council."
 - The language suggests that STAC must be chaired by the OSG Director, or a comparable member of OPAC (not STAC).
 - Dr. Walker (former OSG-Director and STAC chair) seemed interested in making clearer distinctions between the role of STAC and OPAC's role. Dr. Walker would give OPAC a STAC update during their meetings.
 - ACTION ITEM: Andy Lanier (DLCD) will put a request in to the OPAC executive committee for Dr. Hansen (interim-STAC Chair) to update OPAC at their June meeting.
 - There was an adoption of a complete redo of Part 3 of the Territorial Sea Plan, including rocky habitat management sites. Andy Lanier is working with his agency (DLCD) to get a press release out to help make this known.
 - Dollars appropriated to Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST)
 - HB 5202 - SECTION 419. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Department of State Lands by

section 1, chapter 545, Oregon Laws 2021, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, for deposit into the Oregon Ocean Science Fund established under ORS 196.567, to be expended by the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, is increased by \$1,000,000, for science and monitoring on nearshore keystone species including sea otters, nearshore marine ecosystems, kelp and eelgrass habitat and sequestration of blue carbon.

- Will there be a call for proposals for this or is this money all accounted for?
 - OOST recently had a meeting about this and encouraged those interested to refer to their meeting notes.
 - Concerns were expressed that these RFPs won't get distributed to all parties that may be interested.
 - To ensure individuals receive these opportunities, you're encouraged to sign up to the DLCD-maintained listserv here:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDLCD/subscribe/new>

- OPAC and STAC should engage more on upcoming issues, such as:
 - Offshore wind
 - Ocean acidification and hypoxia
 - Open ocean aquaculture
 - Nearshore ecosystems, sea otter reintroduction

- STAC membership: How many people can be on STAC? There have been some retirements, consider bringing on new members so there's age and career stratification on the committee.
 - Jack Barth indicated that he is planning to step away from STAC relatively soon.
 - Members indicated it would be good to consider future STAC members with energy development experience, people with a sociological background, or anthropological background.
 - STAC has the ability to call on experts outside of the committee as needed, not all input needs to come from current STAC members.

1130 AM

- Adjourn