

Marine Spatial Planning

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- What is it?
- Why are we talking about it?
 - State law
 - Federal action
- What are the next steps?
- How can I get more information or be involved?

Marine Spatial Planning Defined

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a public process of analyzing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine environments to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives.

- Coordinating decisions
- Uses data – often displayed as maps
- Proactive
- Strategic
- Multi-use

Marine Spatial Planning Process

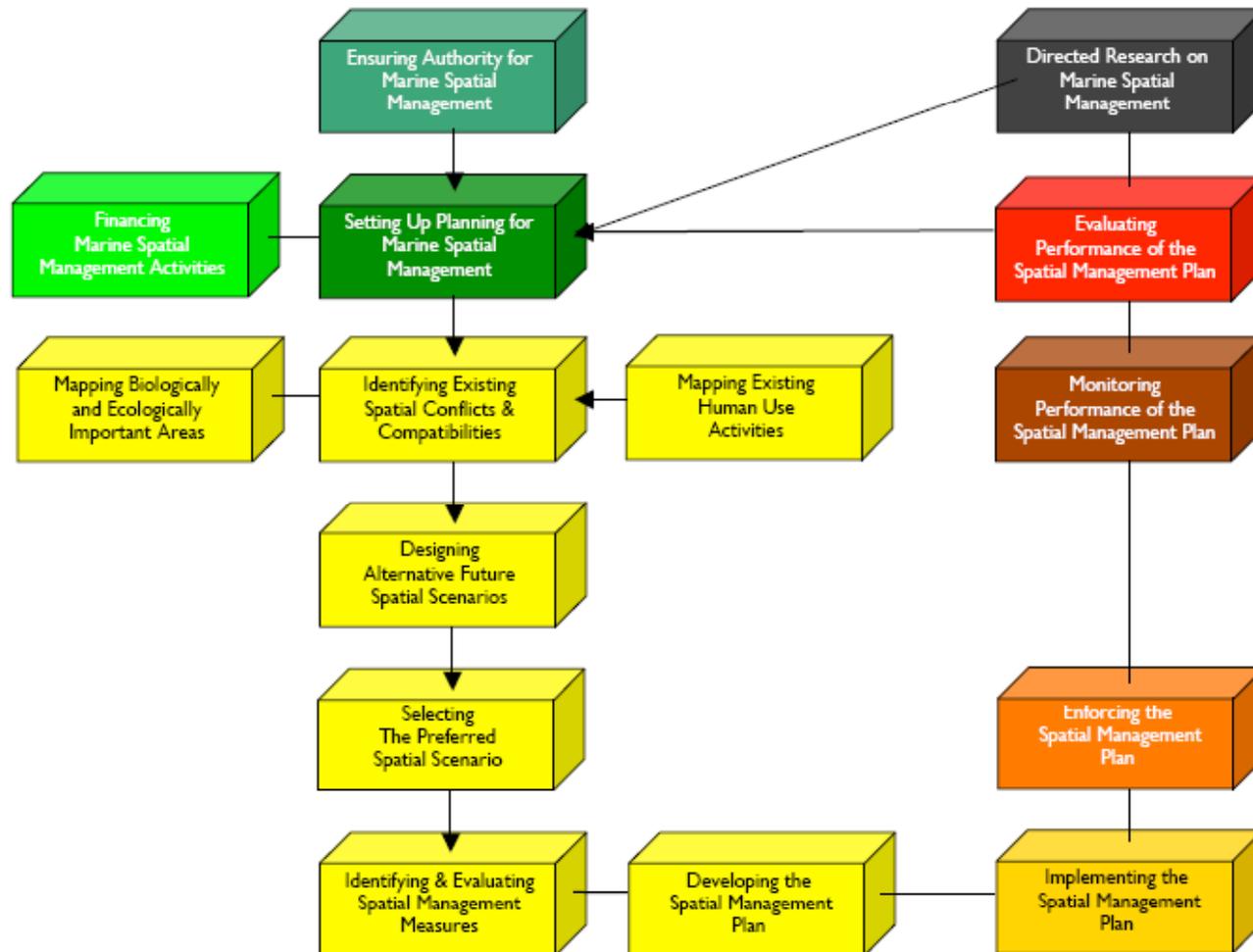
Typically, results in:

- Vision
- Comprehensive Plan
- Management strategies and measures

NOT the same as zoning.

Outcome depends on the scope of the plan.

Marine Spatial Planning Steps



New State Law

Substitute Senate Bill 6350 enacted in March 2010 which requires the state to:

- Recommend an approach to marine spatial planning through an interagency team. Report due by December 15, 2010.

Some key questions for the report:

What are the gaps in management that marine spatial planning can or should seek to fill?

What are the key spatial data needs and important uses to consider for conducting marine spatial planning?

How to conduct marine spatial planning in a way that integrates into existing management plans, including goals and objectives?

New State Law

If the state receives federal or non-state funds, the law also directs state agencies to:

1. Compile and incorporate spatial data into current plans.
2. Develop guidance on the operation and siting of renewable energy facilities.
3. Conduct comprehensive marine spatial planning for all of Washington's waters.

