SUMMARY

Friday, August 4, 2017 -- 10:00-11:30am (Pacific)

ACTION ITEMS

• John Hansen will send out final details for the WCRPB meeting soon, including dates and location. Look for final details to start reserving rooms and booking travel.

• Tribal members should look for details about the next ATNI meeting in Spokane, WA the week of Sept 18.

• Interested members should contact John Hansen with comments/suggestions about the date (September 15th), location (Portland or Southern Oregon) and content of potential upcoming Oregon and Northern California sub-regional in-person meeting.

• Provide John Hansen with feedback or ideas on the top three topics that should be discussed on remaining monthly calls prior to the December meeting (one for each meeting in September, October, November). Current discussion items include sub-regions, RPB outreach, funding, ocean partnership, and National Ocean Policy, among others.

• Email John Hansen if you have a conflict with the September 1st date for the next WCRPB meeting.
UPCOMING

- September 1st 10am: September WCRPB & WCOP meeting. The date may be changed if many people have conflict with holiday weekend.
- September 15th: Oregon and Northern California (tentative) in-person meeting planned in Portland or Southern Oregon.
- December 5 – 7th, 2017: WCRPB 2017 Annual Meeting tentatively planned at Queen Mary (ship) in Long Beach, California. See details in meeting notes.

CALL SUMMARY

West Coast Tribal Caucus: Recap of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Aug 2 – 3 Water Summit

John Hansen (RPB Coordinator), Micah McCarty (Makah Tribe / GCC), Briannon Fraley (Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation)

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “I attended Summit with few of our tribal RPB members, and the meeting had representatives from tribal governments, state and federal entities. ATNI has regular meetings mostly around the Northwest talking about a range of issues. This was their water summit, focused on water and therefore addressed topics that included water and coastal management. Micah McCarty has been working with those groups through tribal outreach and engagement to get new conversations going around oceans. Micah and Meagan Flier (RPB Tribal Co-lead) did a great job talking to tribes already engaged with RPB, and those not aware of or not engaged with RPB. Micah talked about adding an ocean specific track for future ATNI meetings and got us a panel to discuss RPB and tribal engagement. I will now hand it over to Micah and Briannon Fraley (Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation) for more updates.”

- Micah McCarty: “ATNI is an organization that has been around for a long time and has significant influence in Indian policy nationwide. A lot of the focus areas for ATNI have been on treaty rights and natural resource issues. It was a natural fit for the last quarterly ATNI meeting last month when the executive board approved the ocean caucus being a sub-committee for the natural resources committee. Joel Moffett was assigned to provide staff support for ocean caucus for the last ATNI meeting. In addition to the RPB panel, we put together a climate change/ocean acidification panel as well as a community resilience panel. Those other two panels have some great synergy with some of the priorities and top
issues identified by the RPB. All these panels were structured to provide the most impactful overview, content information, and then have structured breakout sessions with round tables to build as much constructive and productive dialogue. We heard about ideas to navigate potential differences between tribes, such as really focusing on a technical and programmatic common ground and we definitely want to follow up with him on learning more about how tribes move through that process and how we find common grounds to move forward on and govern Traditional Ecological Knowledge for public use and adding value to the West Coast Data Portal. The full group at ATNI did an issue prioritization exercise at the end of Day 2. The top three issues identified were clean water conservation, clean water management, and water rights. We are looking at University of Washington in May of 2018 to replicate this ATNI water summit. We get tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and sometimes Alaska. The week of September 18th, we are looking to have our first inaugural ocean caucus meeting in Spokane, Washington.

- Briannon Fraley (Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation): “Staying engaged for tribes will be the number one task at hand with all the other responsibilities that tribes have. My big question I proposed to the group was “what do tribes want to achieve by engaging in the RPB marine planning process and have some better defined expectations when engaging through the process?” I would like to have that as a discussion, and the larger planning body as a whole, what would we like to achieve through this process? Creating a survey for tribes to identify areas of interest for the sub-region. This was requested and will be facilitated through Meagan Flier (RPB Tribe Co-lead), and with Micah and John’s help. The other issue of concern was the consultation and trust responsibility to the federal government to engage all tribes, not just tribes engaged with the RPB process. We also need to discuss the potential difference between marine spatial planning and other possible planning products within an overarching plan. It may be that states and tribes have different ideas of what this is going to be. ATNI was a great forum to have these discussions.

