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Dear:

I am writing on behalf of Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) to request that your agency appoint a liaison to this Council. The OPAC serves to advise the Governor, the State Land Board, state agencies and local governments on ocean policy and marine management issues. OPAC has identified federal agencies, including NOAA (Fisheries and Ocean Service), US Fish & Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Navy, US Coast Guard, EPA, MMS, USGS/NBS, and FERC, as having key responsibilities in the Territorial Sea and/or Exclusive Economic Zone. Other federal agencies may also have specific responsibilities, programs or activities of interest to OPAC.

As you know, management of Oregon's ocean must involve cooperation between Oregon citizens and numerous local, state and federal agencies, as well as coordination with other states that adjoin the Pacific Ocean. Under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), the OPAC is responsible for involving the federal government in the following ways:

- Coordination with federal programs. To insure that the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Plan and the Territorial Sea Plan are coordinated with federal agency programs for coastal and ocean resources, the OPAC may invite federal agencies with responsibility for the study and management of ocean resource or regulations of ocean activities to designate a liaison to the council to attend council meetings, respond to council requests for technical and policy information and review draft plan materials prepared by the council. (ORS 196.455)
- The purposes of OPAC include: Advance the State's ocean policies (ORS 196.420) to the federal government and any multi-state bodies; Encourage participation of federal agencies in discussion and resolution of ocean resources planning and management issues affecting Oregon. [ORS 196.443 (1)(b)(f)]
- The OPAC may establish project review panels to address and coordinate the interests of state, federal and local governments in specific development proposals. [196.453 (1)]

The Council will be addressing many important issues over the coming year, and beyond. Governor Kulongoski has asked the Council to provide advice on numerous issues that involve federal agencies, including creation of an Oregon National Marine Sanctuary, establishing a limited system of marine research reserves, and consideration of federal aquaculture and energy proposals that could affect Oregon's ocean.

The liaison from your agency should serve as your key point of contact with the State of Oregon on ocean policy matters. The liaison should be well versed in ocean policy of

your agency as well as the current issues, plans, initiatives and decisions expected to be addressed over the short and long term by your agency and other cooperating federal and state agencies. Council members would expect that as your agency works on ocean policy, your liaison would inform us in a timely manner so that OPAC can prepare recommendations to allow Oregon to be included in an effective way in any federal planning or decision process. As the OPAC develops recommendations, the liaison would also be the Council's conduit to your agency.

The Council has meetings every two to three months and would welcome your federal agency liaison to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for June 23, 2006, in Astoria. Your liaison may appropriately choose to attend only OPAC meetings that are scheduled to address issues germane to your responsibilities or activities. Please send me a written reply identifying your agency liaison contact information.

For additional information please contact me at 503-325-2285 or at [smcmullen@ofcc.com](mailto:smcmullen@ofcc.com). I have enclosed the membership roster for OPAC for your information. We look forward to a developing a constructive working partnership with your agency.

Sincerely,

Scott McMullen, Chair

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