

Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council

Draft Meeting Summary – April 21, 2026

Meeting Agenda Link

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Issues Decided/Positions Taken

The council unanimously approved the draft meeting summaries from October 29, 2025 and January 29, 2026.

The Council elected new Executive Committee members by consensus, including: Chair Joe Liebezeit, Vice-Chair Duncan Berry, and At-Large Member Amelia O'Connor.

The Council, in response to a letter from DLCD Director Bateman, reached consensus to recommend initiation of an 18-month rulemaking process to amend Parts One and Two of the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan.

The council approved a recommendation for the State of Oregon to participate in the California-led West Coast Science Collaborative, suggesting a representative from the Science Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) fill the ex-officio seat.

OPAC Members Attendance

Members Present (voting): **Duncan Berry** (Public At-Large); **Susan Chambers** (South Coast Commercial Fisheries; Chair); Vice-Chair); **Margaret Corvi** (Oregon Coast Indian Tribes); **Nick Edwards** (Ports, Marine Transportation and Navigation); **Joe Liebezeit** (Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization); **Amelia O'Connor** (Coastal Non-Fishing Recreation);

Members Absent: **Mark Kujala** (North Coast County Commissioner); **Kyle Motley** (Coastal Public At-Large); **Richard Heap** (South Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries); **Fran Recht** (Elected City Official)

Members Present (ex officio): **Justin Ainsworth** (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife); Chandra Ferrari (GNRO); **Laurel Hillmann** (OPRD); **Rian vanden Hooff** (Department of Environmental Quality); **Karina Nielsen** (Oregon Sea Grant); **Ray Monroe** (Coastwide Organization representing small ports and local governments); **Nataliya Stranadko** (Department of State Lands);

Staff: **Amanda Macnab** (DLCD); **Andy Lanier** (DLCD, OPAC Staff); **Steve Shipsey** (Dept. of Justice); **Jeff Burright** (DLCD); **Cynthia Smidt** (DLCD)

Public Comment

Public Comment speakers (with affiliation if provided):

None Provided.

Others in Attendance (with affiliation if provided):

Andrea Sumerau (CTSI), Bill Jaeger (STAC), Bryson Robertson (STAC), Delia Kelly (ODFW); Heather Mann; Jena Carter (TNC); Jenna Tilt, Jim Lerczak (STAC); Julia Degraw; Kate Sullivan, Lilah Ise (WCOA); Maya Feezell (WCOA Fellow); Scott Groth (ODFW); Selina Heppell (STAC); Raul Ramsey, Veronica Dujon (STAC); Will White (STAC); Zach Drake

Distributed Materials

All documents available online at www.oregonocean.info/

Meeting Materials:

- [Draft Meeting Summary from October 29, 2025](#)
- [Draft Meeting Summary from January 29, 2026](#)
- [OPAC Webinar Slides, April 21, 2026](#)

Meeting Presentations:

- [EO 25-26 slides, April 21, 2026](#)
- [OPAC DSL Undersea Cables Rulemaking Presentation, April 21, 2026](#)
- [OSW Roadmap Update, OPAC, April 21, 2026](#)
- [State Wildlife Action Plan Overview, OPAC, April 21, 2026](#)

Meeting Video

The meeting recording is available to watch on the OPAC website and at YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jQnuk5bHTA>

Additional Resources

1. OPAC Website: <http://www.oregonocean.info/opac>
2. OPAC Recommendations and Publications:
<https://oregonocean.info/index.php/resources-tools/other-resources/ooi-documents/ocean-policy-advisory-council/opac-reports-publications>
3. [Department of Land Conservation and Development Website \(http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/\)](http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/)

Next meeting:

Scheduling the next full day OPAC meeting for Fall, 2026

Acronyms and Initials:

DLCD-Department of Land Conservation and Development; DOGAMI- Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; DSL- Department of State Lands; OMD – Oregon Military Department; ODFW- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; OPRD-Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation; DOJ – Department of Justice; TNC – The Nature Conservancy; CTCLUSI – Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, SEA-Shoreline Education for Awareness; LUCS-Land Use Compatibility Statement; STAC-Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee;

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<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/About/Pages/Public-Records-Requests.aspx>

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