



MEETING SUMMARY

September 10, 2008

5:00 p.m.

AND

September 11, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oceano Hotel, Grand Ballroom

280 Capistrano Road

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

DAY 1 – September 10

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Council Chair

Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection

Cindy Tuck, representative for Linda Adams

Cindy Aronberg for John Chiang, State Controller, Chair of the State Lands Commission

Geraldine Knatz, public member

Bill Craven, for Darrell Steinberg, State Senator

Absent:

Susan Golding, public member

Pedro Nava, State Assemblyman

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the West Coast Governors' Agreement, offshore energy development, the Marine Life Protection Act, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature Pacific Ocean 2020 Challenge. Geraldine Knatz commented on working with staff on the "elevator speech" and budget spreadsheets.
2. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Adams) to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 24, 2008 special meeting of the OPC.
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0

3. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items:
 - Mike Weber – Resources Law Group – Discussed an approach for future MPA monitoring
 - Stephanie Mutz – Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara – Discussed data collection on red sea urchins
 - Tom Mattusch – HuliCat – Discussed potential opportunity for conducting research on dead sea birds
 - Teri Shore – Sea Turtle Restoration Project – Discussed threats to West Coast sea turtles and asked the council to weigh in on the exempted fishing permit for long-lining off of California
 - Guy Grundmeier – individual – Discussed using the help of fishermen to conduct ocean-related research
 - Herrick (Rick) Hanks – Bureau of Land Management, California Coastal National Monument – Provided update on California Coast Geotourism Initiative
 - Mike McCorkle – Southern California Trawlers Association – Discussed current conditions of fishing for fishermen
 - Paul Weakland – individual – Discussed invasive marine species and hatchery fish populations

Amber Mace, Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust, introduced the members of the OPC Science Advisory Panel

4. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the Council Secretary that included updates on the Thank You Ocean Campaign, aquaculture PEIR, Ecotrust report on fishing values, and red sea urchin project. Mr. Schuchat also presented staffing and budget updates to the OPC and proposed dates for the 2009 OPC meetings.
 - Peter Halmay – San Diego Watermen’s Association – provided additional detail about the red sea urchin fishing project
5. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Aronberg) to authorize up to \$250,000 to conduct the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Lessons Learned study.
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0
 - Mike Sutton – Fish and Game Commission – and Mike Weber – Resources Law Group – spoke in support of the study

Public Comment:

- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support
 - Vern Goehring – California Sea Urchin Commission – spoke in support
 - Guy Grunmeier – individual – spoke in opposition
 - Peter Halmay – San Diego Waterman’s Association – spoke in support
 - Chris Miller – California Lobster and Trap Fishermen’s Association – spoke in support
6. It was moved (Adams) and seconded (Knatz) to authorize the grant of up to \$300,000 to the

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to create a collaborative fisheries research organization in California.

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0

- Alec McCall – NOAA Fisheries Service – and Mike Sutton – Fish and Game Commission – spoke in support of the project and expressed the need for more fisheries data, and to build collaborative relationships between fishermen and agencies

Public Comment:

- Rick Starr – University of California Sea Grant– spoke in support
- Adam Wagschal – Humboldt Bay Harbor District – spoke in support
- Mike Weber – Resources Law Group – spoke in support
- Peter Halmay – San Diego Waterman’s Association – spoke in support
- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support
- Guy Grunmeier – individual – spoke in support
- Chris Miller – California Lobster and Trap Fishermen’s Association – spoke in support
- Maggie Ostdahl – Environmental Defense Fund – spoke in support
- Peter Grenell – San Mateo County Harbor District – spoke in support
- Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations – spoke in support and provided suggestions for future actions
- Duncan MacLean – Half Moon Bay Fisherman’s Marketing Association – spoke in support

7. It was moved (Adams) and seconded (Aronberg) to authorize the grant of up to \$1,006,500 to The Nature Conservancy to support the Central Coast Groundfish Project.

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support
- Mike McCorkle – Southern California Trawlers Association – spoke in support
- Henry Pontarelli – Lisa Wise Consulting Inc./The Nature Conservancy – spoke in support
- Chris Miller – California Lobster and Trap Fishermen’s Association – spoke in support
- Geoff Bettencourt – individual – spoke in support
- Peter Grenell – San Mateo County Harbor District – spoke in support
- Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations – spoke in support and provided suggestions on potential improvements

8. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Adams) to authorize the grant of up to \$7,500,000 for the continued implementation of the California Seafloor Mapping Program.

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0

- Sam Johnson – U.S. Geological Survey – provided details on the progress of the mapping program

Public Comment:

- Chris Miller – California Lobster and Trap Fishermen’s Association – spoke in support
- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support

9. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Adams) to approve the consent calendar as presented

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Adams, Aronberg, Knatz Nays: 0

a. Finding that the scientific research projects proposed by the University of California Sea Grant and University of Southern California Sea Grant Programs are consistent with OPC priorities for Sea Grant projects and meet the grant conditions approved by the council on February 29, 2008.

b. Authorization to grant up to \$200,000 to Stanford University to develop a climate change adaptation model pilot study designed for coastal managers and land-use planners to test outcomes of different policy decisions in relation to climate change scenarios.

