



West Coast OCEAN ALLIANCE

October 2019

Member Call

SUMMARY

October 11, 2019

ACTION ITEMS

- Register for the Annual Meeting ([WCOA registration link](#)) and book your hotel rooms at the group rate for Hotel Murano ([hotel reservation link](#)). State and tribal staff can request travel support via the registration form.
- Please continue to share the Stakeholder Registration form ([stakeholder registration form](#)) for the Annual Meeting with your stakeholder networks. Please note is a different link than the WCOA member registration (above).

UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday, November 5, 2019 3:00 – 4:00: Executive Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:00 – 3:30: WCODP Coordination Call
- December 2 – 6, 2019: WCOA Annual Meeting & WCODP Workshop, Tacoma, WA

CALL SUMMARY

Attendees

West Coast Ocean Alliance (WCOA) Staff: John Hansen (WCOA Coordinator), Marisa Nixon (Oregon Sea Grant Fellow, WCOA & WCODP)

West Coast Ocean Data Portal (WCODP) Staff: Andy Lanier (WCODP Co-Chair, OR DLCD)

State: Katrina Lassiter (WA Dept. of Natural Resources), Teresa Pucylowski (WA Dept. of Ecology) Casey Dennehy (WA Dept. of Ecology) Patty Snow (OR DLCD), Jenn Eckerle (California Ocean Protection Council)

Tribal: Mark Healey (Coquille Indian Tribe), Carl Merkle (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), Katie Wrubel (Makah Tribe), Abby Gomes (Kashia Band of Pomo Indians)

Federal: Kris Wall (NOAA), Sara Gultinan (BOEM), Slay Hudson (EPA Region 9), George Galasso (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary), Joan Barminski (BOEM), Kevin Werner (NWFSC), Kim Peacher (Navy NW Training Range Complex), Neco Sumait (BOEM), Frank Pendleton (BOEM), Walt Wilson (Navy Region SW), Steve Duboyce (Point Mugu Sea Range US Navy), Tyrone Conner (Coast Guard District 11), Kevin Adams (Coast Guard Pacific Area), Bill Stanley (BLM CA Coastal National Monument)

Final Update: 2019 Annual Meeting

John Hansen (WCOA) provided an update on the Annual Meeting planning.

- There is a new web page to access the registration link for WCOA members: westcoastcoceanalliance.org/meetingregistration. Outreach will happen in the next month via the caucuses to continue to encourage registration from the group.
 - Meeting rooms will be available for caucus or other breakout meetings throughout the meeting week.
 - To clarify, the 'Executive Sessions' listed on earlier drafts of the agenda are for all WCOA members; they are now listed as 'Member Sessions' and are open for all WCOA reps (State, Fed, Tribal & WCODP staff) but not open to the public.
 - The Planning Committee is still looking into options for a field trip; based on feedback from the registration form, if it happens it will most likely be a local excursion in the Tacoma area on Friday morning.
 - John Hansen will continue to provide updates on the attendance list (right now there are about 30 registrants from WCOA).
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West Coast Ocean Data Portal Update

Andy Lanier (WCODP / OR DLCD) provided an update on the WCODP.

- December Data Workshop: WCODP has funding for participation in the workshop by staff who are not supported by the WCOA. A specific invitation for the Data Workshop will be distributed to regional partners this week. The workshop will include a brief overview of the portal, a review of the recent technical enhancements to the portal site, a session focused on the spatial coordination framework, and a session focused on the ocean health scorecard.
 - Ocean Health Scorecard: Work continues on this product and the WCODP Coordination calls are being used to review materials. Please contact Marisa Nixon at marisa@westcoastcoceanalliance.org if you would like to provide input. A workplan for the NOAA FY 19 funding was completed and submitted to NOAA, based on the scorecard creation process and filling of related data gaps identified at the December workshop.
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West Coast Tribal Caucus Update

Katie Wrubel (Makah Tribe) gave an update on Tribal Caucus activities.

- BC First Nations & West Coast Tribal Summit Meeting: The Sept 30-Oct 4 meeting in British Columbia was a success and the main takeaways relate to tribal capacity, data gathering and security for a large geographic area, and consultation issues (procedure and volume of requests). There is also a desire to see how WCOA or the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) could

implement something similar to the Guardian and Referrals programs highlighted in BC. The Udall Foundation is scheduling an official debrief with meeting attendees in the coming weeks, and is planning to produce a white paper based on lessons learned. There is a strong desire to continue these exchanges in the future.

- Tribal Engagement Best Practices Development: The Tribal Caucus has provided a first round of edits on the draft document. Those comments are being incorporated as well as feedback received from a presentation on the document at the BC Summit. The Udall Foundation is leading this process and anyone from the Tribal Caucus interested in participating in the working group should contact Katie Wrubel. The goal is to get a second draft to the Tribal Caucus, tribal leadership, and the Executive Committee in mid-November and to hold a call discussing how this guidance document can be implemented beyond the WCOA, whether there are any particular roadblocks to doing so within agencies, and how we can ensure the document is as used and useful as possible. The document will be reviewed a third time at the Tribal Caucus meeting on December 2nd, and will influence the tribal engagement training on December 5th. The goal is to have the document completed by the end of 2019.

WCOA & WCODP Outreach Activities Update

John Hansen (WCOA) gave an update on outreach activities WCOA and WCODP members have or will be participating in for the next month.

