

Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel Meeting

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

May 23, 2022

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel (OREAP) Members

John Ballotti (Sportfishing)

Wayne Kotow (Sportfishing)

Rachel Lopez (Public/non-government)

Rob Ross (Commercial fishing)

Tony Vaught (Aquaculture)

OREAP Member Alternates

Ken Franke (Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel)

Jojo Pemberton (Sportfishing)

John Riordan (Sportfishing)

Dallas Weaver (Aquaculture)

OREAP Non-voting Members

Luke Gardner (California Sea Grant [CASG])

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

CDFW

Adam Frimodig, Kathryn Johnson, Valerie Taylor (Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program [OREHP] Coordinator)

Public

Mark Drawbridge (Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute [HSWRI]), Kai Lorenzen (OREHP Scientific Advisory Committee [SAC] member), Mike Shane (HSWRI), Ron Zweig (OREHP SAC member)

1. Introductions and Announcements

- Contact Valerie Taylor for per diem paperwork for expenses related to in-person meeting attendance and travel.
- Mike Denson has resigned from the SAC.
 - Discussion on whether to solicit nominations to replace him; OREAP members agree that remaining SAC members have the expertise to fill in the gap and that a replacement is not necessary at this time.

2. Summary of SAC Meeting

- The first SAC meeting was held virtually on May 4, 2022.

- The SAC was given a brief history of the program, funding, evaluation and townhall results, and their role in relation to the OREHP and CDFW.
- The SAC will develop a document that clearly defines the metrics, benchmarks, and timelines to measure the success of the OREHP, promote transparency, and allow the SAC to objectively evaluate and prioritize research proposals.
- The SAC agreed to meet monthly for now as the metrics of success are developed.
 - The next SAC meeting will be held on June 16.

3. Discussion and Vote to Amend Bylaws to Include Language on Collaboration and Communication

- Proposed amendment to OREAP Bylaws:

“Members and their alternates shall communicate and coordinate with the Department and OREHP contractors prior to the release or publication of any information that may inform decisions regarding the OREHP. All participants will encourage effective communication, respect other’s point of view, listen to build understanding, explore ideas where common ground is the goal, and contribute to an inclusive and collaborative environment. Personal attacks and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.”

 - Discussion of the proposed language and its intent.
- John Ballotti makes a motion to table the amendment, so members have a chance to review the language.
 - Motion seconded by Tony Vaught.
 - Call for vote: motion passes unanimously with 8 yays (includes non-voting members as they can vote on bylaws).

4. Provide Update on OREHP Contracting Process and Discuss OREHP Research and Funding Priorities

- Discussion of draft list of research and funding priorities put together by John Ballotti; OREAP members agree that OREHP Coordinator will e-mail draft so that all members can add comments and edit accordingly; a second draft will be available to discuss at the OREAP’s next meeting;
- John Ballotti makes a motion to allocate up to \$150,000 to fund a comprehensive genetics study of hatchery-raised fish in the wild and requests the SAC complete a scope of work for this study in July.

- Rob Ross seconds the motion.
- Discussion of the motion.
- Call for vote: 5 yay, 1 abstain, 1 unknown.
- Discussion of HSWRI's request to amend the hatchery contract, how long it would take, and the contract amendment process including review from all departments.
- John Ballotti makes a motion to support amending the contract to award an additional \$297,000 to HSWRI.
 - Rob Ross seconds the motion.
 - Discussion of the motion.
 - Call for vote: 6 yay; 1 unknown.
 - Motion was amended on July 5, 2022, to read: Motion to approve and amend the current HSWRI contract for up to \$297,000.
 - Vote: 6 yay, 2 unknown.

5. Closing

- Discussion of when next meeting should be scheduled.
 - Panel agreed that the next meeting should be no later than September and that Valerie Taylor or John Ballotti will update the OREAP after the next SAC meeting.