OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group

Rocky Habitat Management Strategy Amendment Process Meeting Summary Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 1:00 – 5:00PM

Remote Participants: Andy Lanier, Charlie Plybon, Andrea Celentano, Laurel Hillmann, Walter Chuck, Dave Fox, Dick Vander Schaaf, Kerry Carlin-Morgan, Kris Wall, Tom Calvanese, Shawn Stephenson, Scott McMullen, Jena Carter, Michael Moses

Members of the Public: Joe Liebezeit, Bobby Hayden, Em Cook, Margaret Treadwell, James Carlson, Mark Healy

Public Comment:

Joe Liebezeit (Portland Audubon Society):

 Requested guidance on expert engagement for proposal development and for DLCD staff to develop process to connect members of public with rocky habitat resource experts

Meeting Overview

In this meeting of the Territorial Sea Plan Working Group on the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy update, the group discussed Tribal Nations engagement and public outreach efforts, high-level approaches to proposal review and evaluation processes, and initial plans for the evaluation timeline. The approach and format of the Tribal Nations rocky habitat work sessions were presented and discussed. The group decided that future Working Group meetings would include a standing agenda item for Tribal Nations comment, in the same fashion as the public comment. The Working Group was updated on outreach activities, and agreed to move forward with active recruitment to fill empty Working Group seats.

The primary discussion of this meeting was focused on reviewing proposal criteria, clarifying the approach, scope, and limits of our evaluation processes, and determining a high-level outline for an evaluation timeline. The group assessed and discussed the essential criteria for rocky habitat proposals established in the current draft of the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. The group determined that an evaluation criteria matrix should be developed, as well as guiding documents and materials to provide clear structure to standardize the process and help set expectations on all sides.

Finally, the group determined an initial timeframe outline to organize the process given changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This included blocking off dates to facilitate agency and Working Group proposal reviews.

Public Comment:

Margaret Treadwell (North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition):

• Request that if we are developing an evaluation rubric/matrix to consider sharing it publically