  - Micah McCarty: I am really glad that Briannon Fraley (Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation) came because she has some legacy in coordinating some intertribal dialogue. BOEM recently put out notice for public comment on offshore leasing. What rubs some tribal leadership wrong is that they are not the public and there is a lot of effort to hold the federal government responsible to consult with tribal governance as a fundamental trust responsibility. Some NGOs, or other nontribal folks engaged, will help shape public policy. The more we find common ground, the more effective we will be. Related to trust responsibility, I would like to have a conversation with the RPB on state responsibility with tribal relations, as well.

  - Walt Wilson (US Navy): I thought this was a great conversation, because we need to get the Columbia Basin Watershed involved through tribal governments in these areas too. We need to get a handle on this in the future to even make a dent in ocean acidification stuff. They have tribal
affiliations all the way up to Idaho and Montana, which affect and address Columbia River water quality.

West Coast Ocean Data Portal Update
Andy Lanier (West Coast Ocean Data Portal / Oregon DLCD)

- Andy Lanier: “Nothing substantive to report, things are moving slowly. I was happy to hear on the report of the ATNI meeting is a discussion on the coordination interest map is still of interest, and we are staying tuned and ready to engage when you are.”

West Coast Regional Planning Body 2017 Meeting Planning
John Hansen (RPB Coordinator)

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): We have some tentative updates for the 2017 meeting plans. All of the items listed are not yet finalized, as we want input from the RPB leads and members before confirming details.
  - **Location**: Queen Mary (ship at port in Long Beach), Long Beach CA
    - The venue can be set up well for large groups and meetings of our size, with typical setup and A/V, along with hotel rooms. It is also fairly cost-effective. We are still working through the exact specifics.
  - **Dates / Schedule**:
    - Tuesday Dec 5: Public RPB Meeting
      - Membership of the RPB at the head table, an audience, presentations in the middle with a projection screen. Allow for public comment period for the RPB members.
    - Wednesday Dec 6: RPB and WCOP Exec. Session (Closed)
      - A smaller gathering of folks to talk more directly about internal issues and updates, including tribal engagement, 2018 tasks, etc.
    - Thursday Dec 7: Tentative additional meetings (Data Portal, Sub-regions, Science Assessment, etc.)
      - We can reserve space on the third day. We could get some additional smaller rooms at little additional cost. If you see a benefit to having an in-person meeting, let’s think about that. There are five or six rooms that hold between 20 and 50 people.
  - **Lodging**: At the Queen Mary itself (on the boat, not overly fancy) and Marriott Residence Inn in Downtown Long Beach (0.8 miles away, 10-15 minute walk on the water). The hope is we will have enough rooms all at the federal per diem rate or lower.
Airports: Long Beach (8 miles, Southwest flies there and has inexpensive flights from the Bay Area), LAX (22 miles), Orange County (30 miles). It will be $30-$50 for an Uber, but could take 20 minutes to 1 hour driving (depending on traffic) to get to the venue from the airport. There are things around to do, including the Aquarium of the Pacific nearby. Hopefully you will not need a car once you are at the venue. We hope to have some kind of reception during the meeting that will include everyone from RPB and those attending the meeting from the public to give people a chance to network.

- Micah McCarty: “We could do some outreach to local tribe for a hosting or ceremonial event. I will work with Meagan to see if we can arrange something. Also, I know the tribal caucus has talked about convening a meeting before or during this event in California, perhaps on Dec 7.”

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “If the tribal caucus would benefit from a full-day meeting (Dec 7th), let’s talk about that. We are also planning to include standalone caucus time for all members (tribal, state, federal) throughout all of the meeting days as needed.”

Becky Smyth (NOAA): “Related to the Data Portal, we should have Data Portal conversations on the first day or two. We need to revisit to see if this still is a high priority and if it is viable.”

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): That is a good point Becky. I do see the Data Portal being a big part of the open meeting and the closed session. Maybe the third day (Dec 7) is more of the Data Portal team coming together, or the nuts and bolts of what the Data Portal is working on.

Patty Snow (OR Dept. of Land Conservation & Development): “When you say closed on Wednesday Dec 6, do you mean folks who are signature on the agreement?”

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “The idea is to have one day public RPB meeting for RPB reps and be open to the public, and the Executive Session will be for staff and leadership to talk in more detail about things like funding and next steps for both the RPB and Partnership. Square one is getting feedback on what we want to talk about during the meeting. I have surveys from the Portland meeting that I will look at to examine what worked and what didn’t to shape this meeting accordingly.”

