

WEST COAST GOVERNORS ALLIANCE on OCEAN HEALTH

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Questions from the West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health to the National Ocean Council Relative to CMSP, the Regional Planning Body, and National Ocean Policy Priorities

CMSP Plan/Criteria/Process

1. I understand that the regions will be given flexibility to determine how they will undertake CMSP in a way that is responsive to the unique needs of each region. It would be helpful to have more information on the criteria that NOC will consider in determining whether a particular project meets the stated objectives of regionally-based marine planning.
2. Once the CMS Plan is certified by the NOC (as outlined on page 92 of the draft implementation plan), does that CMS plan automatically become part of the state's coastal zone management plan? Or is there a separate process for the CMS plan to become part of the state's coastal zone management plan?
3. Given that the three West Coast states will proceed with a bottom up approach to ocean planning, the ultimate regional plan will most likely be made up of sub regional plans that reflect the individual states values, with coordination through the regional planning body. Is this approach consistent with the current framework?
4. Will there be additional resources, guidance, or recommendations about mechanisms/timelines to engage stakeholders who will not be on the RPB (i.e. local elected officials)?
5. What benefits will accrue for a state that has an approved CMSP plan? (e.g., streamlining of federal regulatory processes in states with approved plans . . .)

Regional Planning Body

6. Support—Representatives on the RPB may need to expend considerable time and travel significant distances (including out of state) to participate in the RPB. Neither the states, tribes, PFMC, nor local agencies have resources to support the RPB – will there be federal funding to support the needs of the RPB, including any resources for regional data collection priorities?

7. Guidance—The draft National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan refers to a “Handbook for Regional Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning.” When will that be made available to the public?
8. Parity—It is important to have parity between the RPB members with respect to voting but as currently envisioned, the West Coast RPB would include nine federal agencies and only 6 state representatives (in addition to an unknown number of tribal participants, a representative of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, and local government). Without enlarging the RPB to an unmanageable size, how can parity of votes be ensured?
9. Focus—Could the RPBs broaden their focus to other ocean management issues or are they intended primarily to address CMSP?
10. Composition—We understand there has been some discussion about local government involvement in the RPB. Could you explain if/how they will be involved?
11. Composition—We have heard that the CMSP Handbook will not be released until September and that the final version will not have many templates (e.g., RPB Charter) because it is not intended to be prescriptive. We assume that the West Coast RPB can begin to organize itself and begin working before the release of the Handbook, using their best judgment in the absence of “prescriptive” guidance. Is that approach acceptable?
12. Composition—What has the response been from the tribal invite letters? Is there a timeline for the consultation/ representation plan?

Relationship between the Regional Planning Body and the Regional Ocean Partnership

13. Does the NOC have a vision for the relationship between the WCGA and the RPB, bearing in mind that marine planning is not one of the WCGA’s Action Coordination Teams (unlike the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast)?
14. What relationship are other ROPs proposing with their RPB?
15. How might the WCGA be integrated into the CMSP effort (and other NOC efforts)? What can be dovetailed and how?

National Ocean Policy Priorities

16. In addition to the issue of CMSP, the WCGA may have suggestions with respect to dovetailing WCGA and NOC priorities regarding: How might the Alliance participate in other priorities?

WCGA GRANT OBLIGATIONS

FY10

1. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Grant (10/2012-05/2012)—\$247,769

- Purpose: Pre-planning for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
- Expended: \$208,455; remaining \$39,314 was returned by PSMFC to the Moore Foundation

2. NOAA (10/2010-10/2011) —\$475,181

- Purpose: Funding for ACTs

	Budgeted	Expended
#1. Spartina 11-61	\$80,000	\$80,000
#2. Spartina 11-66	\$20,000	\$20,000
#5. Ocean Awareness and Literacy 11-72	\$7,000	\$7,000
#6. Polluted Runoff 11-70	\$19,775	\$19,775
#9. Marine Debris 11-60	\$100,000	\$30,000
#10. Climate Change Action Coordination Team	\$20,000	\$20,000
#11. Renewable Ocean Energy 11-58	\$100,000	\$100,000
#12. Seafloor Mapping 11-64	\$100,000	\$100,000
#13. Sediment Management 11-74	\$14,000	\$14,000
#14. Sediment Management 11-68	\$14,406	\$14,406
TOTAL	\$475,181	\$375,211

- **STATUS:**
 - All ACTs have expended their funding other than the Marine Debris ACT, which has a three-month extension through December 31, 2012 to complete their \$70,000 contract with Ecotrust to develop a marine debris database.
 - PSMFC has an agreement with Oregon DLCD for \$13,991 for “workshops.” About \$3,800 will be charged to this account to support lodging charges for non-federal attendees of the WCGA meeting in Sacramento, August 2012.

FY11

1. NOAA ROPFP Grant (10/2011-9/2013)—\$246,000

	Budgeted	Expended/Encumbered
OBJECTIVE 1: Working with the federal government, the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health will engage with West Coast Tribes on incorporating their science into the regional data efforts, enhancing Tribal involvement in the ACTs, and supporting Tribal engagement in regional efforts related to the National Ocean Policy objectives, and provide support for tribal capacity for these purposes	\$58,000	\$0
OBJECTIVE 2: Prioritize WCGA tasks that are identified in the 10 ACT implementation plans, or in the 2008 WCGA Action Plan.	\$0	\$0
OBJECTIVE 3: Provide ACTs with organizational development support to improve their effectiveness, particularly with respect to stakeholder engagement and integration of science into decision making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Data Network Portal - \$117,000 • Working Waterfronts Symposium - \$15,000 	\$132,000	\$132,000
OBJECTIVE 4: Provide administrative support for travel for the WCGA Executive Committee, and tools to enhance WCGA communications and outreach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCGA website - \$3,000 • Printing and Reproduction - \$3,500 • Two-day meeting of the WCGA ExComm and ACT Chairs/Co-chairs - \$23,000 • Travel expenses for WCGA ExComm staff to convene with other regional ocean partnerships and the National Ocean Council - \$2,500 • Fiscal management of the ROPFP grant – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - \$24,000 	\$56,000	\$50,700
TOTAL	\$246,000	\$182,700

- **STATUS:**

- Objective 1: A contract has not yet been let to the tribes. NFWF seeks to finalize this paperwork with the tribes.
- Objective 3:
 - The Working Waterfronts Symposium has received the \$15,000.
 - The Regional Data Framework ACT has awarded a contract to Ecotrust for \$117,000.
- Objective 4:
 - RushWebSolutions has received \$3,000 for hosting of the WCGA website.
 - The WCGA will spend about \$700 on printing and reproduction costs for the annual ExComm meeting in Sacramento, August 2012.
 - An estimated \$23,000 will be expended for the two-day 2012 ExComm mtg.
 - NFWF has received its \$24,000.

FY12

1. NOAA ROPFP grant (10/2012–9/2014)—Focus Area 1—\$624,800; Focus Area 2—\$224,070

FOCUS AREA 1

	Year 1	Year 2	Purpose for Funding
<u>Human Network Enhancements</u>			
Task 1. Provide coordination and administrative support for the RDF ACT.	(a) \$13,000 (b) \$100,000 ¹	(a) \$13,000 (b) \$100,000 ²	(a) Convene the RDF ACT annually to develop and implement Work Plan and provide for recorded Webinars. (b) Hire a full-time “Coordinator Contractor” to coordinate the RDF ACT and its website, perform data quality assurance and quality control, and liaison with agency data diplomats about the capacity to host data.
Task 2. Identify partners/agency organization and data diplomats and assess the institutional/human capacity of Human Network partners.	Completed by coordinator from Task 1	Completed by coordinator from Task 1	A member directory page with partner contacts, including data diplomats so that Data System users and regional stakeholders have key contacts for particular data sets. A “statement of intent to support” signed by Framework partners.
<u>Data System Enhancements</u>			
TASK 3. Initiate the development of software to meet the specific needs of one other WCGA ACT, to be selected by the WCGA Executive Committee, using semantic web technology and use case development methods.	\$0	\$110,000	\$80,000 for “Use Case Contractor” for development of the use cases, \$20,000 for use case implementation (travel), and \$10,000 to support a “GIS analyst developer contractor”

¹ Note in the description we have the salary as a range, but that these figures will include benefits and travel costs not explicitly stated above.