- CMANC Meeting: John H. attended the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in San Rafael, CA on October 10 to give an update on WCOA.
- Capitol Hill with GOMA: John H. will visit Capitol Hill with Gulf of Mexico Alliance staff on October 22 to provide information on the ROP Bill to West Coast congressional staff.
- ASBPA Conference: John H. will present on WCOA at the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC October 23 – 25.
- Moore Foundation Retreat: Marisa N. will represent WCOA / WCODP at the annual Moore Foundation Grantee Retreat in Vancouver, BC November 4 – 7.
- CSO Fall Meeting: John H. and Patty S. will attend the Coastal States Organization meeting November 6 – 7 in South Padre Island, TX and participate on a panel highlighting the work of ROPs around the US.
- NOAA Data Workshop: Andy L., Marisa N. and Tanya H. will attend this workshop focused on regional data needs and sharing November 21 – 22 in Charleston, SC. Regional NOAA leadership will also attend November 21.

Federal Partners Update

Various federal partners gave updates on ongoing activities related to WCOA members.

- ORM Presentation - Joan Barminksi (BOEM): Presented with Becky Smyth (NOAA) at the federal Ocean Resource Management Subcommittee meeting, which is part of the Ocean Policy Committee in the White House. This was a requested briefing on WCOA and WCODP, as part of a series they are doing to connect with ROPs to better understand their role in data coordination. There

was high level attendance from the White House and the presentation was well received. Joan and Becky can share the slides they used upon request.

- BOEM Intergovernmental Task Force Updates - Necy Sumait (BOEM):
 - OR: This task force was recently resumed because of an interest in proactive planning for offshore wind energy development in Oregon. The first meeting was on September 27 in Portland and was well attended. The immediate action item identified from the meeting is for BOEM and the State to draft a preliminary stakeholder outreach plan. The next meeting will be set after this plan is drafted, hopefully in early 2020.
 - CA: The last task force meeting was in October 2018. Nominations of interest have been received from several companies, and partners are working to identify areas with high potential where they can proceed with environmental analysis. The state of CA is very interested in offshore wind as a significant contributor to their 100 percent zero-carbon electricity goal. There is no projection for the next meeting, but they hope to understand the path forward for any leasing in CA by the end of this year.
- Department of Defense West Coast Joint Agency Renewable Energy and Military Ops Work Session (Sep. 18 -19) – John Hansen (WCOA): John Hansen, Andy Lanier (OR DLCD), Patty Snow (OR DLCD), Casey Dennehy (WA Dept. Ecology) and military partners attended. DOD is trying to plan ahead and begin dialogue concerning spatial use overlaps between military exercises and renewable energy development on the West Coast. The next meeting will likely be held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (WA) in the Spring.
- Reuben Lasker Deep Sea Cruise – Becky Smyth (NOAA): A 29-day expedition aboard NOAA Ship *Reuben Lasker* has commenced along the Washington, Oregon and California coasts. There is an exciting level of collaboration surrounding the cruise, including participation from the Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration, USGS, and BOEM. Funding was leveraged from NOAA, USGS and BOEM to conduct research that pertains to the different agencies' needs including ocean floor mapping and benthic characterization. More information and a live feed can be found on the [Mission Page](#). This cruise is part of the [West Coast Deep-Sea Coral Research Initiative](#), which will be focused on the West Coast for the next two years. BOEM is interested in several aspects of the Initiative as they relate to offshore energy development. The West Coast deep sea coral data from the cruise will be made publicly available through the [NOAA Deep Sea Coral Data Portal](#). After analysis, BOEM-funded water sample and core information will be made publicly available through [BOEM's Environmental Studies Program Information System](#). The repository and availability of the video footage from the cruise has not been determined yet.
- Coast Guard District 11 Port Access Route Study (PARS) - Tyrone Conner (Coast Guard District 11): In the last couple weeks the District has seen an increase in waterway users off the coast of CA, as well as plans for future use related to aquaculture (i.e. a 200,000-acre mussel farm near L.A.) and offshore wind. Later in the year (hopefully by December) the Coast Guard will be publishing their notice in the Federal Register that they will be conducting a PARS, during which they will evaluate navigation risk for the coast of CA. They

will look at TSSs (Traffic Separation Schemes), the potential for fairways off the ocean, and ways to address the challenges posed by offshore wind and aquaculture development. This process includes outreach to partners and stakeholders. An update with more detail will be provided to WCOA members once the notice is in the Federal Register.

Other Member Updates

- *Mark Healy (Coquille Tribe)*: There will be a presentation on offshore wind energy and South coast economic impacts on October 19 in Coos Bay, OR. Regarding wind energy in Oregon, Mark suggests that WCOA members collectively decide what data we already have, and what data we need to make informed decisions about wind and wave energy in Oregon. This way we can sort out data needs and avoid duplication in efforts. Please contact Mark if you are interested in participating in an effort like this.
- *Casey Dennehy (WA Dept. Ecology)*: A reminder that there is ROP legislation moving through at the federal level and that the Coastal States Organization (CSO) is drafting a letter of support. Patty (OR DLCD) and Brian Lynn (WA Dept. Ecology) are both involved in this effort, and part of the letter states that ROPs should not receive funding at the expense of CZMA programs. *Note: John Hansen has been heavily involved in this process and part of his role at the November CSO meeting in Texas will be to clarify the relationship between ROPs and CZMA.*
- Bill Stanley (BLM CA Coastal National Monument): There are two events that may be of interest coming up in CA.
 - [5th Annual Central California Coastal Wildlife Disturbance Symposium](#) on November 4.
 - [Discover the Coast](#) at the Point Arena-Stornetta unit of the CA Coastal National Monument on October 19.

END CALL

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting in Tacoma, WA December 2-6