

WCMAC Marine Spatial Planning Recommendations Process

Policy Recommendations

Winter 2015

WCMAC members (in small groups at WCMAC meeting) shared and discussed their concerns with each of the new uses.

WCMAC received informational briefings on potential new uses.

May-December 2015

The WCMAC Technical Committee developed problem statements to summarize the WCMAC concerns and potential solutions for each of the problems identified.

December 2015/ February 2016

WCMAC reviewed the draft problem statements and potential solutions document then suggested changes, recommended additions, and provided general input.

Winter-Spring 2016

WCMAC Technical Committee refined the recommendations based on WCMAC input and additional information on existing state and local authorities.

April 2016

WCMAC provided additional input on current draft recommendations. Staff updated the draft recommendations document.

June 2016

WCMAC will go through the consensus process to finalize the policy recommendations.

Spatial Recommendations

2015-2016

WCMAC has been providing input on combining maps on uses and resources [spatial data analyses using GIS] and will begin working with a software model [MARXAN] to compare this information to information on renewable energy. This will create different scenarios to assist WCMAC in beginning to develop options for spatial recommendations.

NOTE TO THE MRCS:

WCMAC is working to finalize these various recommendations and now is an ideal time for MRCS to familiarize themselves with the recommendations and provide their input to their MRC representative.