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Task 4. Continue to develop data registry with broader Human Network input and address public data requests received online.	\$56,000	\$-0	Integrate state and local geospatial data sets into regional scale data.
Task 5. Select featured data sets for data viewer.	Coordinator	Coordinator	Prioritize selected featured data sets based on input from WCGA ACTs and Human Network and prepare featured data sets.
Task 6. Develop enhanced Data System, including data viewer/mapper functionality and tools designed in Task 1.	\$103,000 contractor (development cost plus \$20,000 for one year hosting fee)	\$20,000 (one year hosting fee); \$25,000 (upgrade/second version of viewer)	Hire a "GIS Web Developer Contractor" to produce a data viewer that is web accessible, pay for hosting fees, and produce an upgrade/second version of the viewer.
Task 7. Ground truth usability of the Data System with regional users and stakeholders.		\$8,000	Host four town hall meetings to evaluate user experience.
Subtotal	\$292,000	\$276,000	
Overhead cost (10%)	\$29,200	\$27,600	
Subtotal	\$321,200	\$303,600	
TOTAL	\$624,800		

FOCUS AREA 2

FOCUS AREA 1	Tasks	Year 1	Purpose for Funding
TASK 1: Partner with West Coast Tribes on regional ocean governance issues by hosting a West Coast Ocean Summit with federal and state agencies and West Coast tribal leaders to communicate, develop a shared understanding, document issues of mutual importance, and create strategies for overcoming challenges and develop mechanisms for ongoing dialogue among federal and state agencies and tribes in the region.		\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$40,000 invitational travel support for tribal sovereign leaders, state representatives, and others ▪ \$10,000 Supplies and other costs associated with summit
TASK 2. Update the WCGA Action Plan to identify and reflect important changes, improve focus of regional priorities and structures, and improve capacity of ACTs to advance their work plans and collaborate with West Coast entities		\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capacity to revise the WCGA Action Plan (\$15,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire a facilitator to guide the process to update the WCGA Action Plan (\$10,500)

(\$50,000).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Layout and design of new Plan (\$2,500) ○ Printing of new plan (\$2,000) ▪ Provide invitational travel to 5 meetings and administrative support to ACTs (\$35,000)
TASK 3. Further develop and extend the impact of the WCGA through efficient organization, planning, communication, and outreach, and provide funding for a WCGA coordinator.	\$70,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create an opportunity to engage with at least 2 other regional ocean planning bodies to leverage approaches and concepts to achieve regional ocean governance goals (invitational travel to two meetings)(\$8,000) ▪ Invitational travel to convene WCGA ExComm-one meeting (\$20,000) ▪ Funding to host WCGA website (\$700) ▪ Support a WCGA Coordinator (\$40,000) ▪ Funding for <i>GoToWebinar</i> and <i>GoToMeeting</i> Corporate Subscription (\$2,000)
Task 4: Improve coordination among the WCGA and local governments.	\$33,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Workshops in California, Oregon, and Washington (one in each state) that includes WCGA Executive Committee members and local government representatives (\$11,000/workshop)
Subtotal	\$203,700	
Overhead cost (10%)	\$20,370	
TOTAL	\$224,070	

NROC Relationship with NE Regional Planning Body

- Intent of NOC is to build on/leverage organic work in region, **not** duplicate, trump or hinder
- Striving for “separate yet seamless”
- Build on what’s going on with NROC
- Strong working relationship
- NROC work plan will serve as the foundational support for a regional ocean plan created by the RPB

Opportunities for Coordinated Work

NROC Work Plan	RPB Requirements/Process
Work plan development	Capacity Assess/Work plan
Goal setting	Regional goals & objectives
Engagement	Stakeholder Eng/pub process
Baseline characterization	Resource Assessment
Use characterization (Comm Fishing, Rec Boating...)	Current, future uses, trends, tradeoffs
Implementation Options	Implementation of final plan
NE Ocean Data Portal	Ocean.data.gov

Northeast RPB Composition



State Membership

NROC

RPB

ME

- Leyden
- Gilbert

ME

- DOC
- DMR

NH

- Couture/Williams

NH

- DES

MA

- Carlisle

MA

- CZM

RI

- Fugate
- Coit/Colt

RI

- CRMC
- DEM

CT

- LISS
Thompson/Blatt

CT

?

ME

- Beardsley/Leyden
- Kellehier

NH

- Burack
- F&G - Normandeau

MA

- Carlisle
- DMF- Diodati

RI

- Fugate
- Coit

VT

UVM -Ronan

Federal Membership

NROC

RPB

DOI-USGS

- *Russ*
- *Barnhardt*
- *Merdoch*

DOI-USFWS

- *Morgan*

DOI-NPS

- *Babson*

USACE

- B Hubbard

NOAA

- Nicholson

USCG

- Beck

EPA

- Cote

DOI-BOEM

- LaBelle

USDA-NRCS

- Clarke

Navy

- Barnett

Navy-JCS

- Atangan

DOT-MARAD

- Flumignan

DOE

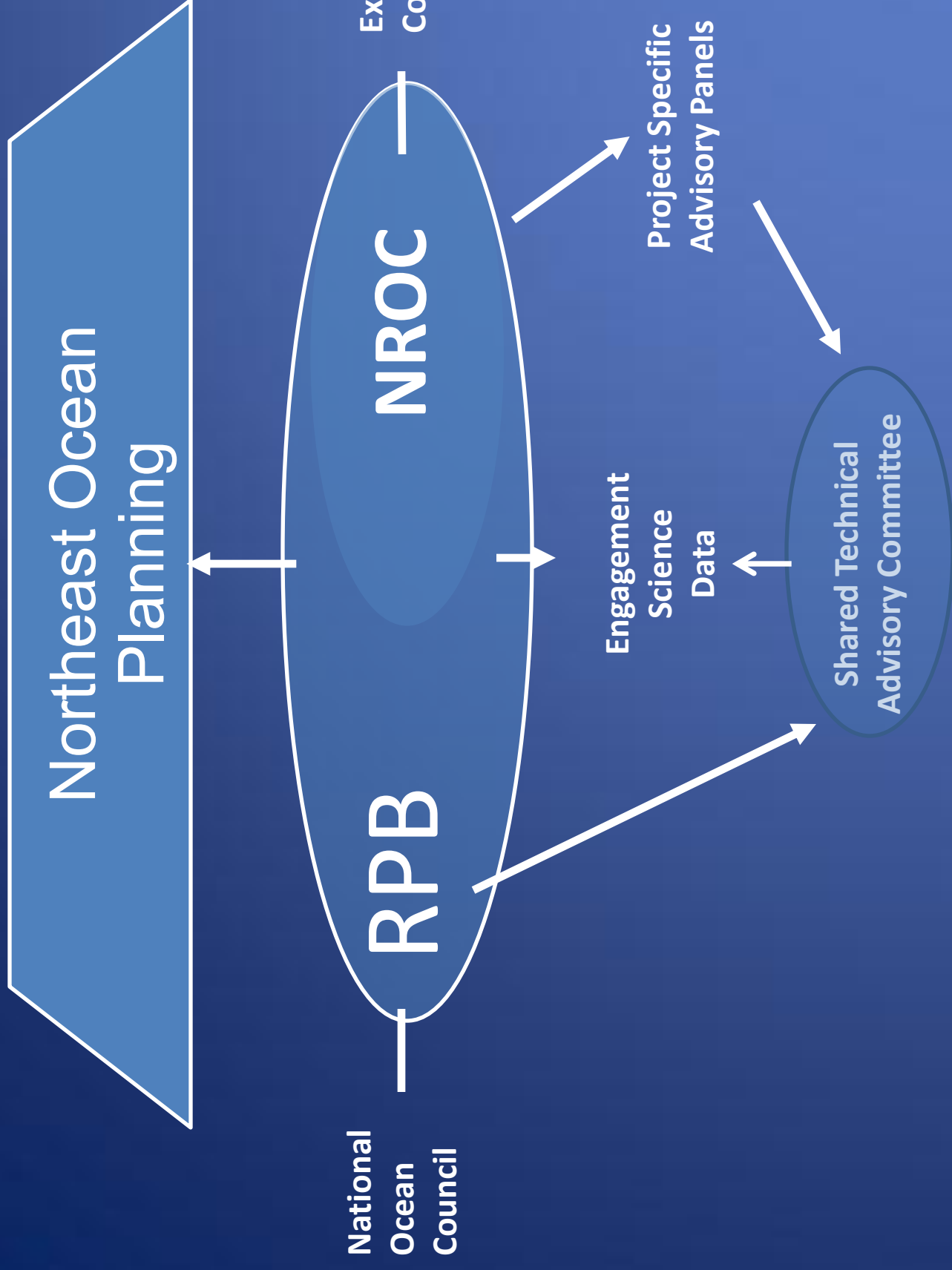
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FERC (POC)

