

Economic Analysis – Scoping Process

The steps below summarize the process to develop a Scope of Work for the Marine Spatial Planning Economic Analysis.

1. **Initial Menu of Approaches:** The team of Cascade Economics LLC, the selected economics contractor, prepared a menu of approaches to preparing and completing the economic analysis. Their menu included three “levels of study” reflecting differing degrees of investigation, precision and accuracy, and involvement of local affected entities. Details may be found in their proposal in response to the economic analysis Request for Proposals.
2. **Public Scoping Workshop:** The economics contractor team will conduct an “Economic Analysis Scoping Workshop” on October 7, 2014, where they will present information about approaches to the economic analysis. Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council (WCMAC) members and to any other interested parties are invited to ask questions and discuss their interests and needs in the study. Workshop topics are shown in the attached agenda. The presentation slides will be available as a *.pdf file after the workshop.
3. **Written Comments:** In addition to set periods for discussion, comments, and recommendations during the Workshop, there will be an opportunity made for WCMAC members and other interested individuals to provide written comments or suggestions to the economics team after the Workshop. Comments should be submitted to miketaylor@pacifier.com by October 13, 2014.
4. **Proposed Scope of Work:** The economics contractor team will develop a proposed scope of work that incorporates suggestions and recommendations from the scoping workshop and written comments, knowledge of available information, previous and ongoing studies, and Marine Spatial Planning needs.
5. **Science Panel Review:** The team will present the proposed scope of work to the Science Advisory Panel in mid-October, then revise and refine the scope of work based upon comments and input from the Panel.
6. **Contractor presents recommended Scope of Work:** The economics contractor will present the resulting scope of work, based on the process outlined above, to the WCMAC at the October 22 meeting. The final scope of work is subject to approval from Department of Ecology and Department of Natural Resources.

Economic Analysis Workshop to Support Marine Spatial Planning

Grays Harbor County – Commissioner’s Meeting Room
100 W Broadway
Montesano, WA
1:00 – 4:00 pm 7 October 2014

Agenda

- 1:00 Introductions and Purpose
- 1:05 Workshop Procedure: Presentations and Input
- 1:10 Overview of Economic Analysis
- Definitions: Economic Base, Models, and Measures of Economic Impacts
- 1:20 Part I:
- Economic Base: What Makes the Coast Economy “Tick”
 - Incorporating Tribal Economic Information
 - Recreation and Tourism
 - How does the Surfrider study fit in?
 - Commercial Fishing on the Washington Coast
 - Economic data and characterization of the fishing economy
 - Models for measuring impacts
- Discussion, Comments, and Suggested Revisions
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 Part II:
- Social and Cultural Values
 - Ecosystem Services
 - Aquaculture on the Washington Coast
 - Economic data and characterization of Coast-based aquaculture
 - Model for measuring impacts
- Discussion, Comments, and Suggested Revisions
- 3:35 Economic Impact Measurement
- Defining Scenarios to Analyze
 - Model Outputs: Direct and Indirect Impacts
- 3:45 Summary of Input & Next Steps
- 4:00 Adjourn