

## OPAC TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 8:30 PM – 4:00 PM Pacific Time

**REMOTE MEETING ONLY** – See below for remote connection details.

### MEETING GOAL(S)

The Part Four Second Working Group Meeting was held to discuss studies conducted on behalf of the working group regarding the Undersea Cable Permitting Process in Oregon, Best Practices in the Undersea Cable industry, and progress on the Undersea Cable Landing Siting Report. The process for reporting findings to DLCD staff and drafting recommended amendments to the TSP Part Four: Uses of the Sea Floor, especially as they relate to HB 2603, were discussed. Meetings of the Working Group will provide guidance and recommendations to be used by DLCD staff to generate language amendments for the TSP Part Four. Final recommendations will be presented to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) for their consideration after the Working Group concludes their meetings later in the Spring, thereby meeting the timeline established in HB 2603.

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### AGENDA

All times are general estimates and subject to change based on meeting progress and discussion.

- 8:30 am** Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview
- 8:45 am** Meeting Structure and Amendment Drafting Process
- 9:25 am** Break
- 9:45 am** Permitting Process Presentation and Discussion
- 11:00 am** Lunch
- 12:00 pm** Public Comment
- 12:30 pm** Best Practices Presentation and Discussion
- 1:45 pm** Break
- 2:00 pm** Undersea Cable Landing Siting Report Update and Discussion
- 3:00 pm** Break
- 3:15 pm** Plan for Next Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Adjourn

### MEETING LOGISTICS

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**Location:** Meeting was conducted via Zoom.

**Meeting Recordings:** [TSP4 Working Group Meeting 2 - YouTube](#)

**Meeting Materials:** [Meeting Presentation](#), [DSL Permitting Process Guide](#)

#### Participants:

**Working Group Members** – Marcus Chatfield (DLCD), Andy Lanier (DLCD), Laurel Hillmann (OPRD), Delia Kelly (ODFW), Jason Sierman (ODOE), Chris Stine (ODEQ), Rian Hooff (ODEQ), Nataliya Stranadko (ODSL), Lynnae Ruttledge (North coast coastal resident), Elaine Albrich (Renewable energy permitting attorney, public at large), Joanne Morris (Google, Cable industry), Scott McMullen (North coast commercial fishing, OFCC), Susan

Chambers (South coast commercial fisheries), Jamie Fereday (South coast coastal resident), Tara Brock (Working Group Chair; coastal conservation), Reed Burgette (DOGAMI), Ryan Wopschall (Undersea Cable Industry), Kimberly Peacher (DoD), Sarah Absher (Local Government)

**Other Agency Staff** – Jeff Burrigh (DLCD), Scott Marion (ODFW), Jason McClaghry (DOGAMI), Rebecca Anthony (ODFW)

**Public Participants** – Stan Dynak (Microsoft), Dick Vander Schaaf (Nature Conservancy)

## MEETING PRESENTATIONS

Andy Lanier presented about meeting structure and the amendment drafting process.

Nataliya Stranadko presented on the DSL permitting process.

Marcus Chatfield presented on the other local, state, and federal agency permitting processes.

Jeff Burrigh presented on the federal consistency review process.

Ryan Wopschall presented an overview on the Best Practices in the Undersea Cable Industry Report.

Reed Burgette presented an update on the Undersea Cable Landing Siting Report by DOGAMI.

## SUMMARY

This meeting was led by Marcus Chatfield, Undersea Cable Coordinator (DLCD). The goal of this meeting was to discuss studies conducted on behalf of the working group regarding the Undersea Cable Permitting Process in Oregon, Best Practices in the Undersea Cable industry, and progress on the Undersea Cable Landing Siting Report. The process for reporting findings to DLCD staff and drafting recommended amendments to the TSP Part Four: Uses of the Sea Floor, especially as they relate to HB 2603, will be discussed. Meetings of the Working Group will provide guidance and recommendations to be used by DLCD staff to generate language amendments for the TSP Part Four. Final recommendations will be presented to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) for their consideration after the Working Group concludes their meetings later in the Spring, thereby meeting the timeline established in HB 2603.

The meeting opened at 8:30AM with introductions of meeting participants, a discussion of continued recruitment, and a presentation by Andy Lanier about the meeting structure and amendment drafting process. Recruitment will be open until all stakeholder groups are represented.

In-person meetings were discussed as was the possibility of a tour of a cable facility. It was requested if we move to in-person meetings we keep a hybrid option. Working Group decided on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> TSP Part 4 meeting through a poll of the Working Group Members.

Working group discussed potential amendments to the TSP Part Four in light of the permitting process presentations.

There was support from local, state, and federal agencies as well as industry and public stakeholders for a required preapplication meeting. Delia Kelly (ODFW) expressed concern about timing of pre-application meetings.

There was support to add a resource inventory similar to TSP Part Two and Five.

There was support for stakeholder engagement and communication requirements being strengthened in the TSP Part Four.

The idea of having a requirement of the use of a spatial planning tool to generate the information needed for a resource inventory was brought up.

Public Comment Period started at 12:00PM. There were no comments from the public during the Public Comment Period.

Working group discussed potential amendments to the TSP Part Four in light of the Best Practices presentation.

The idea of establishing cable protection corridors was brought up. It was noted that in Oregon natural cable corridors form due to bathymetry and other environmental factors. The idea of making sure rocky habitats and other sensitive natural resource areas are protected by designating cable corridors was expressed. The wariness on behalf of the cable industry to use cable corridors due to a preference for redundancy and diversity of cables to ensure resiliency of cable networks was noted. The idea of the state formulating guidance surrounding the siting of cables and landing sites (first priority, second priority, etc) instead of delineating cable corridors was discussed.

Decommissioning and removal of cables was brought up as a requirement to add to TSP Part Four.

Working group discussed potential amendments to the TSP Part Four in light of the Cable Landing Siting Report presentation.

There was support to avoid exposed rocky habitats and Marine Protected Areas.

The effects of climate change on placement of undersea cables were discussed.

A plan for the next meeting was developed. Meeting materials to be provided to the Working Group before the January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting were discussed. Site suitability either map-delineated or a set of criteria, and clarity of the legislative intent, on what is expected of the Working Group should be a topic. Scott McMullen offered to give a quick presentation on the OFCC role in cable routing. A discussion on considerations, habitats to avoid (wetlands onshore, rocky reefs offshore, etc), and other inventory criteria as a topic. Tara Scheduling time for planning future meetings.

Meeting adjourned early at 3:30PM