MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has been engaged in marine planning as a member of the West Coast Regional Planning body (RPB) for several years. The RPB was developed as part of the multi-faceted National Ocean Policy adopted by the previous Administration in 2010. Presidential Executive Order 13840 (Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1) was issued on June 19, 2018. The Executive Order rescinded the previous NOP and established a new and different construct to marine planning at a national and regional levels.

The West Coast Ocean Alliance (WCOA) was recently established to serve as the regional ocean partnership for the West Coast, building upon the previous efforts of the RPB. The WCOA will serve to coordinate tribal, state and Federal co-managers in the region and to sustain the accomplishments of the RPB, including the West Coast Oceans Data Portal and other initiatives developed previously.

Dr. Caren Braby, The Council’s liaison for regional marine planning efforts, will provide an overview of the new WCOA, including upcoming activities, subregional efforts, and other information related to marine planning on the West Coast.

**Council Action:**

**Council discussion.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1: Executive Order Regarding the Ocean Policy to Advance the Economics, Security, and Environmental Interests of the United States.
2. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 2: WCOA Regional Vision.

**Agenda Order:**

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

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