

## OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Shores Management Strategy Amendment Process

Draft Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Oregon Coast Aquarium, Gleason Room

2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd, Newport, OR 97365

**Participants:** Deanna Caracciolo, Andy Lanier, Charlie Plybon, Laurel Hillmann, Scott McMullen, Dick Vanderschaaf, Dave Fox, Dave Lacy, Kris Wall, Kerry Carlin Morgan, Tom Calvanese, Walter Chuck, Melissa Keyser

**Members Absent:** Loren Goddard, Dave Lacey, Chris Castelli, Mike O’Leary

**Members of the public:** Tara Brock, Tom Rudolph, Bryn Hudson

In this meeting of the Territorial Sea Plan Rocky Shores Working Group, members shared updates from the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) presentation, Oregon Tribal Environmental Forum presentation, and on ongoing data progress. The tribal government representative seat remains unfilled, and the group determined that if no representative is found that agency staff will need to do proper due-diligence to inform and gather correspondence from tribal governments on the update process.

The group then went on to discuss the topic of offshore rocks and reefs and how they should be incorporated into the Rocky Shore Management Strategy. Dave Fox (ODFW) gave historical context on the motivations behind the original TSP Part Three site designations categories. This led the group to determine clearer definitions are needed for some of the basic terminology used throughout the strategy. Questions for OPAC were also drafted regarding inventory work. Members finally determined that the restructuring of site categories is necessary, and requires a clear and general purpose statement, clear definitions of rocky shore habitats, inventory and prioritization.

Members went on to discuss updated Section D text (agency rules and regulations), and associated rapid response text. Additional drafting will be required to complete this section. Marine plant harvest was also a topic of interest with members discussing a need for a comprehensive and exhaustive study and planning before including a supportive policy recommendation in the strategy. This topic has been flagged for future meeting discussion.

Finally, the working group came to a consensus on condensing Section E text (Context for Management) to make it more readable while retaining and updating Ecosystem Based Management information.

### **Public Comment:**

- Tara Brock (PEW) – Appreciates the working group discussion on offshore rocks and reefs and supports managing rocky habitat as “ecological units” as outlined in the original TSP Part Three. She looks forward to the potential of merging and expanding upon the data set used for the TSP Part Five update process.

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- Tom Rudolf (PEW) – Noted his appreciation for the discussion on kelp harvest regulation and supports the drafting of a policy statement that outlines the importance, fragility, and complexity of managing commercial kelp harvest. He also discourages regulation from allowing commercial and/or compound individual harvest of kelp without extensive and comprehensive study and planning.

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