

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Habitat Management Strategy Amendment Process

Draft Meeting Summary

July 9, 2019 9:00AM – 10:30PM

Remote Connection Only

Attendance

Working Group Participants: Deanna Caracciolo, Andy Lanier, Charlie Plybon, Dick Vander Schaaf, Dave Fox, Scott McMullen, Andrea Celentano, Walter Chuck, Shawn Stevenson, Bryn Hudson, Tom Calvanese; Kerry Carlin-Morgan ([see full membership and affiliations here](#))

Absent Working Group Members: Dave Lacey, Melissa Keyser, Laurel Hillmann, Kris Wall

Non-working group attendees: Tom Rudolph (PEW Charitable Trust), Fran Recht; Mark and Deb Nicholson (Lincoln City Audubon Society); Joe Liebezeit (PDX Audubon Society); Peggy Joyce (League of Women Voters); Tara Brock (Oceana); Margaret Minnick (Friends of Cape Falcon)

Meeting Overview

This was the third meeting of the Rocky Habitat Working Group as part of the second phase of the update to the Territorial Sea Plan - Part 3. The membership lists for both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 working groups are available at www.OregonOcean.info. This meeting was a check-in call for working group members and did not include any decision points. A members representing harvest and tribal government interests are still at large and filling these seat is a priority to working group members.

On this call the discussion focused on reviewing the designation language brainstormed at the June 5 meeting, followed by discussing process criteria brainstormed by working group members between meetings. The draft designations are included in the following list with comments from the group.

- Marine Garden – the goal of this designation should be to protect rocky habitat resources for educational use. Physical access to these sites should be equitable and may involve an access plan.
- Marine Conservation Area – This designation focuses on a conservation goal.
- Research Reserve – the goal of this designation is to preserve the sites integrity for research & monitoring. These sites should be geographically dispersed when possible.
- Limited Access Areas – Naturally limited physical access to these areas acts as de facto conservation and protection. Some working group members expressed the option to combine this designation with the “Marine Conservation Area” to minimize redundancy, but the group is still determining the best path forward.
- *Tribal and cultural resources - brought up by working group members as a significant gap in the current designations. Individual outreach to tribal staff as well as group outreach to the natural resource cluster will be necessary to better understand how to move forward.

The group then went onto discuss the brainstormed process criteria list which is intended to be used as potential guidance for proposal review bodies including the Ocean Policy Advisory Council. The process criteria will provide a better understanding of the scope of the initial proposal process and the following maintenance proposal process.

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Working group members reviewed each of the brainstormed criteria and determined if each one was in fact a process criteria, or a different type of guidance such as proposal criteria, or statements for section narrative. Members also determined if there were any redundant criteria to lump or split in the list. Once the list is reorganized by working group staff, it will be posted to www.OregonOcean.info. Current criteria include geographic priorities for proposals, clarification on state regulation formation process, efforts to avoid interfering in the 2023 Marine Reserves Program evaluation, etc. The working group will be revisiting this topic at the next meeting on July 25, 2019.

Working Group Decision Points

This was a check in call for working group members and no decisions were made at this meeting.

Next Steps

The Rocky Habitat Working Group will be meeting again for a regular length meeting on July 25, 2019 at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Guin Library Seminar Room the Newport. The agenda for this meeting is being planned and will be uploaded to www.OregonOcean.info when ready. This meeting will continue work on site designation scope and language.

Public Comment

This meeting included 2 opportunities for public comment (beginning & end of call) to accommodate comments that may be beneficial for working group members to hear prior to discussions. Public comment protocol for working group meetings is [available here](#).

Beginning of Call

- **Peggy Joyce** (League of Women Voters) – The League is following this amendment process closely and supporting the work being done.
- **Fran Recht** – How can the public provide comment on draft materials that are not published?
- **Joe Liebezeit** (PDX Audubon Society) – Can the group provide any updates on the online data tool?
- **Tom Rudolf** (PEW Charitable Trust) – Please provide context and background on the purpose of the process criteria.

End of Call

- **Joe Liebezeit** (PDX Audubon Society)
 - Limited conservation areas need definitive definitions to avoid a slippery slope (e.g. – what is the threshold for “limited access”?) These decisions should be based on the

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ecological merit of the site so combining conservation areas (Marine Conservation & Limited Access Conservation Areas) may be beneficial.

- The working group should discuss if federally designated sites should also have a state designation in the event the federal designation is removed or reduced.
- How will overlap between the three geographic priorities for proposal areas be addressed?

Post Public Comment

These comments were received after the second public comment period prior to the end of the meeting through the chat function. To align with working group procedures, these comments will be repeated at July 25 meeting. The following comments were copied directly from the chat text.

- **Fran Recht** - #15. Seems like if rocky shores is a priority for the citizens, the state agencies should support that by adding staffing and resources to help the citizens achieve their mission. i.e. don't assume low current funding for agency staffing will be the same moving forward. Fran
 - (**Joe Liebezeit** agrees with this comment)
- **Fran Recht** - #2 re providing accessible access-- is that a local citizen responsibility to provide access or is it OPRD's responsibility? Requiring consideration of this by local folks versus by state agencies is a big lift. There are grants that the state can apply for. Fran

This meeting was recorded for notetaking purposes.