- *Konnert/Martin*

Rationale for Working Relationship

- **Match up on the work:** common intent, work plans, engagement, science, data
- **Match up on the who (generally):** common agencies, if not same individual
- **Match up on the how:** advisors, transparency
- NROC also has **relationship with newcomers** (Tribes, NEFMC)



ADDRESSING CAPACITY & ORGANIZATION OF WCGA ACTION COORDINATION TEAMS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

In August of 2012, four WCGA Sea Grant Fellows interviewed WCGA Chairs/Co-Chairs¹ of 11 Action Coordination Teams (ACTs) to inform a discussion by the WCGA Executive Committee about the current activity level, outcomes, and future action items of the teams as well as facilitate a discussion on organizational structure and capacity during the annual WCGA meeting August 27–28, 2012, in Sacramento, California. Survey questions focused on four primary thematic areas:

- Achievements of each ACT during last year/highest priorities in coming year
- Support for each ACT—by WCGA and home agency; funding
- Existing and emerging challenges
- Current activity level of each ACT and recommendation on the future of each ACT

When created, each ACT was intended to help deliver outcomes associated with the 26 focus areas of the 2008 WCGA Action Plan. However, agency budget and staff reductions at the state level, fewer resources for ocean and coastal health issues at the federal level, and changing/emerging priorities are among the reasons it is now appropriate for the WCGA to reflect on its internal operational structure, and the relationship it has with its partner organizations, many of whom interface with the WCGA through a variety of collaborative efforts, including membership on the ACTs.

The Executive Committee seeks to find the appropriate balance between regional and national ocean and coastal health priorities and the reality of capacity and funding constraints. In addition, the WCGA seeks to fill a niche to conduct initiatives that complement existing entities.

This document includes the key results by theme of the interviews the fellows hosted with the ACT Chair/Co-Chairs from each of the 11 Action Coordination Teams and creates an opportunity for the WCGA to evaluate its relationship and role relative to other regional partners.

ACT SURVEY RESULTS

ACT ACHIEVEMENTS

The majority of ACTs have achieved significant tasks on a variety of scales since their inception, but there is no direct link between time in existence or time since work plan was finalized and accomplishments completed (e.g., the recently formed Regional Data Framework ACT has made significant progress as an ACT because of an infusion of federal funding and significant regional support²). Funding, level of home agency support (because of alignment with home agency priorities), the ability to capitalize on emerging regional/national opportunities that exist to

¹ In one instance (IEA ACT), the POC for the ACT was interviewed instead of the ACT Chair.

² Note: The creation of a regional data framework was noted as a key priority by partners and stakeholders during the November 2010 WCGA West Coast workshops in CA, OR, and WA]].

advance ACT work plan strategies, and success in collaborating with others to provide funding and resources have been key reasons ACTs have achieved some level of success. The majority of ACTs commented that communication and networking aided by the presence of the ACT are important accomplishments given the geographic scope of the West Coast as well as the complexity of ocean and coastal health issues.

SUPPORT FOR EACH ACT

Home Agency Support—Home agency support has been critical to each ACT advancing work plan action items because the staffing and funding resources do not exist within the WCGA to support the 11 teams. In general, where there is clear alignment between a home agency’s priorities and WCGA ACT work plan tasks, more has been accomplished. Given changing priorities at some home agencies causing a lack of alignment with ACT work plan tasks, some ACT members have to decrease ACT participation.

WCGA Support—Almost all ACTs commented on lack of funding, lack of guidance, and lack of direct communication and support from ExComm and Governor’s office staffs for their work plans and teams as evidence of inadequate WCGA support.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

Key challenges facing all of the ACTs are inadequate commitment and participation by existing ACT members, lack of funding, guidance from ExComm, increased agency workloads along with reduced resources to get the job done, loss of momentum, isolation from other ACTs, inconsistent ACT communication, and vacancies on ACTs.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE ACTS

The current level of ACT activity ranges from very poor attendance on conference calls and infrequent communication to robust and vibrant communication using a variety of technologies and approaches. The Climate Change ACT, Ocean Awareness and Literacy ACT, Regional Data Framework ACT, and Renewable Ocean Energy ACT reported regularly scheduled conference calls with average to good attendance. However, the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment ACT and Spartina Eradication ACT connect quarterly, the Marine Debris core team of the ACT has been very active, and the Polluted Runoff ACT commented on struggling with membership and priority issues.

Several of the ACT chairs described the current and future status of their ACT as an information sharing/networking ACT. These include Renewable Ocean Energy, Spartina Eradication, and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment—the Ocean Awareness and Literacy ACT and Climate Change ACT questioned if the focus of their future should be to serve more of a communication/networking function—in the case of Ocean Awareness and Literacy, lack of funding has contributed to this introspection.

The Marine Debris ACT is clear in its intention to morph into a Marine Debris Alliance in a short period of time, describing a future relationship with the WCGA that does not involve the existence of a Marine Debris ACT.

Several of the ACTS, such as Renewable Ocean Energy and Polluted Runoff, have no active projects, the former because they have completed many actions in their work plan using funding and resources external to the WCGA, and the latter because of lack of funding and participation by ACT members.

A key component of the survey was the question about the future role of each ACT.

- Of the 11 ACTs, all see utility in the work they have done, despite the challenges of lack of funding and perceived lack of support.
 - The Marine Debris ACT intends to transition into the Marine Debris Alliance.
 - The Polluted Runoff ACT has little home agency support, no funding, and no existing initiatives, and is requesting that it either be reinvigorated with the infusion of new actions and members, or disband.

- Of the remaining nine ACTs, Spartina Eradication, and Renewable Ocean Energy express support for transforming into performing communication teams instead of completing action-oriented work plan tasks.
- The Ocean Awareness and Literacy ACT recently revised its work plan to reflect the current funding situation and hopes to make progress on these tasks. However, the OAL ACT also acknowledges its value as a forum for communication and sharing on ocean literacy throughout the region.
- The Seafloor Mapping ACT is productive and invigorated by the creation of the Regional Data Framework ACT, and the Regional Data Framework ACT has considerable momentum as a result of the infusion of federal funding and the knowledge they are addressing a significant priority for the West Coast.
- The Sediment Management ACT requests assistance with communication and affirmation by the ExComm of its relevancy.
- The Climate Change ACT recently completed a key task (NAS sea level rise study), and needs affirmation by the ExComm of its priorities and role.
- The Sustainable Coastal Communities ACT seeks assistance refining its comprehensive work plan into clear priorities.
- The Integrated Ecosystem Assessment ACT has goals that align with NOAA's IEA program, and as a result, has some momentum, but, like all ACTs, struggles from lack of funding.

