

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Habitat Management Strategy Amendment Process

Draft Meeting Summary

June 5, 2019 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Hatfield Marine Science Center | Guin Library - Seminar Room

2030 SE Marine Science Dr, Newport, OR 97365

Attendance

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

Absent Working Group Members: Dave Lacey, Melissa Keyser, Kerry Carlin Morgan,

Non-working group attendees: Tom Rudolph (PEW Charitable Trust), Fran Recht; Paul Engelmeyer (PDX Audubon), P. Shivley, Anne Hayden-Lesmeister (OR Sea Grant), Trevor Taylor (OPRD), Patty Snow (OCMP & OPAC)

Meeting Overview

This was the second meeting of the Rocky Habitat Working Group as part of the second phase of the update to the Territorial Sea Plan - Part 3. The membership lists for both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 working groups are available at www.OregonOcean.info. A members 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 determining the general structure and goals of site designations. Dave Fox (ODFW) gave a presentation on the background and context surrounding the currently managed rocky habitat areas and how they compare to the 1994 recommended designations.

The working group brainstormed designation categories and associated goals which will be worked on further at the next meeting. Please be aware that these are DRAFT categories and are subject to change.

- Marine Garden – educational goal
- Marine Conservation Area – renamed from Habitat Refuge - conservation goal
- Research Reserve –Research & monitoring goal
- Limited Access Areas – limited access to site creates a type of natural restriction.

The meeting concluded with a review of the draft community proposal process. Which will be discussed further at future working group meetings.

Working Group Decision Points

- Designations will be categorized by management goals, similar to the structure of the current system.
- Both regulatory and non-regulatory goals and criteria will be associated with designation.
- The Rocky Habitat Natural Resource Inventory will include all rocky habitat sites.
- Federally designated rocky habitat areas (e.g. – Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge) will be recognized in the strategy.

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Next Steps

The Rocky Habitat Working Group will be meeting again for a regular length meeting in early July in the Newport area. The exact location and agenda for this meeting are being planned and will be uploaded to www.OregonOcean.info when ready. This meeting will continue work on site designation scope and language.

Public Comment

This meeting included 3 opportunities for public comment (morning, lunch, afternoon) to accommodate comments that may be beneficial for working group members to hear prior to discussions. Letters submitted for public comment are available in the [meeting materials](#).

- **Fran Recht (public)** – *written & oral comment submitted* –
Concern about overuse of rocky habitat. Bins should be different and less confusing for the public. Proposes a coastwide designation for no take (conservation). Designations would be relating to allowing harvest (i.e. – harvest areas) where science deems it sustainable.
- **Tom Rudolf (PEW Charitable Trust)** – *oral comment* –
Management clarity for the public should be a priority. For example, the “Not Yet Designated: designation from the 1994 plan is confusing and if not removed, should be better described.
- **Patty Snow (OCMP & OPAC)** – *oral comment* –
Question for ODFW about the current state of recreational harvest in rocky habitat areas. (ODFW response included that harvest may be less of an issue in these areas in comparison to trampling from visitation.)
- **Trevor Taylor (OPRD)** – *oral comment* –
Question about the ability to include regulations in the strategy that apply to outside forces such as ocean acidification and hypoxia, or water quality.
- **David Allen (City of Newport)** - *written comment* –
Emailed comments – pertaining to statutory language clarification on ORS 196.443(1)(a). Although OPAC has determined statutory intent on this language, Dept. of Justice may also need to review this language.

This meeting was recorded for notetaking purposes.
