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Sheila Kuehl, *State Senator, Ex officio Member*
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CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

November 28, 2006

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

State Capitol Building, Room 4203

Sacramento, California

Present:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Council Chair

Steve Westly, State Controller, Chair of the State Lands Commission

Voting representative: Cindy Aronberg, Deputy State Controller

Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection

Voting representative: Cindy Tuck, Assistant Secretary for Policy, CalEPA

Marie Liu, Consultant to the Committee on Natural Resources and Water, for Sheila Kuehl, State Senator, Ex Officio Member

Absent:

Pedro Nava, State Assemblymember, Ex Officio Member

1. Mike Chrisman, Council Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed some of the highlights of previous OPC actions. Steve Westly thanked staff, the public, council members, and non-governmental organizations and reviewed some of the issues taken on by OPC and the State Lands Commission, such as once-through cooling. Linda Adams congratulated the staff on the success of the California and the World Ocean '06 conference and expressed her interest in the day's agenda.
2. It was moved (Adams) and seconded (Westly) to allow voting representative for absent council members for this meeting pursuant to Operating Procedures of the council
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Westly, Adams
3. It was moved (Westly) and seconded (Adams) to adopt the June 8, 2006 meeting minutes
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Westly, Adams
4. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - Joey Racano – Ocean Outfall Group
 - Marla Jo Bruton – Ocean Outfall Group
 - Richard Sadowski – Central Coast Ocean Outfall Group
 - Tim Eichenberg – The Ocean Conservancy
 - Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance

Steve Aceti – California Coastal Coalition
Zeke Grader- PCFFA

5. Drew Bohan presented the issues currently facing the California coast and the funding priorities for the OPC in the hope of addressing and abating these impacts
 - Joey Racano – Ocean Outfall Group – provided comment
 - Al Wanger – California Coastal Commission – spoke in support
 - Marla Jo Bruton – Ocean Outfall Group – provided comment
6. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the Council Secretary
 - A. It was moved (Westly) and seconded (Adams) to approve an amended 2007 public meeting schedule with the June 14 meeting scheduled for southern California instead of Sacramento
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Westly, Adams
 - B. Mr. Schuchat updated the council members on the progress of several OPC funded projects
 - C. It was moved (Westly) and seconded (Adams) to approve the revised funding guidelines and criteria for project selection
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Westly, Adams
Michael Sutton – Monterey Bay Aquarium – spoke in support
 - D. Jonathan Gurish presented the status of the Ocean and Coastal Law Overview and requested comments on the documents from the council members and the public
Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – provided specific comments on the draft
 - E. It was moved (Westly) and seconded (Chrisman) to adopt the audio-video recording of council meetings as the official minutes of the council
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Westly
Bill James – Commercial nearshore fisherman – spoke in support
7. Brian Baird discussed the California and the World Ocean '06 conference and presented the overarching themes presented by the conference participants
8. It was moved (Tuck for Adams) and seconded (Aronberg for Westly) to concur that the scientific research projects selected by the California Sea Grant and University of Southern California Sea Grant Programs are consistent with council priorities
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck

9. Rod Fujita, Environmental Defense, presented the California Fisheries Fund Business Plan and answered questions from the council members
 - Peter Halmay – San Diego Waterman Association (SDWA) – spoke in support
 - Donna Schroeder – Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CINMSF) – spoke in support
 - Chris Miller – California Lobster Trap Fishermen’s Association (CLTFA) – spoke in support
 - Tom Raftican – United Anglers of Southern California – spoke in opposition

10. Mr. Schuchat led a discussion about California’s fisheries management policies and approaches, starting with an overview of practices in California, the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA), and Marine Life Management Act (MLMA). He then introduced the panel members, who each gave brief introductory remarks. The full panel answered questions from the council and public. Panel members were:
 - i. Christopher Dewees, California Sea Grant
Innovative dedicated access approaches from abroad
 - ii. John Ugoretz, Department of Fish and Game
The San Miguel cooperative abalone project
 - iii. Chuck Cook, The Nature Conservancy
Seafloor habitat protection and converting to sustainable fishing gears
 - iv. Zeke Grader, PCFFA
Cooperative research opportunities
 - v. Richard Young, Crescent City Harbor Master
Fisheries support infrastructure
 - vi. Rod Fujita, Environmental Defense
New funding opportunities

Comments regarding the panel were provided by:

Christopher Voss – California Abalone Association
 Sonke Mastrup – California Department of Fish and Game
 Karen Garrison – National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
 Patrick Rutten – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
 Regina Chichizola – Klamath Riverkeeper
 Tom Raftican – United Anglers of Southern California
 Jim Martin – Recreational Fishing Alliance

11. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Aronberg) to adopt a resolution to support innovative fisheries management and dedicate up to \$3,000,000 of council funds for future projects

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck

Bill James – Commercial nearshore fisherman – spoke in support
 Donna Schroeder – CINMSF – spoke in support
 Peter Helmay – SDWA – spoke in support
 Vern Goehring – California Fisheries Coalition – spoke in support

12. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Tuck) that the San Diego Sea Urchin Fishery project is a high priority project, and that the council's Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$114,120 for its implementation
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck
Kate Bonzon – Environmental Defense – spoke in support
Chris Cohen – Scripps Institution of Oceanography – spoke in support
13. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Aronberg) to approve the OPC-DFG joint work plan outlining \$8,000,000 in expenditures for implementing the Marine Life Management Act and Marine Life Protection Act, and to authorize its submittal to the Legislature as required in the Budget Act of 2006
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck
Bill James – Commercial nearshore fisherman – spoke in support
Karen Garrison – NRDC – spoke in support
Tim Eichenberg – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support
14. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Tuck) to increase the California Coastal and Marine Mapping Initiative Project to complete seafloor mapping in state waters between Bolinas and Point Arena, through the augmentation of an existing grant to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation, and to authorize the council's Secretary to take actions needed to provide up to \$1,510,000 for its implementation
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck
Santi Roberts – Oceana – spoke in support (also included comments for Agenda items 15 and 16)
15. It was moved (Aronberg) and seconded (Tuck) that the Central Coast Marine Protected Areas Monitoring project is a high priority project and that the council's Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$2,275,000 for its planning and implementation
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck
Bill James – Commercial nearshore fisherman – spoke in support
16. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Aronberg) that the establishment of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) monitoring institution is a high priority and that the council's Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$2,000,000 for its planning and implementation
APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Aronberg, Tuck
Richard Sadowski – Ocean Outfall Group – spoke in support
17. Chairman Chrisman adjourned the meeting