OPTIONS FOR WCGA ACTS

Many of the ACTs noted a need to clearly define themselves as either an action oriented committee with clear deliverables or a communication and information sharing network for the West Coast region. Initially, these ACTs all developed ambitious and well thought out work plans and some of the ACTs have made incredible strides toward these work plans, but over time many of the ACTs have morphed to serve more of a communication role (either because action items were completed or a lack of funding or support made it difficult to achieve work plan tasks). As a result, there may be support to identify two types of WCGA teams: Action Teams and Communication Teams.

Action Teams—Task-oriented groups that are clearly making progress on work plan actions and have a demonstrated higher level of support from ExComm (e.g. Regional Data Framework).

Criteria to designate an action team:

- Commitment from Governors' offices that ACTs goals are a priority for WCGA.
- Input for prioritization/update of work plan OR input on the scope.
- Funding (when available) from WCGA.
- Identification of mutually agreed upon (ACT and ExComm) specific measurable outcomes.

Expectations of ACT:

- New/revised timeline for achieving objectives and tasks that considers variable funding levels.
- Progress toward specific actions (advised by ExComm) in work plan.
- Standardized reporting at regular intervals to WCGA ExComm.
- Work plan deliverables (similar to grant-based projects).

Communication teams—Primarily serve as a venue for communication and coordination among the states within the region. They are not necessarily accountable to a work plan deliverables, though they may choose to make progress on items from a work plan (e.g., *Spartina Eradication* ACT).

Criteria to designate a communication team:

- Provide a forum for communication under the banner of the WCGA.
- Consider non-funding related requests to advance the mission of the group.

Expectations of ACT:

- Sharing of information among the three states and ACT partners.
- Responding to calls for information or input from the WCGA ExComm.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Publication of the NAS study on sea level rise, and acquisition Packard funding to complete 3 workshops to disseminate that information to planners, managers, state and local governments, etc.
- Internship funded by WCGA FY '10 to produce 2 documents: *“West Coast Relevant Sea Level Rise Impact Models: A review to aid local and regional planning”* AND *“Conversations with West Coast Subject Matter Experts: Habitat Vulnerability to Sea Level Rise and Increasing Wave Height/Energy”*.
- Maintained coordination/communication among Federal and State members.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- Yes, members are supported by agencies/organizations to participate - The priorities of the ACT have been incorporated in the home agency work program (for state agencies); for Federal members goals somewhat align.
- Received FY '10 funding to support an internship; received \$50k in Packard funding for workshops.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Lack of interaction with other ACTs.
- Lack of clarity whether the ACT is focused on “climate change” or “sea level rise”.
- What is the intended scope of the ACT? Need guidance from the ExComm if the group should remain work plan focused, or if the actions in the work plan no longer reflect regional priorities.
- What is needed at the regional scale related to climate change? SLR will affect all three states and all three are dealing with climate in various ways – what is the added value of the WCGA?
- Is the value of this group in communication?
- Commitment from members to complete the remaining tasks.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Monthly conference calls with >75% attendance on average (very consistent participation from Federal and State agencies – despite transitions and turnover).
- Keep ACT intact - ExComm confirm regional interest in addressing climate issues and task the ACT to revise our scope of work, consider revising membership (ExComm should revise the mission).

INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Final IEA Work Plan approved by the ExComm in April 2012.
- New members to the IEA ACT—John Hanson, Phil Levin.
- Progress in leveraging with NOAA CCIEA and WC EBM Network.

Highest Priorities

- Convene regional workshop of IEA-related stakeholders, organizations, etc. Perhaps bigger priority is to determine how West Coast IEAs fits with the NOP/CMSP/RPB direction and initiatives, provided they survive current election cycle.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- WCGA IEA ACT goals align well with the goals and objectives of NOAA's IEA program.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Funding.
- Finding alignment with NOP, Marine Planning, and RPBs.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Very low, meeting on a quarterly basis, if that.
- 1 year: Serving as a significant player to bring together relevant information that would inform management decision making (including trade-offs) for marine resources and uses.
- 5 years: Leverage IEA ACT work plan items into the NOP CMSP efforts and serve as a coordination/communication roles of vested stakeholders in that process, as well as integrate Team activities with existing IEA efforts.

MARINE DEBRIS ACT

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- **WC Marine Debris (MD) Database:** Ecotrust has been contracted to complete this task by September 2012. The ACT will also create a document to outline current contents of the database and steps to develop it.
- **MD Strategy:** The draft was completed in Nov 2011, and the ACT is waiting to revise per ExComm direction.
- **WC MD Alliance:** The core team sees the ACT transitioning into the alliance with a connection to the WCGA, but with autonomy, which is necessary to move forward on strategy action items. Perhaps ExComm could approve a few items in the strategy and focus on those in the initial stages of the alliance forming.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- **WCGA**
 - Provide monetary assistance to keep database maintained, updated, and hire database and alliance coordinator (maybe through the RDF ACT for database coordinator?)
 - Demonstration of the value of the states' participation: currently there is no word filtering down that there is value in what the WCGA is accomplishing.
- **Home Agency**
 - Support from many home agencies, but there needs to be more action-oriented outcomes in the future for staff to remain involved; there will not be support to re-write the strategy. One member's involvement may end soon because ACT projects no longer align with their home agency.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

The strategy and alliance may be closely tied because the strategy may serve as a guiding document for the alliance.

- **MD Alliance:** The ACT is waiting to get direction from ExComm regarding the organizational structure of the alliance and cannot move forward until input is received. The main issue is whether the alliance will be connected to the WCGA and if the alliance will include British Columbia.
- **MD Strategy:** Without a proposed organizational structure for the alliance, the strategy cannot be finalized. Although the ACT sees this as a standalone document, they still see value in getting this approved by the Governors' offices. If the alliance is to remain under the auspices of WCGA, then the strategy needs to be softened and various changes need to be made to the document.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- **Core Team:** Meets regularly, two to three times a month and sometimes more depending on the status of projects. The core team mainly communicates via e-mail and conference calls. They've been meeting more frequently recently to work with Ecotrust on the marine debris database.
- **Marine Debris ACT:** No conference calls or in-person meetings have been convened this year, and the last in-person meeting was in October 2011. Most recently, the core team has contacted them via e-mail to get input regarding contracting a company to develop the marine debris database.
- MD ACT hopes to transition into the Marine Debris Alliance to carry out actions in a Governor approved MD strategy and maintain a connection to the WCGA.

OCEAN AWARENESS AND LITERACY ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Completed a survey of West Coast K-12 educators to determine the challenges in incorporating ocean education into curricula and resources needed to effectively teach ocean literacy concepts. Presented a poster at the 2012 National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) conference.
- Promoted integration of ocean literacy principles into K-12 science standards revisions in OR and WA; worked with Education and Environment Initiative in CA to address ocean literacy.
- Submitted comments on the framework/standards for the nationwide Next Generation Science Standards, in support of the Centers for Ocean Sciences Excellence (COSEE)/NMEA Critical Stakeholder Group.
- Submitted comments for the NOP Implementation Plan that better reflect the importance of ocean literacy, and recommended specific federal government actions necessary to increase ocean literacy.
- Networking throughout the West Coast region.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- There isn't a clear directive from the WCGA.
- The ACT has received little funding from WCGA and has applied for, but not received, outside funding, with the exception of a 2009 park service grant for an intern to help develop and distribute the teacher survey.
- There is support from home agencies.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Limited participation of group on conference calls and in volunteering to lead work plan activities.
- No funding.
- Need more direction, support from, and access to ExComm/governors' offices/upper level governors' staff to help us successfully advance initiatives.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Co-chairs talk 1-3x/month outside of monthly ACT conference calls and email regularly.
- Monthly ACT conference calls.
- Good cross-section of formal and informal regional marine education specialists.
- Toni Mizerek has been fantastic as POC: helpful, productive, responsive, enjoyable to work with. We couldn't have accomplished what we've done without her. Alison Haupt is stepping in and doing a great job.
- We revised the work plan to reflect need to move forward incrementally, with limited funding (case studies, online resources) but it is uncertain how we can obtain our goals with current ACT member participation and without logistical and political support directly from the governors' offices.
- Essential to have some funding to work with for any real progress on implementation of work plan.
- We need to define whether it is a professional information and resource sharing network or whether it is an action oriented committee with a charge, a work scope and the resources to do work.
- We have potential, but are somewhat frustrated—need a clear direction and some resources. We're poised to get things done: great people and lots of interest.

