

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bentz, Dembrow, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Weidner, Whitsett, Bailey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Boone
Prepared By:	Adam Crawford, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/23, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands role of Scientific and Technical Advisory Council (STAC) to include, as resources allow, making recommendations to state agencies on matters relating to ocean and nearshore resources. Provides STAC membership guidelines, policy areas on which STAC can make recommendations and methods to fill STAC membership vacancy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Nearshore resources
- History of Scientific and Technical Advisory Council (STAC)
- STAC membership needs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) is a legislatively-mandated marine advisory committee. OPAC works with the public to make recommendations on issues of ocean policy. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) was established to aid and advise OPAC on scientific and technical matters relating to ocean and nearshore resources. Senate Bill 580 A permits STAC, as resources allow, to make recommendations to state agencies.