

**Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**September 9, 2021**

**STAC members attending:** Shelby Walker, Selina Heppell, Elise Granek, Craig Young, Jan Hodder, Gil Sylvia, Bill Jaeger, Jack Barth

**STAC members absent:** Veronica Dujon

**Other invited participants:** Cristen Don (ODFW), Tommy Swearingen (ODFW), Dave Fox (ODFW), Lindsay Aylesworth (ODFW), Haley Epperly (ODFW), Andy Lanier (DLCD), Lisa Gaines (INR), Jeff Behan (INR), Dave Hansen (OSG - Incoming STAC Chair)

**Information from previous meetings:**

STAC meeting notes: [April 2017](#), [October 2017](#), [March 2018](#), [June 2018](#), [November 2018](#), [March 2019](#), [August 2019](#), [November 2019](#), [March 2020](#), [October 2020](#), [January 2021](#)

General information: [Oregon Ocean Information - STAC](#)

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**AGENDA**

- Welcome and introductions
  - Dr. Shelby Walker is stepping down as STAC Chair, this will be her last meeting. Dr. Dave Hansen, interim OSG Director, is joining this meeting as the incoming STAC Chair
- Review/discussion of [recommendation](#) for MR Assessment Public University Team (INR)
  - Lisa Gaines, Institute for Natural Resources, discussed the RFP distribution process and the proposal review process that led to their recommendation.
  - At the end of the calendar year, the website developed by INR to support this process will be taken offline and archived.
  - The recommendation from the review is to award the project to the team led by PIs Dr. Will White and Dr. Kelly Biedenwieg, OSU Fisheries Wildlife and Conservation.
  - Question from STAC: Were there any reviewers from the biological sciences?
    - No, there were no reviewers from the biological sciences who were able to participate in this review, but reviewers from marine reserves conservation science.
  - The reviewers will remain anonymous.
  - From Selina Heppell: "I am refraining from question or comment because the PIs are in my department. Happy to answer questions with regard to the experience and qualifications of those PIs, if appropriate."
  - Our (STAC's) job at this time is to accept the recommendation and move it on to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) for their recommendation to the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) for funding
  - **STAC concurred with the recommendation from the INR-led review, and agreed to recommend the proposal to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust for funding.**
  - The public university team will begin their work this fall.
  - Dr. Gaines will share more detailed information with STAC about the recommended team members and their background and expertise.
- Discussion with ODFW - working on a synthesis report

- Research collaborator's data, which includes data that has not yet been published, and was not funded by ODFW, does not belong to ODFW. The plan is that these findings will be rolled up into the ODFW synthesis report, however at least one of these collaborator review teams have asked for an embargo to go on their data in the ODFW report.
  - Can or should ODFW honor the request of the collaborators to have an embargo on the data in the appendixes?
  - The summary report would be available for the reviewers, and upon request the data could be made available to others after the embargo.
  - What was the agreement with the collaborators ahead of time? Were they aware that their data was going to be available to reviewers for this process?
    - Yes, they knew the data would be used by reviewers but the fact that the process is a public process and therefore the data reviewed would also be open to the public was not specifically addressed in advance.
- STAC determination: The data was not directly paid for, or supported on an in-kind basis by ODFW. Since the data will be available for the reviewers (upon request), and the summary reports will be included in the report appendixes (and available to the public) it does not seem necessary for the unpublished data to be available publicly through this process.
  - It will be important to make it clear why some data sets are available and some are not. It would be good to treat all non-ODFW funded complementary data sets the same, whether the PI has requested an embargo or not.
  - Will the review team have a mechanism to receive public comment?
    - No, at this time there is no built-in mechanism for public comment on the assessment report.
- Appendix availability and potential influence
  - With the availability of the summary reports in the appendixes, is there a potential for outside individuals (the public) to view that information and attempt to influence the review team?
  - There is no formal public comment therefore there is no mechanism for the public to provide input and to influence the review team.

**1100 AM**

- Adjourn

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