Public Comment:

- Al Wanger – California Coastal Commission – spoke in support of 9b

10. Sam Schuchat and Trish Chapman, California Coastal Conservancy, discussed the status of San Clemente Dam removal project and the potential future OPC involvement in the project.

11. Drew Bohan presented the report of the Executive Policy Officer that included updates on OPC accomplishments, emerging pollutants and enforcement work, and California aquatic invasive species risk assessment.

Public Comment:

- Paul Weakland – individual – discussed invasive species

12. Amber Mace, Executive Director of the California Ocean Science Trust, gave the report of the Science Advisor to the OPC.

Secretary Chrisman adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

DAY 2 – September 11
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Council Chair
John Chiang, State Controller, Chair of the State Lands Commission
 Cindy Aronberg, representative for John Chiang
Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection
 Cindy Tuck, representative for Linda Adams
Geraldine Knatz, Public Member
Bill Craven, representative for Darrell Steinberg

Absent:

Susan Golding, public member
Pedro Nava, State Assemblyman

13. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Half Moon Bay fisherman Pietro Paravano to discuss the fishing industry in Half Moon Bay and concerns about the salmon fishery closure in California.
14. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items:
 - David Nelson – Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion – Discussed the status of the state policy on once-through cooling, specifically as it relates to the Morro Bay Power Plant
 - Tom Murphy – Advanced Environmental Systems – Discuss a new wastewater treatment approach
 - Marla Jo Bruton – individual – Discussed water supply from aquifer/state water imports
 - Chris Miller – California Lobster and Trap Fishermen’s Association – Discussed collaborative research
 - Richard Sadowski – individual – Discussed sewage dumping into Morro Bay
 - Tim Frahm – San Mateo County Farm Bureau – Discussed the need for solutions to drought, especially use of tertiary water for irrigation and treatment of sewage
15. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Knatz) to delay the approval vote on the revised OPC Funding Guidelines and new OPC Program Priorities for 2008 through 2010 until the November OPC meeting.
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Adams, Knatz Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Reed Addis – Conservation Strategy Group – spoke in support with additional recommendations
- Richard Sadowski – individual – spoke about enforcement
- Leila Monroe – Natural Resources Defense Council – spoke in support with additional recommendations

- Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – spoke in support with additional recommendations
- Marla Jo Bruton – individual – provided additional recommendations
- Al Wanger – California Coastal Commission – spoke in support
- David Nelson – individual – provided additional recommendations
- Steve Ramp – Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System – provided additional recommendations
- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – provided additional recommendations
- Leslie Tamminen – Heal the Bay – provided additional recommendations
- Rudy Murillo – Scripps Institution of Oceanography – spoke in support

16. Valerie Termini, Project Manager, presented an overview and introduction to salmon issues in California. Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer, introduced the panelists and moderated the discussion.

Panelists:

- Neil Manji – Department of Fish and Game
- Vicky Whitney – State Water Resources Control Board
- Dick Butler – NOAA Fisheries Service
- Steve Lindley – NOAA Fisheries Service
- Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Associations
- Grant Davis – Sonoma County Water Agency
- Joe Merz – University of California, Santa Cruz
- Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Mike Orcutt - Hoopa Valley Tribe

Public Comment:

- Duncan MacLean – Half Moon Bay Fishermen’s Marketing Association
- Barbara Stickel – Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead
- Dick Pool – Pro-Troll and American Sportfishing Association
- Marla Jo Bruton – individual
- Tim Frahm – San Mateo County Farm Bureau
- Darcy Aston – Fishnet 4C

17. Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer, and Eben Schwartz, California Coastal Commission, presented an update on the draft OPC Marine Debris Implementation Strategy.

Public Comment:

- Leslie Tamminen – Speaking on behalf of Lt. Gov. Garamendi – discussed Lt. Gov. Garamendi’s interest in this issue
- Charlotte Stevenson – Heal the Bay – spoke in support with recommendations
- Marla Jo Bruton – individual – spoke about a tall ship tour to the Pacific Gyre
- Tim Shestek – American Chemistry Council – spoke in opposition
- Richard Sadowski – individual – provided additional recommendations

- Larry Collins – Crab Boat Owners and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations – spoke in opposition
- Herbert Schueneman – San Jose State University – provided additional recommendations
- Laura Kasa – Save Our Shores – spoke in support with recommendations
- Duncan MacLean – Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association – provided additional recommendations
- Tim Sheehan – Packtiv Corporation – spoke in opposition
- Kaitilin Gaffney – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support
- Brian Early – Californians Against Waste – spoke in support
- Ximena Waissbluth – Surfrider – spoke in support
- Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations – spoke in support with recommendations
- Al Wanger – California Coastal Commission – spoke in support
- Jim Holm – individual – provided additional recommendations

18. Secretary Chrisman adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.