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MEMORANDUM

TO: California Ocean Protection Council

FROM: Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer

DATE: June 14, 2007

RE: [Staff Recommendations Regarding the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health](#)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends the council approve the following resolution:

“The Ocean Protection Council supports the staff recommendations regarding the West Coast Governors’ Agreement and directs staff to send the attached letter to Mike Carrier, Oregon’s Natural Resources Policy Director and Jay Manning, Washington’s Department of Ecology Director.”

BACKGROUND

At the April 17 Ocean Protection Council meeting, you heard testimony from representatives from California, Oregon, Washington, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality regarding the West Coast Governors’ Agreement on Ocean Health (signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, Governor Theodore Kulongoski of Oregon, and Governor Christine Gregoire of Washington on September 18, 2006).

On March 15, 2007, staff members from the three states released a discussion paper identifying a suite of potential actions that the three states are considering pursuing for each of the seven priority areas in the agreement. The April OPC meeting served as the first of at least three public workshops to receive comments on the discussion paper. Subsequent workshops will be held in Oregon and Washington this summer. A final action plan that incorporates the ideas gathered during these meetings will be released by the end of the year.

The proposed OPC recommendations to Director Carrier and Director Manning take into consideration the testimony received at the April OPC meeting from both the state and federal government representatives and from members of the public.