

Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

April 7, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attendees

Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel (OREAP) Members

John Ballotti (Sportfishing)

Jim Hendricks (Sportfishing)

Wayne Kotow (Sportfishing)

Rachele Lopez (public/non-government)

Mike McCorkle (Commercial Fishing)

Rob Ross (Commercial Fishing)

Alayna Siddall (Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel)

OREAP Alternates Members

Gary Burke (Commercial Fishing)

Mike Kucura (Commercial Fishing)

Keith Moret (Sportfishing)

Josephine Pemberton (Sportfishing)

John Riordan (Sportfishing)

OREAP Non-voting Members

Luke Gardner (California Sea Grant)

Kirsten Ramey (California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW])

CDFW

Adam Frimodig, Kathryn Johnson, Randy Lovell, Valerie Taylor

Public

Susana Avila (University of Florida), Mark Drawbridge (Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute [HSWRI]), May Lehmensiek (University of Florida), Kai Lorenzen (University of Florida), Ruairi MacNamara (HSWRI), Mike Shane (HSWRI), Theresa Sinicrope Talley (California Sea Grant)

1. Introductions and announcements

2. Provide overview and update on OREHP stakeholder engagement contract

Introduction of team - Theresa S. Talley, Kai Lorenzen, Susana Avila and May Lehmensiek.

Presentation on Sea Grant's evaluation of the OREHP, stakeholder involvement in the evaluation, and objectives under the new contract.

Discussion on the difference between each group's role (OREAP, OREHP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), stakeholder visionary panel), and how this process seeks to engage a larger group of stakeholders that pay into the program, building trust through collaboration and transparency.

Discussion about timetable and concerns that the stakeholder contract process might delay momentum of the program. Clarification that this process can run concurrently and need not be completed prior to addressing other program needs.

3. Receive update on recent hatchery, growout, field, and research operations from HSWRI

Mark Drawbridge presented the panel with an update on hatchery staffing and growout facility challenges, broodstock collection efforts, and preliminary results of new genetics study.

Discussion of coded wire tags, head collection, and sampling efforts.

Discussion of peer review timeline and presentation of information to the SAC.

4. Discuss OREAP role with OREHP Scientific Advisory Committee

Discussion of the first meeting of the newly appointed SAC scheduled for May 4 and the agenda for that meeting.

Discussion on what type of role the OREAP will have and whether they will have a representative from the OREAP attend the SAC meetings. The OREAP will send the chair and/or co-chair and Alayna Siddall will attend as well. John Ballotti will give a brief welcome statement to the SAC at the meeting.

5. Review and discuss the OREHP's budget and research (contract) needs

Valerie Taylor presented the 2023 fiscal year budget.

Discussion of the \$447,000 that can be used to fund further research or other program needs.

Recommendation by the OREAP that the OREHP Coordinator investigate ways in which to secure a contract for additional genetics work and increase funding for HSWRI for broodstock collection, surveys, and other priorities as outlined by HSWRI. Contracts and funding proposals will be discussed and voted on at the next OREAP meeting to be scheduled in May.

6. Closing