POLLUTED RUNOFF ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Mostly completed LID webpage.
- Not sure of what the next priorities are in the coming year.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- There is no significant support from the WCGA or home agency.
- No funding.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Little to no ACT participation.
- Funding.
- Limited scope of the ACT – LID was the main driver for the formation of the work group.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Potentially merge Polluted Runoff ACT with another ACT maybe Marine Debris.
- Find more resources.
- New priorities for the work plan that focus on trash controls for polluted runoff.
- This ACT could exist in perpetuity because there is a lot of natural energy that is waiting to be tapped into. Otherwise, merge, dissolve, or disband ACT to give it the freedom to address polluted runoff. Hopefully in one year the ACTs can adapt and in five years the ACTs are thriving.

REGIONAL DATA FRAMEWORK ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Regional Data Framework Workshop (Dec. 2011, Oakland); ACT Nomination and Formation (March 2012); NOAA ROP FY11 contractor selected and work plan developed, work has begun (April 2012); NOAA ROP FY12 proposal submitted, revised work plan submitted (June 2012); Data Network Webinars CMSP Data Registry (June 2012); Phase 1/Working groups (Aug. 2012); Draft work plan, in public review process (ongoing)
- Developing/populating the regional data registry prototype; Finalizing ACT work plan; Providing regular communication to Data Network; Beginning Phase 2 work—working with ACT members to develop data visualization capabilities; Reestablishing regular communications to the Data Network.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- ACT members participation is supported, but many members have busy schedules and have trouble making all calls, usually members will follow up through email, meeting notes are posted online afterwards.
- NOAA has provided funding through its grants to Regional Ocean Partnerships. Some of the Data Network partners have secured funding through various small grants (FGDC) to conduct trainings that will be useful for the rest of the Data Network, and encourage participation in the Regional Data Framework.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Now that the initial ACT business has settled (forming ACT, proposal writing, drafting work plan) we are looking to expand our outreach and communication to the Data Network as a whole. This will involve strengthening partnerships with key agencies and organizations.
- Would like to find better ways to engage with WA.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Monthly conference calls, quarterly webinars, monthly communication via listserv to Network.
- We believe that the RDF will be a big part of the WCGA activities over the next five years because it has been successful in obtaining funding for cross-cutting projects, and hopes to show measurable progress through our activities. The RDF may also be able to provide input into any regional CMSP activities, although the timing and scope of those activities remains to be seen.
- There is still much work to be done and grants to oversee in the next three years and we are excited to guide this development.
- The RDF ACT appreciates the support of the ExComm over the last year. We want to continue to make sure that ExComm is knowledgeable about and happy with the work we are doing. Please let us know how we can be effective at communicating with you.

RENEWABLE OCEAN ENERGY ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Ocean Renewable Energy Planning Guidebook, Ocean Energy Monitoring Report, Cumulative Effect Tool.
- Providing the impetus/idea of the Regional Data Framework and continuing to work with the RDF ACT.
- Continued communication and coordination for each states ocean planning activities, and BOEM Task Force activities with regular monthly calls.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- The RE ACT does not require much additional support from the ExComm, as the RE ACT has transitions into more of an information-sharing role.
- The ACT has not sought outside funding (outside our home agencies) but other entities have picked up the projects we started and continued to fund, e.g. the cumulative effects tool was picked up by BOEM.
- For the ACT members surveyed, there is good support within the home agencies for continued participation and time spent on WCGA activities. For some members, this support does not exist.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Increased workloads within each of the states around CMSP activities have taken up much of the ACT members' time and changed the dynamic of the ACT.
- ACT has less momentum to “produce” things, but since much of the work plan has been completed, the ACT can focus on coordination and communication, which is low intensity.
- Changing in chairs has reduced leadership as new chair transitions in.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Continued ACT coordination and communication has proven to be very valuable. It is low impact but produces well informed staff within state/federal agencies and a good forum to share lessons learned.
- If the ACT was to recreate a work plan and start becoming a ‘producing’ entity again (like in the beginning) there would be much less support to remain an ACT because of the increased demands on members' time.

SEAFLOOR MAPPING ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- As an ACT, the small grants funded three little projects in each state. Jetski mapping (CA), shallow water mapping (OR) – but were small limited scope compared to individual members work in Puget Sound, OR state waters, CA mapping, and San Juan Islands.
- There is much collaboration and communication by ACT members and progress has been made towards goals of work plan – but made by individuals in their day-to-day work.
- Biggest priorities are coordination with the RDF or other data management entities and working harder to make the data more accessible and archived.
- Continued product development for folio series maps in CA and field work in the states.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- The work that the ACT does is valued. The WCGA banner helps within the USGS, NOAA, other institutions (esp. Federal) to demonstrate the Feds are partnering with the States.
- The SFM Act has not sought outside funding.
- The ACT would benefit from a Letter of support sent to funding agencies on behalf of the ExComm, demonstrating support for federal activities. Every year there is competition for these funds and the more the SFM ACT can tie the data collection to the priorities of the West Coast, the more successful those grants applications will be.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- The work plan was incredibly ambitious and implementation is a challenge. The old challenges remain. Getting a very large volume of work accomplished. However, the work plan outlined about 10 years of activity and the ACT is making good progress.
- Seeking resolution about how to handle the massive data collection/product development, archiving – if the new RDF ACT can be effective and efficient then will be better able to manage archive and deliver the data.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- SFM ACT has suffered attrition of membership who have not been adequately replaced.
- The ACT is very lightweight and doesn't require a lot of input from the ExComm. The ACT members derive great value from the partnership and would like to continue.
- Maintaining the ACT creates no additional work for ExComm, but it can share in the ACT's accomplishments.

SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Oregon State University Hazards/hard structure white paper – to be completed at the latest by March 2013.
- Regional Sediment Management Planning through the Lower Columbia Solutions Group.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- Yes, supported by agencies, and received FY '10 funding (much less than expected).
- No outside funding; unclear if that was part of the ACT member responsibilities.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Lack of interest regionally; CA views Regional Sediment Management (RSM) differently than OR and WA – need all three states to see the value of RSM to move ahead.
- Lost momentum when funding was cut.
- Unsure of role in implementing the work plan; unclear if members were being asked to implement after work plan was developed/approved.
- No tie in to other ACTs despite strong connections (SCC ACT, CC ACT).

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Low activity level; limited to coordination over the hard structures white paper.
- Need more funding to accomplish work plan tasks.
- Need direction on regional priorities – Do all three states value RSM?
- Need to increase the communication/coordination; need a SharePoint and regular check-ins.
- Have the Army Corps play a larger role in pulling all three states together for funding.

SPARTINA ERADICATION ACT

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Each state continues to work on *Spartina* control independently of each other and management is ongoing despite the fact that WCGA has not provided any funding.
- Progress is being made toward eradicating *Spartina*, but this is an impact of the states working independently from the ACT.
- Work in Humboldt has been helped by the existence of the ACT because there is coast-wide focus on Humboldt Bay.
- An agreement is now in place between OR Department of Agriculture and The Nature Conservancy about *Spartina* eradication.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- All home agencies support goals of the ACT, but participation on the ACT not a high priority.
- The ACT doesn't feel like there is a lot of support from the ExComm.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Regular communication is a challenge: everyone is busy and it's an unfunded mandate; everyone has a regular full time job. This has been the biggest challenge from the beginning and it hasn't been resolved.
- Lack of funding and participation.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- 3-4 phone calls/year organized by the POC.
- The ACT represents all three states, tribal, and non-profit. Though not all members participate equally, there is regular participation from each state and tribal representatives. NGO participation has not been as good, but the ACT is working to address this issue.
- There is a need for continued communication throughout the region. *Spartina* has not been eradicated yet, so the original role of the ACT is still needed. Future role is mainly communication, since there is no funding through the WCGA.
- Future of the ACT: It is useful to have communication even if just once a year to see what other folks are doing. We see in this continuing. In five years *Spartina* should be gone so there wouldn't be a need for an ACT, but probably will not be eradicated by then, and there will still be a need for that communication.

