

MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The National Ocean Council was established by Executive Order 13547 in July, 2010, and identifies marine planning as one of its nine priority objectives. Marine planning is a strategy designed as a comprehensive, adaptive, integrated, ecosystem-based, and transparent planning process based on sound science for analyzing current and anticipated uses of ocean and coastal areas. As part of this initiative, the West Coast Regional Planning Body (RPB) was established, with its charter finalized in 2016. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is a member, in addition to Federal, state, and federally-recognized Tribal government representatives.

At its November 2016 meeting, the Council received an informational report ([November 2016 Informational Report 7](#)) on marine planning, and specifically a report on the newly-approved RPB charter and the October 2016 annual RPB meeting. At this meeting, Dr. Mark Strom will provide an update of status and upcoming activities, including subregional efforts, communications and engagement, and funding related to the RPB and marine planning on the west coast.

Council Action:

Council discussion.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- C.1 Marine Planning Update
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion

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