

# West Coast Regional Marine Planning Update

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# “Regional Planning Body”

- Base Elements:
  - “Co-Leads”: Federal, Tribal, State
  - RPB members made up of appropriate federal, tribal government, state and PFMC representatives
  - Local government represented through state participation
  - Ex-officio and work groups added as needed
- RPB develops a coast-wide and/or subregional marine plan(s) that address regional planning priorities and capacity
- RPB allows for flexibility in responsibility and tasks based on roles of regional partners

# Timeline

- **2013 – Summer 2014:**
  - Federal Agency coordination (NOAA, EPA, USCG, Navy, BOEM, USGS, Parks, Energy, DOT, USDA, USFWS, FERC, White House Council on Environmental Quality, National Ocean Council)
  - State outreach (WA, OR, CA)
  - Tribal Assessment (30+ tribes)
  - Data Coordination: WC Ocean Data Portal & Fed Data Working Group
- **Sept & Oct 2014:** First region-wide meetings (Telecon)
- **Fall 2014:** Monthly partner meetings & regional outreach
- **January 2015:** West Coast Ocean Summit
- **2015 – beyond:** Determined by partners

# Regional Engagement

- **Potential RPB members (fed, tribal, state) meeting remotely by phone & web since September**
- **Website ([www.westcoastmarineplanning.org](http://www.westcoastmarineplanning.org)) launched to share information, regular updates, meeting summary**
- **Ongoing dialog to determine structure and engagement for all possible RPB members**
- **Increasing regional outreach to update stakeholders and partners on regional planning efforts**
- **RPB not yet “launched”**

# Key Feedback

- West Coast scale must be addressed
- Existing work should be built on, not replicated
- Capacity limited at all levels
- Apparent support from potential RPB members, but clarity needed on products
- Subregional approach likely best fit for West Coast



# A Sub-Regional Approach?

- National Ocean Council calls for flexibility based on regional priorities and capacity
- Sub-regional approach would allow for existing work to be leveraged while building new links
- Coast-wide RPB could oversee coordination and communication
- Sub-regional focus areas build on existing work, identify new actions, engage appropriate stakeholders

# West Coast Tribal Assessment

- Led by Triangle Associates, NOAA; funded by Moore Foundation
- Completed September 2014
- Key questions:
  - **Suggestions or expectations for Tribal representation and participation in an RPB;**
  - **Recommended approaches for a West Coast RPB that supports Tribal marine planning; and**
  - **Topics or interests that a West Coast-wide or sub-regional RPB could uniquely address.**

# West Coast Tribal Assessment

## Tribal participation and representation in an RPB:

- Each Tribe must have the opportunity to represent its own interests as sovereign governments on a West Coast wide or sub-regional RPB
- Treaties/treaty rights and co-management agreements will need be acknowledged and protected as part of the RPB charter
- Groups of Tribes must be able choose to work together to appoint a representative if needed
- If a Tribe is not providing a representative at any one time, any interested Tribe would expect to receive all relevant materials and meeting notes
- The RPB needs to make the effort at least annually to ensure that the Tribal contact listed is still accurate

# West Coast Tribal Assessment

- Feedback on Regional vs. Subregional:
  - Tribal interests are primarily related to resources within ceded or traditional territory, or associated with specific Treaty Rights
  - Tribes are concerned about how marine activities in one part of the coast will affect resources in another part of the coast
  - All Tribes are supportive of information/data sharing amongst Federal agencies and States that is open to Tribes, states, public, and others
  - West Coast-wide is too large of a scale for effective planning

# Next Steps

- Regional Calls: November & December
- West Coast Ocean Summit: Jan 12-14, Portland, OR
- **Inaugural RPB Meeting – Monday Jan 12**
- **Meeting for potential RPB members (tribal governments, federal agencies, state marine planning leads, PFMC)**
- **RPB Charter as starting point**
- **Discussion of Regional vs. Subregional functions**

# Questions?

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