SUSTAINABLE COASTAL COMMUNITIES ACT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ACT (DURING LAST YEAR)/HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN COMING YEAR

- Work plan was finalized in December 2011.
- Deliverable SF2 complete: letter to NMFS's NW and SWFSCs requesting analyses of fishing community dependence upon fishery resources and engagement in fishing industries.
- Deliverable SF1 & SA1 underway: University of Washington Geography Department pilot project to map fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure needs in Pacific County, WA.
- Trying to fold several deliverables into 2013 Working Waterfronts Symposium.
- ACT coordinates with the CC ACT to hold the NRC workshops – dealing with climate adaptation.
- Determined a path forward, kept momentum (Working groups of Community Fisheries Network and sustainable fisheries; Non-consumptive recreation and tourism; and working waterfronts, ports, and marinas).

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACT—BY WCGA, FUNDING, HOME AGENCY

- Yes, supported; No funding through the WCGA except for the Working Waterfronts Symposium.
- More in-kind support of projects through staff time and partnerships.

EXISTING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Diversity within the work plan without capacity to act.
- Work plan review process, coupled with restrictions on funding; contention and push back on approval process.
- Chair left; no direction provided by the ExComm.
- Fatigue, questions of pertinence, and ambivalence and confusion of “where do we go?”
- Huge geographic expanse to implement work plan actions.

CURRENT ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR ACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACT

- Monthly calls, but not working cohesively as a group.
- Recommend that ExComm support with personnel (member from three state agency and Sea Grant member) and a sense of policy relevance (working on projects that are relevant to state and community policy mandates and interests).
- Use political capital to prioritize ports (and other areas of the work plan).
- Decide what deliverables should be given highest priority.

West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health

Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee

August 27-28, 2012

Sacramento, California | Citizen Hotel | Metropolitan Terrace

Overall meeting objective: *Convene West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health Executive Committee, Governance Coordinating Committee tribal and legislative representatives, and partners to discuss regional ocean and coastal health issues and priorities, the existing capacity of the regional ocean partnership, and advances that can be made relative to the Regional Planning Body and National Ocean Council initiatives.*

Attendees (August 27)

Note: All participants in Day 1 will participate in all agenda items; *Represents the OR, WA, and CA executive branches on the GCC; individuals in red are not attending.

ExComm State and Federal Leads	ACT Chairs/Co-Chairs & POCs	Staff	Sea Grant Program	Guests
Barminski, Joan	Armsby, Matt	Doherty, Tim	Hallenbeck, Todd	Bowles, Ed (GCC state representative)
Goldfarb, Gabriela	Flores, Sarah	Hennessey, Jennifer	Haupt, Alison	Cohen, Chris (OOS)
Kuhlman, Cat	Gearheart, Greg	Hom, Tom	Lovewell, Alan	Duguay, Linda (USC Sea Grant)
Nichols, Bob	Gerwein, Joel	Leon-Guerrero, E.	Oh, Shauna	Engeman, Laura (CA Ocean Protection Council)
Stelle, Will	Guiltinan, Sara	Lunde, Becky	Stoike, Suzanna	Grifman, Phyllis (USC Sea Grant)
	Haussener, Jim	Lynn, Brian	Toews, Scott	Hansen, John (EBM)
	Johnson, Sam	Smyth, Becky	Trosin, Bridget	Hostler, Jacque (GCC tribal representative, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria)
	Klarin, Paul	Snow, Patty	Umezawa, Miho	Knatz, Geraldine (GCC)
	Lanier, Andy	Ziegler, Sam		Manwaring, Brian (ECR)
	Parry, Chris	Vierra, Amy		Thomas, Julie (OOS)
	Rumrill, Steve			Ranker, Kevin (Washington Legislator)
	Schwartz, Eben			Rosenfeld, Leslie (OOS)
	Weber, Jeff			Sexton, Lindsey (ECR)
				Supahan, Terry (Consultant)
DeBruyckere, Lisa (WCGA)				Wolniakowski, Krystyna (NFWF)

7:00am–7:45am	<u>Breakfast provided</u>
7:45am–8:00am	<u>Convene and coffee</u>
8:00am–8:30am	<u>Welcome, Introductions and review agenda</u> — (<i>Cat Kublman, Joan Barminski, Facilitators</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set the context for the conference—discuss existing and emerging regional ocean and coastal health issues within the context of existing WCGA capacity and resources—and review the contents of the agenda.
8:30am–10:30am	<u>Action Coordination Teams’ Status: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities</u> — Discuss the current status and progress achieved to date by each of the ACTs as well as challenges, existing initiatives, and opportunities on the horizon to develop a shared understanding of progress to date and the level of commitments for future activities of each ACT— <i>ACT chairs, Co-chairs, and POCs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report out from ACT Chairs (5 minute presentations with 5 minute Q&A per group) ACT chairs and co-chairs (except RDF ACT, but including EBM Network) will share their current status and success stories, including project deliverables from FY 10 funding as well as existing activities; will provide feedback to ExComm on whether the group is actively engaged and sees benefit from continuing as an ACT; and will share their views on additional/emerging challenges and opportunities relative to regional collaboration and functionality of each ACT.
10:30am–10:45am	BREAK
CONCURRENT SESSIONS:	
10:45am–12:30pm	<u>Existing and Emerging Priorities</u> —Review the WCGA Action Plan, the priorities exercise conducted in 2011, and existing and emerging priorities for the states and fed co-leads and determine future priorities and action items—ExComm <u>Objective:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and reevaluate WCGA priorities Identify key <i>draft</i> strategic action items for the near future Inform discussion about ACT structure and function
10:45am–12:30pm	<u>Regional Data Framework</u> — RDF ACT will present results of ACT “Data Needs” surveys and discuss with ACT Chairs opportunities to complement existing ACT work--ACT co-chairs—ACT Chairs and Co-Chairs <u>Objectives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss results of ACT survey, including needed data sets, with ACT co-chairs; obtain feedback.

- Identify opportunities for the RDF ACT work with the other ACTs to achieve regional priorities.
- Identify an ACT for a formal use case scenario to develop and showcase specific functionality and tools of Data System.

12:30–1:15pm

LUNCH (*group lunch provided by hotel*)

1:15pm–1:45pm

Regional Data Framework— Build common understanding of RDF work plan, gain feedback from ACTs and ExComm on work plan and next steps—ExComm and ACT Co-Chairs (Location: Nay Room)

Objectives:

- Report on major goals, activities, and deliverables outlined in the draft RDF work plan.
- Provide a short update on work completed to date.
- Obtain feedback from ExComm and identify areas of future input.

1:45pm–3:30pm

Determine Activities and ACT Group Structure to Achieve WCGA Draft Strategic Action Items

Objectives:

- Discuss WCGA and ExComm decision making process
- Review WCGA Priorities and Action Items from morning discussions
- Determine appropriate ACT group structure to achieve WCGA priorities and action items
- Identify other activities required to leverage past efforts and to achieve WCGA priorities and action items

3:30pm–3:45pm

BREAK

3:45pm–4:30pm

WCGA Sea Grant Fellows—presentations by each of the WCGA fellows on accomplishments to date and projected outcomes for remainder of fellowship (5–6 minutes each)—*WCGA Sea Grant Fellows*

Objective:

Obtain a status update on Sea Grant Fellow accomplishments and discuss future opportunities to host additional fellows.

4:30pm–5:00pm

Grants Update—Discuss the status of existing grant responsibilities and progress to date in achieving FY10, FY11, and FY12 grant deliverables. (Lisa will prepare one-pager)

Objectives:

- Develop a shared understanding of progress to date in achieving grant outcomes as well as existing outstanding commitments.
- Fully discuss FY12 grant funding and what needs to happen to meet those grant obligations. Include a discussion of Task 4, \$33,000 for workshops with local governments.

