

## OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Habitat Management Strategy Amendment Process

Draft Meeting Summary

March 20, 2020 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Remote Only via Zoom

### Attendance

**Remote Participants:** Andy Lanier, Charlie Plybon, Andrea Celentano, Laurel Hillmann, Walter Chuck, Dave Fox, Dick Vander Schaaf, Kerry Carlin-Morgan, Dave Lacey, Kris Wall, Tom Calvanese, Shawn Stephenson, Scott McMullen ([see full membership and affiliations here](#))

**Non-working group attendees:** Tom Rudolph (PEW Charitable Trust), Fran Recht (PSMFC), Margaret Minnick (Friends of Cape Falcon), Angie Reseland (Necanicum WC), Joe Liebezeit (Portland Audubon), Liz Ruther (PEW), Brittany Poirson (PISCO)

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### Meeting Overview

This was the tenth meeting of the Rocky Habitat Working Group as part of the second phase of the update to the Territorial Sea Plan: Part Three. The membership lists for both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 working groups are available at [www.OregonOcean.info](http://www.OregonOcean.info). A member representing harvest and tribal government interests are still at-large and filling these seat is a priority to Working Group members.

This discussion-based meeting was focused on reviewing feedback from the recent 30-day public comment period, and making decisions about finalizing the draft strategy prior to submitting the draft strategy to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council for approval.

OCMP presented updates on the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool, and the Working Group discussed agenda items for the OPAC recommendation report.

### Working Group Main Decision Points

- Section A.6.b will include initial statement at top clarifying for context and applicability of policy statements.
- Policies I & K amended with clarifying language.
- The definition of “aquatic vegetation” was amended and changed to “**marine** aquatic vegetation”, with language in Policies Q and R updated to reflect this change.
- A clarifying statement will be added to the beginning of Appendix A. to clarify that the applicability and extent of definitions is limited to the Strategy.
- Section C. Marine Debris was amended to reference relevant state action plans.
- Section E.4. Maintenance Proposal Process was amended to specify inclusion of a 30-day public comment period on all site designation proposals.
- Appendix C. Proposal Rationale questions were amended to establish site-specific goals and measurable outcomes. Submit draft Tribal Engagement questions to tribes for review.
- Reconvene for check-in call prior to submitting OPAC recommendation.

### Next Steps

The Rocky Habitat Working Group will be meeting again remotely for a brief check-in call to review the OPAC recommendation prior to the OPAC meeting in early May. Connection details and agenda for this meeting are being planned and will be uploaded to [www.OregonOcean.info](http://www.OregonOcean.info) when ready.

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### Public Comment

This meeting included two opportunities for public comment (morning and afternoon) to accommodate comments that may be beneficial for Working Group members to hear. Letters submitted for public comment are available in the [meeting materials](#).

- **Margaret Minnick (Friends of Cape Falcon) – oral comment:**  
Concerned about how the public comment summary was communicated, data availability and using the web mapping tool because the North Coast population tends to be older. Encourages recommendation to OPAC.
- **Fran Recht (public) – written comments:**  
*Initial:* Thanks for your continuing hard work on this. The summary of the received comments was very helpful, thank-you. It represents input from conservation organizations representing many thousands of people across that state and local ones. These uniformly call for more pre-cautionary and enforceable policies regarding SAV protection, and equally call for bringing forth the recommendations from the undesignated sites from 1994 into this process. While I understand what Charlie just said about things being outside the Rocky Shores ability to do, I would like the working group to make a clear recommendation to support the public's clear interest in these matters.  
  
*Follow-up:* Definition R. I don't agree that the development activities should be restricted to "marine" development activities. Upland development activities can severely impact rocky shores-- e.g. by erosion of sediment (suffocation), pollution (pipeline placement) etc. Significant is a very high bar. Significant in law now means 2 years of impact-- isn't that true? That is way too much impact. Fran Sorry-- for the mistaken sending-- Definition R. Public Comment (I will not be able to stay on the phone too much longer). I don't agree that the development activities should be restricted to "marine" development activities. Upland development activities can severely impact rocky shores-- e.g. by erosion of sediment (suffocation), pollution (pipeline placement) etc. Significant is a very high bar. Significant in law now means 2 years of impact-- isn't that true? That is way too much impact.
- **Joe Liebezeit (Portland Audubon) – oral comment:**  
SeaSketch plans will be hugely helpful. Recommended Management Practices – include text for public to see. Recommend keeping 2020 recommendations for public to see because they are the original ones. Move forward with 1994 recommendations and then could provide justification and adjustments after the fact with the Tool.
- **Liz Ruther (PEW Charitable Trusts) – oral comment:**  
Focus on one comment: disappointed the FC Coordinator wasn't present for policy talk – there is a third review process that occurs that wasn't addressed in the conversation.

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