

**Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
Form and Function Guidelines**

Approved by OPAC on 12 December 2024

These guidelines complement, but do not supersede, the statutory charge for the scientific and technical committee ([ORS 196.451](#)).

OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1. The STAC will provide independent scientific and technical advice to OPAC on ocean resources management issues.
2. The STAC will submit reports to OPAC.

MEMBERS AND CHAIR

1. The STAC will consist of approximately 10 members representing the scientific and technical disciplines appropriate to OPAC responsibilities.
2. STAC members may be appointed by the OPAC Executive Committee based on openly solicited nominations and ratified by OPAC
3. Members will be appointed for three-year terms. Terms are renewable at the discretion of the OPAC Executive Committee. Terms will be staggered to ensure continuity.
4. Members will be subject to ethical standards consistent with requirements of state government.
5. The STAC chair will be determined by the OPAC Executive Committee as outlined in [ORS 196.451](#).

ADMINISTRATION

1. The STAC will report to the OPAC Executive Committee.
2. The STAC will meet approximately three times per year; additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the STAC Chair.
3. The STAC will respond to requests from OPAC for science and technical advice.
4. The STAC may initiate advice on scientific and technical issues of relevance to OPAC.

As needed, the STAC may convene ad hoc subcommittees to provide expanded expertise for workshops or reviews. Membership of ad hoc subcommittees will be determined by the STAC.