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**Meeting Summary**  
**March 24, 2006 Meeting**

9am-12pm

Main Legislative Building, House Rules Room

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

Immediate Tasks for OPWG Members:

- Provide input on outreach activities planning:
  - Join phone conference Monday April 3
  - Contact Kathleen Drew, Governor's Office
  
- Prepare to continue with or join appropriate policy subcommittee (Marine Resource Stewardship; Coastal Vulnerabilities; Sustainable and Resilient Communities; Ocean Observation, Research and Education; and Governance)
  
- Next OPWG Meeting: Friday April 28, 9am-12pm, House Rules Room

- **Welcome and Introductions**
  
- **Recap of Winter 2006 Work**
  - UW Student Research Memos available online:  
<http://courses.washington.edu/oceangov/OPWG.html>
  
- No new research memos to be constructed by students, but rather review existing memos. Then decide where recommendations might be reached in each policy topic and where gaps still exist.
  
- Must be sure to acknowledge that research memos haven't yet reached final conclusion, public input is still needed.

- Existing research should be meshed with US Commission on Ocean Policy Report, both with specific recommendations as well as general policies discussed in report.
- Subcommittee leads will work with UW students to move ahead on identifying gaps, forwarding research where needed, and summarizing work to date to use with outreach efforts.
- **Report on “State of Ocean Resources and Communities”**
- Report drafting will be led by Jennifer Hennessey as a new Dept. of Ecology contact-person for OPWG.
- ‘State of Ocean Resources and Communities Report’ will be stand-alone piece to be used in outreach activities.
- A UW student will be designated as key contact for Jennifer Hennessey, that student will work to bring together information from all student work for this report.
- Draft planned to be completed by next OPWG Meeting (4/28).
- **Outreach Program Planning**
- Planning phase now, begin public outreach activities to take place mid-May through mid-June this year.
- Input will be taken through Kathleen Drew, Governor’s Office.
- Also, the Outreach Planning Subcommittee will meet by phone Monday April 3. All OPWG members are invited to attend.
- Discussion will center on format for public input:
  - Day or night meeting times? both?
  - Inviting specific stakeholder representatives? general public? both?
  - Specific issue-based questions? general open input? both?
  - Locations, times, contact-persons, etc.
- Coastal tribes will be primary contact on northern outer coasts.
- Possible collaboration with OCNMS’ May 19 Meeting.
- Important to have local hosts at outreach meeting locations, get their input on specific issues and potential questions. Should not be perception that this is state effort attempting to tell coastal stakeholders what to do. In fact, opposite should be conveyed, in that the Governor and state is gaining guidance from coastal residents on these issues.
- **Governance Policy Issue**

- Governance is policy topic that is larger than other topics, as it serves more of an oversight role. This topic will be primary topic for input in outreach, i.e. where is coordination inadequate? how can issues be better managed by state? how do local communities see themselves as fitting in?
- Governance issues should be addressed by OPWG committee-of-the-whole over longer-term, rather than subcommittee.
- Should make clear where the connections are between different levels and jurisdictions of governance, can't simply label 'government' as a single entity.
- Crucial to allow local involvement and investment in any governance mechanism. Make clear how ocean policy decisions are related to those local issues that are most important, and how governance will best serve to oversee.
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