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LCDC Chair Jerry Lidz and Members of the Commission

We are sending this letter on behalf of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) to communicate the Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) recommendations made during the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Council. The OPAC recommendations are related to two parts of the TSP: 1) Part Three – the Rocky Shores Management Strategy; and 2) Part Five – the Marine Renewable Energy chapter. Both proposed amendments were approved after an extensive process and through a consensus vote of the Council, indicating broad support for the completion of the proposed amendments to the TSP. Each recommendation is succinctly summarized below for your reference.

TSP Part Three – Rocky Shores Management Strategy

On December 3, 2015, OPAC recommended that Part Three be reviewed and updated. That recommendation led to the LCDC initiating the rulemaking amendment process (March 2016 Gold Beach meeting). Since then, agency staff and OPAC, through the Rocky Shores Working Group, have worked diligently to conduct a public scoping process, the acquisition of resources, and the drafting of new language to replace sections A-E of the original Part Three chapter. The Council is satisfied with the Part Three amendments (Attachment A) and forwards them to you for consideration. Future work on Part Three includes the compilation of a rocky habitat resource inventory and a public community-based proposal process, which OPAC will help to oversee and we will bring any resulting amendments to the LCDC.

TSP Part Five – Marine Renewable Energy

The Council, in response to the December 5, 2018 LCDC letter specifying revisions to Part Five, is forwarding to you a recommendation on the amendments to Part Five. The Council agrees with the LCDC specified revisions to Part Five, and agrees with the additional optional change to move cables from the Proprietary Use and Management Area designation to the Renewable Energy Exclusion Area designation.

Thank you,

Chair Jena Carter and Vice-Chair Walter Chuck
The Ocean Policy Advisory Council