

UPDATE ON OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS or Sanctuary) Management Plan is in the initial stages of review and revision. The OCNMS Management Plan is a planning document that describes OCNMS objectives, policies, and activities and guides management actions. This is the first review of the OCNMS Management Plan since its original completion in 1993.

The Sanctuary's management plan review began in 2008 shortly after completion of the OCNMS' Condition Report (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 1). The Council reviewed a draft of the OCNMS Condition Report at its April 2008 meeting in Seattle. The final Condition Report was published in September 2008, and soon thereafter OCNMS began a public scoping period that ran through November 2008. Following public scoping, the OCNMS published a Scoping Summary (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 2) and Topics Analysis Report (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 3) to guide the current process of identifying key issues for the management plan review. Topics identified through scoping that may be of particular interest to the Council include: ecosystem impacts of fishing, treaty trust responsibility, fisheries stock assessment, habitat characterization and protection, and living resources monitoring and conservation.

OCNMS and its Advisory Council (AC) held an Issue Prioritization Workshop on January 29-30, 2009 and are scheduled to adopt a final issue prioritization workshop report (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 4) at its March 20, 2009 meeting. At this meeting OCNMS staff will also brief the AC on their draft work plan, which outlines working groups and workshops that will address seven identified priority management needs (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 5).

Sanctuary Superintendent Carol Bernthal is scheduled to present an update on the management plan review process, a description of the priority issues to be addressed, and a timeline for future activity (Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 6).

Council Task:

1. Discuss OCNMS Management Plan Review Process and Future Council Involvement.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 1: Final OCNMS Condition Report 2008 (**electronic distribution only**).
2. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 2: OCNMS Public Scoping and Issues Analysis Part 1: Scoping Summary (**electronic distribution only**).
3. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 3: OCNMS Public Scoping and Issues Analysis Part 2: Topics Analysis Report (**electronic distribution only**).
4. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 4: OCNMS Public Scoping and Issues Analysis Part 3: Advisory Council Issue Prioritization Workshop Report (**electronic distribution only**).
5. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 5: Draft OCNMS Public Scoping and Issues Analysis Part 4: Priority Issue Work Plan (**electronic distribution only**).
6. Agenda Item E.1.b, Attachment 6: OCNMS Management Plan Review Update

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. OCNMS Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Task:** Discuss OCNMS Management Plan Review Process.

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