

# Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council

## Draft Meeting Summary – May 7, 2025

### Virtual Meeting

#### Meeting Agenda Link

[View the Meeting Agenda Here: https://oregonocean.info/index.php/resources-tools/other-resources/ooi-documents/ocean-policy-advisory-council/opac-meeting-documents/272-opac-draft-meeting-agenda-may-7-2025](https://oregonocean.info/index.php/resources-tools/other-resources/ooi-documents/ocean-policy-advisory-council/opac-meeting-documents/272-opac-draft-meeting-agenda-may-7-2025)

#### Issues Decided/Positions Taken

OPAC approved the following consensus motions:

- To approve that Dr. Kelsey Emard and Dr. Jenna Tilt are appointed to STAC.
- To approve proposed changes to the STAC charge, as described in the language below:
  - In support of OPAC, the Oregon’s Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process, and in the context of a proposed regional OSW research entity to inform adaptive management needs for research and monitoring:
    - Develop an offshore wind energy “research prioritization framework” to prioritize key knowledge gaps for further research or monitoring
    - Summarize regionally relevant research to identify current knowledge gaps
    - Deliver/present an initial short report to OPAC (summer)
  - In support of OPAC, Oregon’s Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process, and in the context of a proposed regional OSW research entity to inform adaptive management needs for research and monitoring:
    - Crosswalk STAC identified knowledge gaps with those identified by the OSW Roadmap work group(s), revise STAC summary
    - Apply “research prioritization framework” to knowledge gaps summary to identify priority research and monitoring needs for Oregon
    - Deliver a final report to OPAC (fall/winter)
- Regarding OPAC Executive Committee Membership:
  - Susan Chambers was re-elected as Chair
  - Tara Brock was re-elected as Vice Chair.
  - Amelia O’Connor and Joe Liebezeit were elected as the two At-Large Members.
- OPAC directed the executive committee to send a funding support letter to the Governor for Oregon ocean and coastal management programs, including the addition of the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Coordinating Council and Oregon Ocean Science Trust to other programs addressed in a previously approved letter (December 2024). Letter included as addendum 1 to this meeting summary.
- OPAC directed the executive committee to send a letter to the Governor raising awareness to and characterizing the federal cuts to the ocean related agencies and programs that were represented in the panel. Letter included as addendum 2 to this meeting summary.

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## OPAC Members Attendance

Members Present (voting): **Tara Brock** (Coastal Conservation Organization; Vice-Chair); **Susan Chambers** (South Coast Commercial Fisheries; Chair); **Margaret Corvi** (Oregon Coast Indian Tribes); **Jamie Fereday** (Coastal Public At-Large); **Richard Heap** (South Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries); **Joe Liebezeit** (Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization); **Amelia O'Connor** (Coastal Non-Fishing Recreation); **Fran Recht** (Elected City Official)

Members Present (ex officio): **Justin Ainsworth** (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife); **Laurel Hillmann** (OPRD); **Rian Hooff** (Department of Environmental Quality); **Lisa Phipps** (Department of Land Conservation & Development); **Kris Wall** (NOAA Office for Coastal Management); **Karina Nielsen** (Oregon Sea Grant); **Ray Monroe** (Coastwide Organization representing small ports and local governments); **Nataliya Stranadko** (Department of State Lands); **Blake Helm** (DSL)

Staff: **Amanda Macnab** (DLCD); **Andy Lanier** (DLCD, OPAC Staff); **Steve Shipsey** (Dept. of Justice)

### Public Comment

Public Comment speakers (with affiliation if provided):

No one shared public comment at 1:00pm

Others in Attendance (with affiliation if provided):

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**Scott Marion** (ODFW), **Jeff Burrignt** (DLCD), **Andrea Sumerau** (CTSI), **Delia Kelly** (ODFW), **Eva Krukowski** (DLCD), **Jim Carlson**, **Carl Hendrickson** (Oregon Kelp Alliance), **Annie Merrill**, **Dan Hellin**, **Delia Kelly**, **Jenny Koester**, **Katie Darr**, **Melanie Bukovec**, **Kate Sullivan** (CSULA), **Jena Cater**, **Lisa DeBruyckere**, **Anna Roller** (DLCD), **Laura Anderson** (Oregon Ocean Science Trust), **Sara Hamilton** (Oregon Kelp Alliance), **Bob Cowen** (Hatfield Marine Science Center), **Patricia Fox** (South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve), **Jan Newton** (Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observatory Systems),

### **Distributed Materials**

All documents available online at [www.oregonocean.info/](http://www.oregonocean.info/)

Draft Meeting Summary for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024: <https://oregonocean.info/index.php/resources-tools/other-resources/ooi-documents/ocean-policy-advisory-council/opac-meeting-documents/208-opac-draft-meeting-summary-december-11-2024/file>

### **Meeting Video**

The meeting recording is available to watch on the OPAC website and at YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/fB73k4uaBcs>

### **Additional Resources**

1. OPAC Website: <http://www.oregonocean.info/opac>

2. [Department of Land Conservation and Development Website](http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/)  
(<http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/> )

Next meeting:

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Scheduling out OPAC for Spring 2026: April 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Acronyms and Initials:

DLCD-Department of Land Conservation and Development; DOGAMI- Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; DSL- Department of State Lands; OMD – Oregon Military Department; ODFW- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; OPRD-Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation; DOJ – Department of Justice; TNC – The Nature Conservancy; CTCLUSI – Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, SEA-Shoreline Education for Awareness; LUCS-Land Use Compatibility Statement; STAC-Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee;

*For a copy of the video record of this meeting, please contact Andy Lanier at the contact information listed below, and complete a public records request available online at:*

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/About/Pages/Public-Records-Requests.aspx>

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