

Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC)

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

Virtual Meeting: Monday, Sept. 29th, 2025, 10am-12pm

[Meeting registration link](#)

STAC Members Present: Karina Nielsen, Jan Hodder, Kelsey Emard, Bill Jaegar, David Kling, Elise Granek, Jim Lerczak, Jenna Tilt, Will White, Selina Heppell

STAC Members Absent: Veronica Dujon

ORSG Support & Minutes: Susie Conley

Meeting Notes

- Welcome, introductions
 - Agenda overview
 - Knowledge Gaps in two groups: Natural Science and Social Science
 - Reminder of charge
 - OPAC fall meeting presentation of findings from subgroups
- Updates from STAC chair and STAC members
 - None
- OSW Work Group Progress Updates and Outcomes
 - Discussion about Prioritization Framework
 - Social science work group will work to adapt the natural science framework

- Importance of the frameworks for transparency
 - Priorities of STAC may not be priorities of interested parties, public, etc.
 - Not everyone will agree, but approach, method transparent and can be updated as needed
- Social science work group has about six sharp questions
- **Action Item:** David will adapt Will's groups framework and share with SS WG. A couple of slides to summarize outputs.
- Knowledge Gaps
 - Natural sciences group
 - A lot of information available, and it is impossible to cover everything.
 - Focused on a few key areas, where members have expertise: Seabirds, marine mammals, pollutants, fisheries, ecosystem
 - Jan has developed a summary document; fisheries and ecosystem sections need more work.
 - **Action Items:**
 - Jim is working on ecosystem section
 - Selina will update fisheries section
 - Kelsey has social science content for fisheries too, compare

- Karina suggests the natural science team look at the social science team's one-page docs for a format and see if they can align. It would be good to have the same/similar format in the report for both natural and social science knowledge gaps.
- Social science group – topics covered, short briefs
 - Social science and commercial fisheries
 - Tribal engagement
 - Economics of offshore wind
 - Fisheries engagement
 - Economic impacts and fisheries
- OPAC meeting presentation
 - Date/time: 2:15-3p 10/29
 - Aim for 15 slides for the 20-minute report out, leave time for questions, discussions
 - Presenters: Will, David (Kelsey back up), Jim, Selina; other STAC members attend, if possible, may contribute to discussion.
 - Plan for each subgroup to present, Karina will introduce and moderate: 1) prioritization framework (Will, with input from David on NS and SS frameworks); 2) Natural Science summarize what's know, key gaps (Selina, & Jim); 3) Social Science, summarize what's know, key gaps (David, Kelsey as back up)

- **Action Item:** Karina to make folder, start a blank google slide deck so folks can collaborate. Karina cleanup/design presentation deck to have a clean look – keep things simple.
- **Deadlines/Key Dates:**
 - Monday, Oct. 20th for initial draft of slides.
 - Monday Oct. 27th STAC mtg to finalize presentation
 - Wednesday Oct. 29th OPAC meeting, STAC report presentation
2:15-3p
- Public comment
 - None present.
- Adjourn

The meeting agenda and timing is subject to modification

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