

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Habitat Management Strategy Amendment Process

Draft Meeting Summary

July 25, 2019 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Guin Library Seminar Room

Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport OR

Attendance

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

Absent Working Group Members: Dave Lacey, Melissa Keyser, Scott McMullen, Bryn Hudson

Non-working group attendees: Karen Driscoll (Otter Rock Marine Reserve); Peggy Joyce (League of Women Voters); Kelly Moroney (USFWS); Geoff Wilkie (NOAA-MOCP); Tom Rudolph (PEW Charitable Trust), Fran Recht (PSFMC); Joe Liebezeit (PDX Audubon Society); Margaret Minnick (Friends of Cape Falcon)

Meeting Overview

This meeting of the Rocky Habitat Working Group was part of the second phase of the update to the Territorial Sea Plan - Part 3. The membership lists and meeting materials for both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 working groups are available at www.OregonOcean.info. Members representing harvest and tribal government interests are still at large and filling these seat is a priority to working group members.

During this meeting, the group was tasked with finalizing site designation language, goals, and characterizations. To avoid confusion the group chose to remove designations that may not come with some aspect of regulation (e.g. limited access conservation area) as well as avoid overlaying additional state designations on existing federally designated areas. Although, the strategy will reference these existing federal areas for consistency. The working group came to consensus on the following designations.

- Marine Garden – Protect rocky habitat resources to support learning opportunities and maintain ecological integrity. These sites should be prioritized for providing enhanced education, enjoyment, public access*, and resource awareness.
- Marine Conservation Area – Maintain the natural system to support scientific research and monitoring while maintaining ecological integrity.
- Research Reserve – Conserve the natural system to the highest degree possible by limiting adverse impacts to habitat and wildlife.

The group expects to build upon the designation language at its next meeting on August 26, 2019 by drafting and potentially finalizing consistent management measures.

Working Group Decision Points

- Designation language and goals were finalized (see list above)
- The Rocky Habitat Strategy will reference federal designations and will not overlay additional state designations or triggers at this time.

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Next Steps

The Rocky Habitat Working Group will be meeting again for an extended workshop on August 26, 2019 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Office in Seal Rock. The agenda for this meeting is being planned and will be uploaded to www.OregonOcean.info when ready. This meeting will focus on determining consistent management measures for designations.

Public Comment

This meeting included 2 opportunities for public comment (beginning & end of agenda) 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

- **Joe Liebezeit** (PDX Audubon Society) –
 - The working group should incorporate a formal 30 day public comment period into the timeline prior to accepting public proposals.
 - The Phase 2 Process Document should include an agency proposal process to go along with Phase 1 policy.
 - The working group will need to determine if a site can have multiple or overlapping designations. As well as if a single site per proposal system is most efficient and appropriate for this process.
- **Tom Rudolf** (PEW Charitable Trust) –
 - The Phase 2 Process Document is very helpful to the public, but some suggested edits include –
 - Including site regulations in designation language table.
 - Possible need for accommodation for proposers to submit paper proposer rather than use the Rocky Habitat Mapping Tool.
 - Include the short list of Phase 1 topics that must still be reconciled (as determined by OPAC at April 3, 2019 meeting).
- **Fran Recht** (PSFMC) –
 - See [submitted written comments to Phase 2 Process Document](#).

End of Call

- **Fran Recht** (PSFMC) –
- **Tara Driscoll** (Friends of Otter Rock)
- **Joe Liebezeit** (PDX Audubon Society)

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Post Public Comment

Additional public comment was submitted via email to working group staff outside of the scheduled in-meeting public comment. This public comments are [available here](#) and have been shared with working group members.

This meeting was recorded for notetaking purposes.

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