

BRIEFING ON MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING

The Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force (OPTF), chaired by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and composed of senior policy-level officials across Federal government agencies, issued an interim report September 10, 2009. The interim report articulated a draft national policy and implementation strategy for a regional public process to regulate marine spatial planning. The Pacific Council, and other Regional Fishery Management Councils, provided verbal input during public hearings and conference calls during the subsequent open comment period. On July 19, 2010, The CEQ issued a Final Recommendations report of the OPTF. A cornerstone component to the Final Recommendations report is the Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1). The West Coast is one of twelve regions where an authoritative body would be established.

Also on July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547, establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Coasts, and Great Lakes (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2). That Executive Order adopts the final recommendations of the OPTF and directs Federal agencies to take the appropriate steps to implement them.

Mr. Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs for the National Marine Fisheries Service, will provide an update and briefing on marine spatial planning from the national and federal perspective. Ms. Jessica Keys, Office of Oregon Governor Kulongoski, will provide an update and briefing on marine spatial planning from a regional perspective in relation to the West Coast Governors Agreement on Ocean Health and other State actions.

Related to this agenda item is House Bill HR 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act, which contains sections on regional coordination and strategic planning in a context of and marine spatial planning. Agenda Item G.1.a Attachment 3 contains Title IV: Coordination and Planning (excerpt from House Bill 3534).

Reference Materials:

- a. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (Part Four of the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force).
- b. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2: Executive Order 13547.
- c. Agenda Item G.1.a; Attachment 3: Title IV: Coordination and Planning (excerpt from House Bill 3534).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Marine Spatial Planning from the national perspective
- c. Marine Spatial Planning on the West Coast
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

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