

Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC)

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

Meeting Summary – October 24, 2024

Members present: Karina Nielsen, Jack Barth, Craig Young, Selina Heppell, Bill Jaeger, Elise Granek, Veronica Dujon

Members absent: Gil Sylvia, Jan Hodder

Note taker: Susie Conley, Oregon Sea Grant

Agenda

11:00 Welcome, introductions

11:05 Information items, discussion and approvals

- Chair updates
- Review *Call for Nominations* for STAC members
 - Approve *Call for Nominations*
 - Discussion of categories and refining definitions for nominations.
 - Potential start date of Jan 2025, or after OPAC meets and approves nominations. STAC will review nominations offline and OPAC will meet early Dec. Karina will develop criteria matrix for selection.
 - Can form Ad Hoc and can include appointees. Current members to stay on until new nominations are approved.
 - If the call of nominations can go out tomorrow, it would be three weeks.
 - If there aren't enough applicants, can extend the deadline.
 - Motion to approve the nomination form: all STAC members presented approved.
- Review revised *STAC Form and Function Guidelines* recommendation to OPAC
 - Approve revised *STAC Form and Function Guidelines* recommendation to OPAC
 - Clean up charge: renewal of appointments, stagger appointments, and striking outdated portion of charge.
 - Meeting frequency: 2x a year to reflect OPAC from current 3x year? No motion to move this forward.
 - Want to have it approved by OPAC once the changes are made.
 - Institutional history and maintain a record historical charges? Maybe on the website.
 - Vote: one abstention, 5 in favor – majority approve the changes.
- Discuss feedback for OPAC on the [Neptune's Vault Seafloor Wine Storage permit application](#).
 - Assign a lead(s) to draft written feedback from STAC.
 - Ask: lead writing up response.

- Selina to formalize it. Pull notes from this meeting and Selina will take lead and pass around to STAC to make edits via email and Karina will share with OPAC, hopefully by their meeting in Dec.
- Tentative dates for OPAC are Nov. 20, Dec. 9-11, and 13.
- 11:50 STAC member updates and discussion

12:00 Adjourn