

# Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC)

## Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

### Meeting Summary - September 3, 2024

**Members present:** Karina Nielsen, Jack Bart, Selina Heppel, Bill Jaeger, Gil Sylvia, Elise Granek, Jan Hodder

**Members absent:** Craig Young, Veronica Dujon

**Note taker:** Susie Conley, Oregon Sea Grant

### Agenda

10:00 Welcome, introductions

10:10 Information items and discussion

- Charge to the STAC from OPAC
- STAC member terms and vacancies
- Review procedures for recruitment, appointment, renewal of STAC members

11:15 Action items

- Call for STAC nominations to fill vacancies
- Revised STAC Guidelines – recommendation to OPAC
- Establish ad hoc subcommittee to address OPAC OSW charge, call for nominations

11:45 Other STAC member updates and discussion

12:00 Adjourn

### Brief Meeting Notes

#### *Discussion of the charge to the STAC from OPAC*

- Synthesize existing relevant research, identify knowledge gaps, and prioritize research needs in a synthesis to inform adaptive management needs for research and monitoring (specific to the BOEM offshore wind authorization process).
- Explore the development of an independent technical committee to provide perspective on Oregon or regional research needs and recommendations.
- Report back to OPAC in 1 year (~July 2025).

#### *Discussion about STAC terms and vacancies*

- Jack Barth, Gil Sylvia, Craig Young are stepping down
- Discussion of nominations process, desired areas of expertise
- Karina will draft nomination announcement for review and approval at next meeting
- Put off establishing ad hoc subcommittee until we see nominees for STAC

#### *Discussion about revisions to STAC Guidelines approved by OPAC (not the statute)*

- General agreement about allowing for more than one renewal
- Discussion about striking duties that have been completed related to marine reserves. General agreement to clean that section up but STAC wants to retain some language about working with ODFW. Jack and Selina will draft proposed new language

#### *Action taken*

- Motion approved to recommend to OPAC that the word “only” be struck from item 3 of “Members and Chair” in the [STAC Guidelines](#).
  - “Members will be appointed for three year terms, renewable ~~once~~, at the discretion of the OPAC Executive Committee. Terms will be staggered to ensure continuity.”

#### *Discussion about [Neptune's Vault Seafloor Wine Storage proposal](#).*

- OPAC requested feedback from STAC on this proposal.
- Will discuss further at next meeting

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