

Agenda Item C.4 Marine Planning

Council Action:

1. Consider Executive Director report on marine planning process and schedule for future Council engagement.
2. Provide guidance, as appropriate.

ODFW –DRAFT-- Motion for Marine Planning C.4.

Preamble in consideration of creating an Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (AH-MPC):

(1) The timelines for NOAA and BOEM data development, analyses, and decisions (on offshore wind [OSW] and aquaculture opportunity areas [AOAs], respectively) are short and do not necessarily align with the Council's schedule, resulting in potential missed opportunities for PFMC comment. A smaller AH-MPC that could meet during or between Council meetings could be a timely mechanism for the Council family to track and alert the Council members to the need for comment, and elevate that need to the PFMC for action. (2) To be effective and responsive to the external planning timelines, the AH-MPC work could be done efficiently via remote meetings. (3) Specific to OSW and engagement with BOEM, state Task Forces are comprised only of government representatives by law; state and federal agencies are participating directly in Task Force processes and bringing related management and research perspectives to the table. The Task Force processes do not include fishing and fishing industry stakeholders, yet fishing grounds and fish habitat are resources of particular concern to the PFMC in marine planning and are particularly vulnerable to poorly-informed spatial planning process. A PFMC AH-MPC with a priority on fishery and fishery-related stakeholder voices would fill a gap in and strengthen the BOEM process. (4) The 4 state FW agencies support the following approach.

Given this context, I move that the council initiate an ad hoc advisory body to engage in immediate needs in marine planning processes for offshore wind (OSW) and aquaculture opportunity areas (AOAs) for at least 2-years. The AH-MPC will provide timely evaluation of these planning processes and facilitate delivery of PFMC input to the action agencies through regularly-scheduled PFMC meetings process or through emergency letter process.

Purpose and function of AH-MPC:

1. **Purpose.** An ad hoc Marine Planning Committee (AH-MPC) PFMC advisory body will provide the Council with an open and transparent process to gather industry and stakeholder input and

advice on marine planning, particularly OSW and AOAs, and a mechanism to funnel constructive recommendations to the PFMC for PFMC action and communication with the planning action agency in question.

2. **Composition.** ~~The ad hoc committee will be led by a dedicated Council staff member and would include a Council staff or contractor with GIS expertise.~~ Six committee members would be chosen from existing PFMC AB membership (e.g. GAP, HMSAS, etc.) to serve on the AH MPC and act as liaisons to their primary AB to facilitate timely and efficient information flow. Four resource managers, three recommended by CDFW, ODFW, and WDFW, and one tribal manager recommended by the Council's Tribal representative with expertise in offshore wind and marine special planning would also serve on the AH MPC. **One conservation representative would be selected from among conservation representatives presently serving on existing Council advisory bodies.**
3. **Function:** The AH-MPC will respond to state-specific processes, which have independent timelines in a manner that facilitates the opportunity for the PFMC to provide comment letters as needed to directly inform the OSW or AOA processes in CA/OR/WA. In addition, the **Council staff lead "the AH-committee"** will build a broader network of dedicated specialists from other institutions as appropriate which may include but is not limited to, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), other state and federal agencies, National Marine Sanctuaries, universities or other marine science and fishery experts to serve as a fluid group of subject matter experts that can provide additional information, analysis, and advice as needed.
4. **Schedule and Meeting Planning:** AH-MPC should meet in conjunction with (but not necessarily during) regularly scheduled PFMC meetings and provide update report to the Council up to 3 times each year.
 - o For travel and cost savings, council staff should consider the option of virtual meetings, prior to full PFMC meeting agenda starting.
 - o When the OSW or AOA process does not align with a regularly scheduled PFMC meeting, the AH-MPC could meet (virtually), and initiate quick response letter process, as determined necessary.
 - o Over the next 3 months:
 - Participate in the July working webinars (nomination/approval process for ad hoc membership below)
 - Report to the Council in September including a) summary of July webinars, b) recommendations to PFMC on need for comment letter to BOEM, and c) recommendations to PFMC on further augmentation of AH-MPC membership.
5. **Term:** The AH-MPC would convene for at least 2 years. The PFMC would re-evaluate the need for the AH-MPC after 2 years (determination by the Council).

Ad hoc committee make-up:

1. **Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (12-13-14 members, with staff):**
 - a. Fisheries and habitat representatives (6) – cumulatively include geographic and sector diversity. Each AB nominates the representative and PFMC Chair approves.

- i. 1 each from HMSAS, CPSAS, GAP, SAS
 - ii. 1 from EAS, HC
- b. Resource Managers (4-5) – nominated by the appropriate DFW or PFMC Tribal representative; PFMC Chair approves.
 - i. 1 each resource/planning manager from DFW’s CA, WA, OR, with expertise in offshore wind/marine spatial planning
 - ii. 1 nominated by Tribal representative on the PFMC
 - iii. 1 representative for NMFS
- c. Council Staff (2)
 - i. 1 Council staff person (TBD)
 - ii. 1 GIS/layers expert
- d. Two co-chairs of AH-MPC are selected from among members by the full AH-MPC “appointed”: 1 from among the 6 AB seats, and 1 from among the 4 resource manager seats.
- e. Conservation representative (1) - recommended by conservation representatives presently serving on the existing Council advisory bodies.

Moved by Caren Braby

Seconded by Virgil Moore

Amendment to the motion:

Amended by Phil Anderson

Seconded by Butch Smith

Under 1b- Resource managers (5) will include a representative for NMFS

Amendment to motion passes unanimously

Amendment to the motion:

Amended by Pete Hassemer

Seconded by Marc Gorelik

I move to amend the motion under item two, composition by striking the first sentence in the paragraph. Second, under number three, strike the word lead, after staff. Third, under section 1d Ad hoc committee makeup. Strike the phrase “selected from among members by the full AH-MPC”, and replace it with the word appointed.

Amendment to the amendment

Amended by Phil Anderson

Seconded by Caren Braby

Delete the word “the Council staff” and replace it with “the AH-committee” in number three, function.

Amendment to the amendment of the motion, passes unanimously

Motion passes unanimously

Amendment to the amendment

Amended by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Michael Clark

Add sentence to number two: One conservation representative would be selected from among conservation representatives presently serving on existing Council advisory bodies.

Edit overall makeup from 13 to 14 members

Add section e. Conservation representative (1) - recommended by conservation representatives presently serving on the existing Council advisory bodies.

Amendment to the motion passes

Opposed by Virgil Moore

Motion as it stands, passes unanimously

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