

# Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

Virtual Meeting: Feb 17th, 2025, 9:15am-10:45am

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*The meeting agenda and timing is subject to modification*

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## Meeting Notes

Attendance: Karina, Jan Hodder, Bill Jaeger, David Kling, Veronica Dujon, Will White, Kate Sullivan, Jim Lerczak, Elise Granek, Selina Heppell, Susie Conley, David Nightingale, Talaina King,

Christopher Hall

Not here: N/A

Notes: Susie Conley

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- Information items, updates (all)
  - Neptune's Vault
  - Impacts to federal ocean/coastal research funding, programs, and scientists in Oregon due to White House executive orders/actions/memos
    - Review of relevant research, such as OSW
- STAC Nominations received
  - Reopened in Jan. Received 2 nominations packets. Currently under review with STAC responses via survey closing in 1 week. If there is a clear preference, will move forward with that nominee. If it isn't clear, it will be brought back to the group.

9:45 – 10:40

- OPAC charge to STAC, develop workplan
  - Synthesize research to form management recommendations. State looking for input on OSW.
  - Prioritize research and monitoring needs to inform management.
  - June is when OPAC wants this. There is the possibility of extending the deadline.
  - Assign 2 members to work on this. Can reorganize and can add ad hoc members to work on this.
  - Not particular to a location. Roadmap is looking at all Oregon (state and federal waters).
  - Request for prior OPAC STAC example of a similar nature.
  - Scope of effort? Round up of what has already been done and translation of existing work. How long of a document? Or how many topics? Be careful about how long STAC makes this document. The letter from OPAC to the governor is what politicians will read.
  - Chapter in Oregon 7<sup>th</sup> climate assessment on offshore wind: good starting point

is to figure out what was not covered and get more information on those topics. Marine mammals and birds were not covered; southern Oregon coast; economic analysis. Give recommendations to what state and OPAC should be worried about.

<https://hub.oregonexplorer.info/documents/e20095c32eda41d7905d0a3b3f6c736b/about>

- Give list of things to focus on; prioritized list of concerns for the state/OPAC.
- Want to avoid laundry list with no strength of impact; want to make this useful.
- Informal floating offshore wind energy roadmap:  
[https://oregonconsensus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Considerations\\_Oregon-FOSW-Roadmap-with-Exit-Ramps\\_04262024\\_final.pdf](https://oregonconsensus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Considerations_Oregon-FOSW-Roadmap-with-Exit-Ramps_04262024_final.pdf)
- Selina: <https://digitalcollections.library.oregon.gov/nodes/view/129324> Size and Spacing of Marine Reserves report
- Will: Here is the Oregon Marine Reserves Assessment from 2022, a report by OSU to STAC and the legislature:  
<https://oregonstate.box.com/s/vrqzourfsgafjf34pp9ls8njx5kfnoo6>. Should this be on STAC website?
- Keystone factors that might help form the prioritization list? State and OPAC are non-technical and looking for scientific guidance.
- What will OPAC do with this: communicate information to governor. 1.5 page max letter.
- Length & scope: 2-3 page executive summary: key elements/issues that we want OPAC to know about with a page for each key element. STAC members are in agreement with this decision. 10 main points, with 1-2 pages (max) for synthesis and background for each of the points.
- Framework/axes/considerations for prioritization: risk to environment, risk to people, risk to coastal economy, risk to tribal coastal communities, etc. What is the HW?
- 1: read the roadmap and identify gaps in the 7<sup>th</sup> climate assessment; 2: propose a framework for prioritization of main points for the executive summary; 3: pull together existing literature/bibliography of recent relevant reports.
- At March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, decide on our framework, assign homework to identify priority topics for the report
- At April meeting, confirm these topics and who is working on which one at an April mtg to be scheduled. 1 hour. April 1-4, need at least 5 members.
- Shared Google drive proposal? Karina will set this up.
- Assign leads:
  - Karina & Selina will work on bibliography.
  - Jan, Jim, David, and Elise: will work on 7<sup>th</sup> climate assessment and

identifying gaps.

- Veronica, Bill, and Will: framework to organize the thinking not prioritizing.
- Karina will send out a summary of who is doing what and the date of the next meeting and number of pages.
- How to figure out priorities then recommendations. Might need one more meeting to decide the framework before members can work on priorities. Short meeting in early April?

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- Public comment
  - David Nightingale: from Olympia, WA. Semi-retired. Engineer and business. Tracking off-shore wind. Both OR and WA OSW is attractive going forward.
  - Tribal input? Coquille and Siletz on OSW. Movement from Makah in WA. Ad hoc appointment to work with us on this?
  - David is offering to work with us and will send CV to Karina.

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- Adjourn