Walt Wilson (US Navy): “I have been to meetings in that area. The walk from the Residence Inn to Queen Mary is in a park and only a 10 minutes walk to the waterfront where there is a lot going on. The National Marine Fisheries Service is right across the water there, so we should try to get good representation there. Also we should reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers to get them involved.”

- Becky Smyth (NOAA): “I will make sure my NOAA colleagues are appropriately represented as well.”
Sub-Regional Updates: WA Coast SRPT, Mock Undersea Cable Questionnaire
John Hansen (RPB Coordinator)

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “We have developed a questionnaire document that has been sent out to the Washington coast sub-regional team. We want to start getting information from each entity and how they would respond to three different mock undersea cable proposals. We want to know who would be involved, their contacts, how people would be involved (permitting, environmental impact, enforcement, etc.), and the specifics of how each entity would deal with each proposal (data needed, laws, how to they would communicate with other governing members, do outreach with the public, etc.). We will look at this over the next month or two and start to inform our framework that is in place, what the processes are, what gaps they are, and what we need to know. As we make more progress on this, we will definitely share it with the group.”

Sub-Regional Updates: Oregon and Northern California in-person meeting
John Hansen (RPB Coordinator)

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “Tribal and State representative in-person meeting has been tentatively planned for Friday, September 15th (tentative) in Portland or Southern Oregon, with focus on initial dialog around sub-regional focus areas and coordination. Any outcomes of that meeting will then come back to our federal partners to talk about the key issues or priorities. If people who are on that sub-regional dialogue want to follow up if the date works (September 15th), has ideas of where to meet (Portland or Southern Oregon), etc. contact me.”

Members Update: New Call Format (Starting Sept.)
John Hansen (RPB Coordinator)

- John Hansen (RPB Coord.): “There has been discussion that we don’t want to head into our in-person meeting in December without having an opportunity to begin discussion more substantive topics prior to the meeting. Having an opportunity in our monthly calls to open the floor and have people talk about key issues (sub-regions, funding, status of National Ocean Policy, etc.) is important. Starting with our September call, we are going to look at some of these key topics and get feedback from all of you on what are most important to discuss, and then on each agenda we will set aside 20 - 30 minutes to open the floor and discuss the topic. Tentatively, for our next call, we'll discuss sub-regions. We will give two to three weeks notice before the monthly call about what the topic is, and three questions directed at the topic. We will then discuss the topic; figure out what is clear and where the questions are. Possible topics include:
  - Sub-regions:
    - How many sub-regions should we have? Do we have capacity to do so?
  - RPB Outreach:
• What outreach methods should we prioritize (Congressional, NGOs, local government, Greenfire Films, other)? How will these links to existing planning activities (state, tribal, local)?
  o Funding:
    ▪ Strategies for funding RPB beyond Spring 2018? Same for WC Ocean Data Portal?
  o West Coast Ocean Partnership:
    ▪ What is the future of the WCOP? How do we staff it effectively?
  o National Ocean Policy:
    ▪ Do we need contingency plans for possible changes to the NOP? If so, what are they?

• Jennifer Hennessey (WA Dept. of Ecology): “I like this idea, just a couple ideas to help shape this more affectively. 1) If we have the drafted agenda for December lined out and we know there are some topics of interest (data portal, funding) then having that conversation of what options there are before we get to December would be helpful. 2) For some of our advisory panels we have had one to two pagers that frame the topic, give a bit of background, flush out a few options, and then have key questions for discussion. I would be happy to share some of the examples with you offline, as a similar format could be used for the December topics as well.”
  o John Hansen (RPB Coord.): Thanks Jen. That would be great, I would love to see the examples of the one to two pagers that you mentioned. If we have three monthly calls to do this (September, October, November) before a December meeting, do we have a top three action items for the December meeting? We have the meeting committee and Secretariat giving thoughts for topics to discuss at the December meeting. If you have feedback or ideas, please let me know or jump on the planning committee calls. Any other thoughts?

• Patty Snow (OR Dept. of Land Conservation & Development): I will be out of town that Friday, September 1st, so it might be a good idea to check with people and see if they will be out.
  o John Hansen (RPB Coord.): For those of you on the line, if you think you may not be there on September 1st, let me know. If needed, we will shift the September call until after Labor Day for max participation.

END CALL