5:00pm–5:10pm

Closing Remarks

5:10pm

Adjourn

6:30pm

Evening dinner for group (Cafeteria 15L, 1116 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 492-1960, www.cafeteria15l.com)

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	Ziegler, Sam		Supahan, Terry (Consultant)
			Wolford, Dan (PFMC)
DeBruyckere, Lisa (WCGA)			Wolniakowski, Krystyna (NFWF)

7:00am–7:45am

Breakfast provided

7:45am–8:00am

Convene and coffee

8:00am–8:45am

Welcome, Introductions and review Day 1 outcomes and Day 2 agenda

- Executive Summary of first day—Develop a shared understanding of the action items/concepts from Day 1 (Lisa)

8:45am–9:15am

National Ocean Council (Deerin Babb-Brott) discussion—National Ocean Council representatives discuss questions provided in advance of the meeting re: progress in creating regional planning bodies and the nexus between regional planning body and regional ocean partnership.

9:15am–10:00am

West Coast RPB Update—Discuss the status of CMSP implementation on the West Coast, including formation of the Regional Planning Body—*WCGA ExComm, PFMC, GCC representatives, NOC staff*

Reports and updates on status of CMSP implementation and formation of the RPB on the West Coast

- Federal update—*Will Stelle, Joan Barminski, Sam Zeigler*
- Tribal update—*Jacque Hostler*
- States update—*Gabriela Goldfarb, Bob Nichols, Cat Kuhlman, Ed Bowles*

10:00am–10:15am	BREAK
10:15am–2:30pm	<u>Implementation of Regional Ocean Partnership priorities and National Ocean Policy Objectives</u> — <i>ExComm and staff, tribal representatives, PFMC, legislators, and guests</i>
10:15am–11:15am	<u>Engagement with the Regional Planning Body and WCGA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tribal Update and Discussion - Receive an update from Jacque Hostler and Terry Supahan on their work identifying and establishing communication mechanisms with West Coast tribes. Discussion about the potential challenges, opportunities and priorities for Tribes engaging with WCGA and RPB. Discuss future engagement with the WCGA and RPB. ▪ Legislators, Local Governments, PFMC and other constituencies—Discuss challenges, opportunities, and priorities for engaging legislators, local governments, PFMC, and nongovernmental entities on with WCGA and the RPB.
11:15am–11:45am	<u>Discuss Regional Organizational Framework for Achieving Ocean-Related Priorities</u> —Discuss conceptual framework and considerations for the WCGA and CMSP RPB— <i>WCGA ExComm, PFMC, GCC representatives, NOC staff</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northeast and Mid-Atlantic RPB Development - Present short summary of MARCO and NROC’s processes re: merging ROPs with RPBs (Lisa – 10 minutes) ▪ Regional Framework Brainstorm - Based on the conclusions from earlier discussions about WCGA priorities and organization, and the priorities and needs of Tribes, legislators, local governments, PFMC, and other constituents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can all groups achieve their regional ocean-related priorities while helping achieve the goals of the National Ocean Policy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the challenges, barriers, and opportunities? ▪ What are the criteria and needs for a successful organization/process? ▪ What are the potential organizational frameworks and roles/responsibilities for implementation?

- How can/should engagement be broadened to Tribes, legislators, local governments, PFMC, and other constituents?

11:45am–1:00pm **LUNCH** (*lunch provided*)

1:00pm–2:30pm **Organizational Framework for Achieving Ocean-Related Priorities (continued)**

2:30pm–2:45pm **BREAK**

2:45pm–3:45pm **Strategic Regional Priorities and Potential Sources of FY13 Funding**—Discuss strategic regional priorities and potential for sources of funding to achieve action items that will advance priorities.

Objectives:

- Affirm regional priorities from discussion during past two days
- Short presentations from NOAA and others on possible sources of funding to achieve action items.

3:45pm–4:30pm **Summary of action items, next steps, and closing remarks** (Facilitators, Cat Kuhlman, Joan Barminski)

4:30pm **ADJOURN**

Materials for overall meeting:

- WCGA Action Plan (2 hard copies and one electronic copy)
- One-pager (Lisa) on status of grant obligations
- Exercise ExComm conducted in 2011 to highlight 3–5 key priorities
- Survey of ExComm by WCGA Sea Grant Fellows
- Information compiled by WCGA Sea Grant Fellows re: accomplishments of ACT's, challenges, and recommendations from ACT chairs and co-chairs
- Questions for the National Ocean Council
- Documents on RPBs from NROC and MARCO



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Thursday September 13	Friday September 14	Saturday September 15	Sunday September 16	Monday September 17	Tuesday September 18
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 8.		Salmon Management	Pacific Halibut Management	Groundfish Management	Groundfish Management
	10:00 am Call to Order				
	Enforcement		Administrative Matters		Open Comment Period
	Highly Migratory Species Management	Pacific Halibut Management			Administrative Matters
	Habitat Issues				
	Salmon Management		Groundfish Management		
	Closed Session				

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 8.

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 8 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the period of September 13 – September 18, 2012.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on the next page.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda; however the order of the agenda items may change as required to effectively address the issues.



215th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Proposed Detailed AGENDA

Friday, September 14, 2012

10:00 am Juniper-Laurel Ballroom

A. Call to Order

- A.1 Opening Remarks Dan Wolford, Chairman
- A.2 Roll Call Don McIsaac
- A.3 Executive Director's Report Don McIsaac
- A.4 Agenda Dan Wolford
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

B. Enforcement Issues

- B.1 Current Enforcement Issues
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
 - b. Tri-State Enforcement Report Mike Cenci, David Anderson, and Bob Farrell
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Discussion and Guidance, as Needed

C. Highly Migratory Species Management

- C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
 - b. Regulatory Activities Mark Helvey
 - c. Fisheries Science Center Activities Cisco Werner
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. Council Discussion

D. Habitat

- D.1 Current Habitat Issues
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden
 - b. Report of the Habitat Committee Joel Kawahara
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

E. Salmon Management

- E.1 California Hatchery Review Report
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Guidance

Closed Executive Session

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

Saturday, September 15, 2012

8:00 am Juniper-Laurel Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dan Wolford

A.5 Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

E. Salmon Management (continued)

E.2 2012 Salmon Methodology Review

a. Agenda Item Overview

Chuck Tracy

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Review Priorities

E.3 Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 17 – Annual Regulatory Cycle and Minor Updates

a. Agenda Item Overview

Chuck Tracy

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations for Modifying the Annual Regulatory Cycle and Other Minor FMP Changes

E.4 FMP Amendment 18 – Update of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Salmon

a. Agenda Item Overview

Kerry Griffin

b. Summary of the Pacific Coast Salmon

Scoping Document

Kerry Griffin and John Stadler

c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Adopt Alternatives for Updating Salmon EFH for Public Review

E.5 Lower Columbia Endangered Species Act Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan

a. Agenda Item Overview

Chuck Tracy

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Review and Provide Comments

F. Pacific Halibut Management

F.1 Pacific Halibut Management South of Humber Mountain

a. Agenda Item Overview

Chuck Tracy

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider the South of Humber Pacific Halibut Workgroup Report and Recommendations

F.2 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt for Public Review Proposed Changes for the 2013 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations
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Sunday, September 16, 2012

8:00 am Juniper-Laurel Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dan Wolford

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

F. Pacific Halibut Management (continued)

F.3 Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for Use in the 2013 Groundfish Fisheries

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. National Marine Fisheries Service Recommendation NW Fisheries Science Center
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Review and Provide Guidance on the Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for use by the International Pacific Halibut Commission in 2013 Fisheries

G. Administrative Matters

G.1 Legislative Matters

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Report of the Legislative Committee Dave Hanson
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Recommendations

G.2 Research Planning

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Fisheries Science Centers' Strategic Research Plan John Stein and Cisco Werner
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider the Fisheries Science Centers' Strategic Research Plan and Approve the Council's Five-Year Research Plan for Public Review

