



2017 Annual Meeting Report

Executive Summary – PFMC Meeting March 2018



Executive Summary

The following meeting report provides a summary of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the West Coast Regional Planning Body (RPB) on December 5-7 in Long Beach, CA. Included in the report are the meeting agendas, presentation slides and condensed summaries of all meetings and public comments. This report is available for download at www.westcoastmarineplanning.org/meetings.

The full meeting included a public meeting of the RPB (Tuesday 12/5), an Executive Session for representatives of the RPB and West Coast Ocean Partnership (WCOP) (Weds 12/6), and concluded with a day breakout sessions (Thurs 12/7). The full series of meetings included representatives from 22 member entities of the RPB, including 10 federally recognized tribal governments, the states of Washington, Oregon and California, and six federal agencies and departments (full list included below). Attendance at the RPB public meeting was approximately 100, with a wide range of public and stakeholders (30+ organizations) along with 10 public comments submitted. Themes from public comment received at the meeting emphasized utilizing existing stakeholder networks for more effective outreach and communication, increased transparency around RPB activities and goals, and ideas for tangible marine planning outputs, among others.

Highlights of the RPB and WCOP Executive Session included reconfirming goals and commitment to the West Coast RPB in 2018, learning from the work of the Northeast RPB, and developing a timeline for accomplishing work products in the coming year. Data sharing and coordination were highlighted throughout the session, including presentations from the West Coast Ocean Data Portal and a team of graduate students from the Bren School at UC Santa Barbara working on tracking ocean acidification hot spots on the West Coast and implications for management. The session concluded with a wide-ranging open discussion between members about priority tasks and potential outputs for early 2018.

The third and final day of the meeting was made up of a series of breakout sessions that allowed members to focus on more specific issues within the larger context of the RPB. Topics included the Washington Pacific Coast sub-region, an emerging dialog around the Oregon and Northern California coast, local marine planning efforts in Southern California, funding, and data coordination through the West Coast Ocean Data Portal. The West Coast Tribal Caucus also met and discussed tribal government priorities and proposed activities for 2018.

Based on feedback received during the public RPB meeting and discussion among members during the following two days, key next steps for the RPB coming out of the meeting include:

- **Confirming a clear 'Regional Vision' of the West Coast RPB defining goals and objectives for regional coordination and planning for all RPB members.**
- **Continuing to develop cohesive planning dialogs tailored to sub-regional needs that effectively address region-wide goals and objectives.**
- **Renewed focus on stakeholder outreach to share regular updates on RPB activities and strengthen links to existing stakeholder networks.**
- **Prioritize sharing and coordination of data to support effective planning and management of existing and emerging ocean uses.**
- **Development of a jurisdictional map to clarify existing management authorities and planning activities to better inform new planning activities.**
- **Continued support of a West Coast Regional Ocean Assessment to ensure use of effective science in support of planning dialogs and identification of critical science gaps.**

ATTENDEES

RPB Member Entities

Tribal Governments

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Makah Tribe
- Quileute Tribe
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
- Trinidad Rancheria

State Governments

- California State Lands Commission
- California Ocean Protection Council
- Oregon Coastal Management Program
- Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Washington State Dept. of Ecology
- Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources

Federal Agencies

- NOAA
- U.S. Coast Guard (District 11, District 13)
- U.S. Dept. of Defense (Navy)
- U.S. Dept. of Interior (BOEM, NPS)
- U.S. EPA (Region 9, Region 10)
- U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff

Fishery Management Council

- Pacific Fishery Management Council

Other

- West Coast Ocean Data Portal
- West Coast RPB Staff

Additional RPB Public Meeting Attendees

American Littoral Society	Point Blue Conservation
California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference	Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation
Ecology & Environment, Inc.	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Ecotrust	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board
IEc	University of Southern California Sea Grant
Industrial Economics, Inc.	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council	Sierra Club
Kearns & West	Surfrider Foundation
Midnight Sun Technologies	UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory
MPA Collective Network	UC Santa Barbara Bren School
National Ocean Policy Coalition	Udall Foundation
Ocean Conservancy	University of Southern California Sea Grant
Ocean Fresh Foods	
Orange County Sanitation District	
Pit River Tribe	

RPB Public Meeting: Agenda



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2017 Annual Meeting AGENDA

December 5, 2017

10am-5pm (Evening reception to follow)

The Queen Mary

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA

Meeting Room: Queens Salon

Promenade Level / Elevator Level 4

	TOPIC	Presenter(s)
9:30am	Coffee & Tea available	
10:00am	Meeting Opening & Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Blessing • RPB Member Introductions • Meeting Welcome & Member Perspectives 	RPB Co-Leads & Members
10:30am	RPB Year-in-Review & 12/5 Meeting Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of RPB Activities 2016-17 • Overview of 12/5 Meeting Agenda & Tasks • Preview of 2018 RPB Activities 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator
10:45am	Federal Caucus Update	Joan Barminski BOEM & Becky Smyth NOAA
10:55am	Tribal Caucus Update	Meagan Flier Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
11:05am	State Caucus Update	Patty Snow Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
11:15am	RPB Progress Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of progress towards Goals in RPB Charter • <i>RPB Member Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current and emerging region-wide planning needs - Feedback on areas for improvement in 2018 	RPB Members & Staff
11:45am	PUBLIC COMMENT (#1/3)	
12:15pm	Lunch (on own)	
1:00pm	Sub-regional Updates <p>Washington Pacific Coast Sub-regional Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA Coast Sub-regional Planning Team Update • State of WA Marine Spatial Plan <p>Oregon - Northern California Dialog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Oregon-Northern CA Sub-regional Dialog <p>For more information & meeting materials: www.westcoastmarineplanning.org/meetings</p>	RPB Members & Staff Jennifer Hennessey WA Dept. of Ecology

- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Traditional Knowledge Database **Megan Van Pelt** Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Other West Coast Planning Activities

- BOEM Offshore Renewable Energy Planning **Joan Barminski** BOEM
- San Diego Ocean Planning Partnership **Jennifer Mattox** CA State Lands Commission

1:45pm	Evaluation: Sub-regional Planning Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Sub-regional Planning Team (SRPT) approach • <i>RPB Member Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional and Sub-regional Coordination - Benefits of SRPT approach and needs for 2018 	RPB Members & Staff
2:15pm	Stakeholder Outreach & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review RPB Communications & Engagement Plan • <i>RPB Member Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress towards Communication & Engagement Goals - Sub-regional Engagement Opportunities - 2018 Outreach Priorities 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & RPB Members
2:45pm	PUBLIC COMMENT (#2/3)	
3:00pm	BREAK <i>Coffee & Tea provided</i>	
3:15pm	Regional Ocean Assessment & West Coast Ocean Data Portal West Coast Regional Ocean Assessment John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Courtney Hann RPB Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of 2017 Assessment Activities • Review of Draft Assessment Inventory & Planning Topics Document West Coast Ocean Data Portal Andy Lanier WCODP Co-Chair / Oregon DLCD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Data Activities & Current Status Steve Steinberg WCODP Co-Chair / SCCWRP • Regional & Sub-regional Data Needs • 2018 Tasks <i>RPB Member Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback on WCODP role in 2018 - Next steps for ROA to support regional / sub-regional planning 	
4:15pm	PUBLIC COMMENT (#3/3)	
4:45pm	Meeting Recap & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/5 Meeting Recap & Key Action Items • Overview of 2018 Tasks & Next Steps 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator
5:00pm	MEETING ADJOURN	
5:00-7:00pm	EVENING RECEPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Please join RPB members for an evening reception at the Queen Mary</i> 	Queen Mary Verandah Grill

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West Coast RPB & West Coast Ocean Partnership Executive Session: Agenda

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December 6, 2017

9am-4:30pm

The Queen Mary

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA

Meeting Room: Royal Salon

Promenade Level / Elevator Level 4

	TOPIC	Presenter(s)
8:30am	Coffee & Tea available	
9:00am	Meeting Welcome & Introductions	All Attendees
9:15am	RPB Public Meeting (12/5) Recap & 12/6 Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap & Feedback on Dec 5 Public Meeting Overview of Public Comment Received Review of 12/6 Agenda Group Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritization of 12/6 Topics Coordination between RPB & WCOP Roles / Tasks 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Group
9:45am	West Coast Ocean Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of October 2017 WCOP Discussion Updates on WCOP Priority Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing Ocean Conditions Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Improving Ocean Data Access & Coordination Group Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is appropriate role for WCOP in 2018? What tasks should it focus on? 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Group UC Santa Barbara Bren School Student Team
10:45am	BREAK	
11:00am	West Coast Tribal Caucus: Update & 2018 Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 Activities Recap 12/4 & 12/5 Tribal Priority Topics 2018 Goals for Tribal Participation in RPB & WCOP 	Meagan Flier Confed. Tribes of Grand Ronde

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11:30am	Northeast RPB Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE RPB Marine Plan Implementation Update • RPB Lessons Learned 	Betsy Nicholson NOAA
11:45am	RPB & WCOP in 2018: Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPB Progress Evaluation (continued from 12/5) • Status of RPB Co-Leads and WCOP Co-Chairs • Other Topics determined by group 	Group
12:15pm	LUNCH (on own)	
1:00pm	Sub-regional Planning: Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-regional Progress Evaluation (continued from 12/5) • WA SRPT Status Update: Successes & Challenges • Oregon-Northern CA Dialog Next Steps • <i>Group Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will sub-regions be effectively supported? - What are potential sub-regional planning products? - Can any lessons be shared between sub-regions? 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Group
2:00pm	West Coast Ocean Data Portal & Regional Ocean Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap Key Points from 12/5 • Summarize Next Steps for ROA • Discuss WCODP Needs for 2018 & Link to WCOP (if app.) • Identify Key Data Tasks for Early 2018 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator Andy Lanier WCODP Co-Chair Steve Steinberg WCODP Co-Chair
3:00pm	BREAK (Coffee & Tea provided)	
3:15pm	2018 Funding & Contingencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Current Funding Status for RPB, WCOP, WCODP • Discuss Strategies for Ongoing 2018 Funding • Develop Contingency Plan(s) for Changes to Funding Levels 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Group
4:00pm	Meeting Recap & 12/7 Preview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Key Action Items from 12/6 • Link to 12/5 Topics (if app.) • Group Feedback • Preview of 12/7 Breakout Sessions 	John Hansen RPB Coordinator & Group
4:30pm	MEETING ADJOURN	

DINNER on own

- *Optional informal group dinners, TBD*

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