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Ocean Policy Work Group

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Meeting Summary*
January 17, 2006 Meeting

9-11am

Senate Rules Room, Main Legislative Building

(*Note: Not comprehensive minutes of meeting, meant for summary purposes.)

- Welcome and introductions, led by Elliot Marks and Kathleen Drew, Governor's Policy Office. Transfer of OPWG Chair duties from Elliot Marks to Kathleen Drew.
- Review of Action for Washington's Ocean, the interim report of the OPWG. Brief summary of six policy memos, and website links that house full memos and appendices. Purpose of second report is to amplify and build upon topics in first report while bringing in additional policy topics. {See attached document}
- Next step is to begin public outreach program, potentially hire a consultant to aid in this process. Must ensure that outreach program reaches the right people in the ocean and coastal community of the state, while also ensuring that the appropriate OPWG membership is present to receive input.
- A press release to announce the release of the first report should be distributed to get wider public recognition of the report and its contents.
- Public outreach, participation, and full public investment in the OPWG effort is crucial. Widespread involvement of both coastal communities, and broader ocean and coastal industries and NGOs of the state, as well as local governments, is necessary for effective progress.
- TVW (State Gov't Public Television) could cover outreach and hearing program, to achieve wider exposure of OPWG efforts.

- Coastal tribes must be communicated with on a government-to-government level.
- Wider distribution of OPWG materials can be achieved by accessing additional email list-servs related to ocean and coastal issues of the state.
- Review of six interim report topics, open discussion, and agreement that public outreach is necessary next step.
- Preview of second report topics, open discussion of ways to integrate topics in interim report with new policy topics for second report.
- Potential layout for second report:
 - Governance
 - Ocean Observation, Research, and Education
 - Coastal Vulnerabilities from Marine Sources
 - Marine Resource Stewardship
 - Sustainable and Resilient Communities

{See attached document}

- Identification of initial subcommittee leads; plan to organize full subcommittees soon.
 - *Governance*: Kathleen Drew, Governor's Office
 - *Ocean Observation, Research, and Education*: Loren Stern, Dept. of Natural Resources
 - *Coastal Vulnerabilities from Marine Sources*: Brian Lynn, Dept. of Ecology
 - *Marine Resource Stewardship*: Michele Culver, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
 - *Sustainable and Resilient Communities*: Heather Ballash, CTED

**** Post-meeting note: Subcommittee leads encouraged to recruit additional subcommittee members and/or contributors from outside the work group, as appropriate. ****

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28th, 9am-12pm, John A Cherburg Building, Conference room B/C

Attachment 1: Interim Report Recommendations

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>OWPG Lead</u>
1) Development of specific outreach program in coastal regions of the state. See Recommendations 6, 7, 8 below.	
2) Publication and distribution of Report #1, use for public input in 2006.	Kathleen Drew
3) Specific recommendation for ocean governance mechanism by September 2006.	Elliot Marks / Kathleen Drew
4) Initiate coordination with Puget Sound marine science consortium activities.	DNR
5) Increased role for marine renewable energies in Governor's energy policy.	Governor's Office, Marc Hershman UW
6) Public meetings to discuss state policy on aquaculture within the state, to occur where activities are proposed or prominent.	DNR, WDFW, Legislature
7) Public meetings to discuss coastal economic development opportunities.	CTED

8) Stakeholder input on fisheries-related research needs, funding sources, and scope.

WDFW

9) Proposal for active participation between OPWG and the Olympic Coast Nat'l Marine Sanctuary and marine components of the Nat'l Park Service.

Attachment 2: Winter 2006 Policy Topics, UW Student Researchers, and OPWG Leads

Policy Area	Winter 2006 Focus	Student	OPWG Lead	
Governance	Specifics for creation of permanent ocean governance mechanism; oversight of all policy areas.	John Hansen (jhansen5@u.washington.edu)	Kathleen Drew (Kathleen.Drew@gov.wa.gov)	
Ocean Education	Policy memo on ocean literacy and education for WA State.	Amy Embree (aembree@u.washington.edu) & Katrina Hoffman (kathoff@u.washington.edu)	Loren Stern (Loren.Stern@wadrn.gov)	
				Assistance on OPWG outreach activities.
Ocean Observation / Research	Policy memo on ocean observation and scientific research priorities.			
Coastal Vulnerability from Marine Sources	Broad policy memo on marine impacts of climate change in WA State; Report on UW CIG Rsch.	Alex Erzen (erzen@u.washington.edu)	Brian Lynn (blyn461@ecy.wa.gov)	

		Policy memo on hazard preparedness in WA State.		Katie Lassiter (kal5@u.washington.edu)	
		Policy memo on sediment management and erosion in WA State.		Morgan Neal (mudderemo@u.washington.edu)	
Marine Resource Stewardship		Policy memo on sustainable aquaculture and marine fisheries management in WA State; expansion of Fall 05 work.		Sarah McAvinchey (sarahjoy@u.washington.edu) & Ruth Howell (rrhowell@u.washington.edu)	Michele Culver (culvemkc@dfw.wa.gov)
		Role of MPAs and EBM in sustainable marine fisheries and aquaculture in WA State.			
Sustainable and Resilient Communities		Policy memo on economic development opportunities; continuation of Fall 05 work.		Dianna Jones (diannaj@u.washington.edu) & Tyler Davis (tbdavis@u.washington.edu)	Heather Ballash (heatherb@cted.wa.gov)

	Coastal Characterization: Resources, Demographics, Economics.			
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