H. Groundfish Management

H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
- c. Fisheries Science Center Activities John Stein and Michelle McClure
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

H.2 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions for Cost Recovery and Process Issues

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kerry Griffin and Jim Seger
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance for Cost Recovery and Necessary Process Issues

H.3 Stock Assessment Planning

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Final Adoption of (1) a List of Stock Assessments (Full, Updates, Data Moderate and Data Reports), (2) Three Terms of Reference (Including Two for Coastal Pelagic Species), and (3) the Stock Assessment Review Panel Schedule

Monday, September 17, 2012

8:00 am Juniper-Laurel Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dan Wolford

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

H.4 Update on Biological Opinion for the Groundfish Fishery, Including Consideration of Seabird Protection Regulations

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Issues in the Biological Opinion Including Implementation of Seabird Protection Regulations

H.5 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2012 Groundfish Fisheries

- H.6 Phase 1 Report for Essential Fish Habitat Review
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Kerry Griffin
 - b. Report of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Committee Brad Pettinger and Waldo Wakefield
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the Phase I Report, Request for Proposals, and the EFH Elements for Analysis by the NWFSC

 - H.7 Reconsideration of Initial Catch Share Allocations in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Catch Share Allocation

(This item continues on Tuesday)
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Tuesday, September 18, 2012

8:00 am Juniper-Laurel Ballroom

- A. Call to Order (reconvene)** Dan Wolford
 - A.8 Commencing Remarks Don McIsaac

- H. Groundfish Management (continued)**
 - H.7 Reconsideration of Initial Catch Share Allocations in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries

(This item is continued from Monday)

- I. Open Comment Period**
 - I.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items
 - a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion of Comments as Appropriate

- G. Administrative Matters (continued)**
 - G.3 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Council Member Review and Comments Dan Wolford
 - b. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

 - G.4 Fiscal Matters
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
 - b. Report of the Budget Committee Dave Ortmann
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Recommendations

G.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to Council Operations and Procedures, and Appointments to Advisory Bodies Including Changes for the 2013-2015 Term

G.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

- a. Agenda Item Overview Don McIsaac
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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215th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
September 13-18, 2012

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Thursday, September 13, 2012	Time	Location
Habitat Committee -----	8:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel -----	8:00 am -----	North Star Room
Salmon Technical Team -----	8:00 am -----	Delamar Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee -----	8:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Council Secretariat -----	11:00 am -----	Ponderosa Room
Legislative Committee -----	2:00 pm -----	Emerald Room
Budget Committee -----	3:30 pm -----	Garnet Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	6:00 pm -----	Riverside Brdrm
Day 2—Friday, September 14, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Ponderosa Room
California State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	North Star Room
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel -----	8:00 am -----	North Star Room
Salmon Technical Team -----	8:00 am -----	Delamar Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee -----	8:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel -----	3:00 pm -----	Tamarack Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed -----	Riverside Brdrm
Chair's Reception -----	6:00 pm -----	Fireside Foyer
Day 3—Saturday, September 15, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Ponderosa Room
California State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	North Star Room
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel -----	8:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Groundfish Management Team -----	8:00 am -----	Liberty Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee Economic Subcommittee -----	8:30 am -----	Aspen Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed -----	Riverside Brdrm
Day 4—Sunday, September 16, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Ponderosa Room
California State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	North Star Room
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee -----	8:00 am -----	North Star Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel -----	8:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Groundfish Management Team -----	8:00 am -----	Liberty Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed -----	Riverside Brdrm

Day 5—Monday, September 17, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Ponderosa Rom
California State Delegation-----	7:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	North Star Room
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee -----	8:00 am -----	North Star Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel -----	8:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Groundfish Management Team-----	8:00 am -----	Liberty Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed -----	Riverside Brdrm
Day 6—Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Ponderosa Rom
California State Delegation-----	7:00 am -----	Tamarack Room
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	North Star Room
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Cinnabar Room
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed -----	Riverside Brdrm

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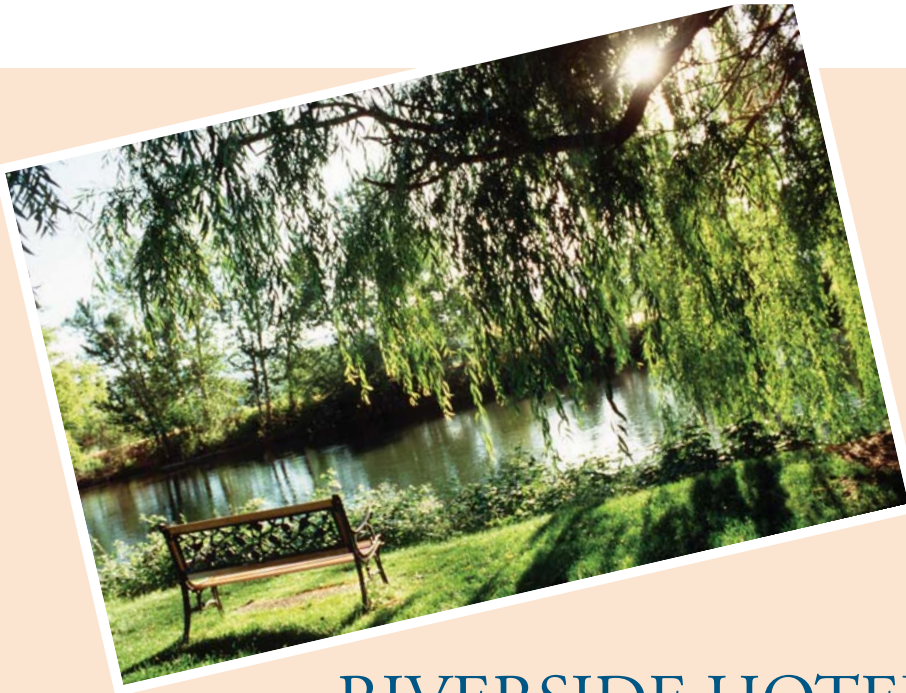
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Grand Ballroom	Lobby	76 x 120 x 14'	9,120	1,200	600	1,000	500	1,000	—	—	88	70
Tamarack	Lobby	76 x 30 x 14'	2,280	300	150	200	125	250	—	—	20	14
Ponderosa	Lobby	76 x 30 x 14'	2,280	300	150	200	125	250	—	—	20	14
Laurel	Lobby	76 x 30 x 14'	2,280	300	150	200	125	250	—	—	20	14
Juniper	Lobby	76 x 30 x 14'	2,280	300	150	200	125	250	—	—	20	14
Ballroom Fireplace Foyer	Lobby	—	1,600	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	11
Ballroom Lobby	Lobby	—	2,150	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	8
Emerald	Lobby	34 x 15 x 9'	510	75	40	36	28	45	20	16	—	—
Garnet	Lobby	27 x 15 x 9'	405	55	30	32	16	40	20	16	—	—
Opal	Lobby	27 x 15 x 9'	405	55	30	32	16	40	20	16	—	—
Topaz	Lobby	27 x 15 x 9'	405	55	30	32	16	40	20	16	—	—
Aspen	Lobby	16 x 56 x 9'	1,776	120	100	140	100	175	40	46	—	—
Cinnabar	Second	46 x 26 x 8'	1,196	120	80	72	80	100	40	36	—	—
Clearwater	Second	27 x 24 x 8'	648	30	40	50	36	50	20	20	—	—
Delamar	Second	33 x 24 x 8'	792	95	40	60	40	60	32	32	—	—
Liberty	Second	37 x 24 x 8'	888	100	60	72	60	80	32	32	—	—
North Star	Second	52 x 33 x 8'	1,716	200	130	140	100	175	40	46	—	—
Riverside Boardroom	Second	33 x 24 x 8'	792	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—



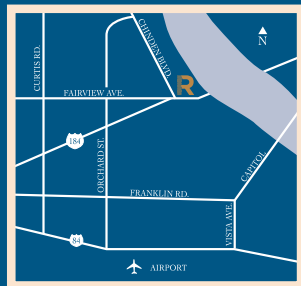
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