What must be in a state plan?

- Ecosystem assessment and indicators
- Management measures
- Series of maps
- State recommendations for uses in federal waters
- Implementation plan
- Framework for renewable energy

Ocean Policy Task Force

“To succeed in protecting the oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes, the United States needs to act within a unifying framework under a clear national policy, including a comprehensive, ecosystem-based framework for the long-term conservation and use of our resources.”

– President Barack Obama, June 12, 2009
Creation of the Ocean Policy Task Force

- Interim Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Released December 14, 2009.
- **Final framework expected Spring 2010.**



Next Steps

State Ocean Caucus – interagency team

Examine key questions for MSP in Washington and develop recommendations for framework in report.

Engage MRCs, tribes and public in process.

West Coast Governors' Agreement

Feedback on national framework on the role of regional groups.

Develop regional approach based on existing work and needs.

Next Steps: Interagency Report

Interagency team meets monthly to examine key questions.

Public process

April-June

Survey: management needs
and other information

April-June

Briefings to key groups

July (TBD)

Spatial data workshop
for technical experts

September

Public comment period on
draft recommendations

How to learn more or get involved?

Marine Spatial Planning

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/msp/>

Ocean resources

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/ocean/>

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Supporting healthy oceans, coasts, and communities

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Ocean and coastal environments in Washington are critical to our economy, culture, and quality of life. They are rich in natural resources and biological diversity. They also support multiple commercial and recreational uses that sustain the economies of nearby communities and the entire state. These multiple uses as well as new emerging uses, such as renewable ocean energy, present a management challenge for sustaining healthy oceans and coasts.

Marine Spatial Planning is a process that results in more proactive, comprehensive state decision-making that supports healthy oceans, coasts, and communities.

Legislature Passes Marine Spatial Planning Bill

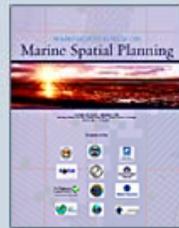
In March 2010, the Washington State Legislature enacted a [new law on marine spatial planning](#). Under the new measure, the state must:

- Recommend an approach to marine spatial planning through an interagency team. A report is due to the Washington

RESOURCES

[NOAA website](#)

[National Ocean Policy Task Force](#)



[Grays Harbor Marine Spatial Planning Forum Report \(pdf\)](#)

RELATED LINKS

[Ocean Resources web page](#)

Sign up to get email updates

Other MSP information

Ocean activities and policy work

WEST COAST GOVERNORS' AGREEMENT on OCEAN HEALTH

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Priorities

1. Ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches
2. Protecting and restoring healthy ocean and coastal habitats
3. Promoting the effective implementation of ecosystem-based management of our ocean and coastal resources
4. Reducing adverse impacts of offshore development
5. Increasing ocean awareness and literacy among our citizens
6. Expanding ocean and coastal scientific information, research, and monitoring
7. Fostering sustainable economic development throughout our diverse coastal communities



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In coming weeks:

- 8 final plans released
- 2 new draft plans out for public comment

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Action Plan

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNORS
WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA



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May 2008

Dear West Coast citizens:



Waves on Holly Beach
Photo Credit: Janet Lannert

Washington, Oregon, and California are linked in many ways through the California Current large marine ecosystem, through the ships that travel between our ports, and through our economic dependence on fisheries and other resources that migrate along the West Coast. On September 18, 2006, we launched a regional collaboration to protect and manage the ocean and coastal resources along the entire West Coast of the United States. The *West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health* recognizes that Washington, Oregon, and California can achieve more by working together on issues important to all of us.

This plan sets out an ambitious vision for the health of our West Coast coastal and ocean resources, including clean coastal waters and economically and environmentally sustainable coastal communities. The plan contains specific actions that will help us achieve this vision. However, we recognize that we can't achieve this vision alone – we will need the assistance of the U.S. Congress, federal government, local governments, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, universities, and every citizen.

We are committed to accountability and have laid out timeframes for completion of each of the actions. We will regularly provide updates to the public, including a status report at the end of the first year of implementing our plan.

We encourage you to be involved with the activities of the *West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health*. Whether you make a living off the ocean and coast, you participate in annual coastal clean-up days, or you visit one of the spectacular aquariums on the West Coast, you are contributing to the vision of the *West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health*.



Child playing in the sand
Photo Credit: Janet Lannert

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
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Governor of Washington

Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski
Governor of Oregon

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California

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Action Coordination Teams (ACTs)

1. Climate change
2. Polluted runoff
3. Marine debris
4. *Spartina* eradication
5. Renewable ocean energy
6. Ocean education
7. Sediment management
8. Seafloor mapping
9. Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (IEAs)*
10. Sustainable communities*

Members from:

- + Each of the 3 states
- + Federal agencies
- + Tribal governments
- + Academia
- + NGOs
- + Industry



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Examples of work plan activities

- Renewable energy planning guidebook
- Climate change regional impacts study
- *Spartina* eradication, treatment of known infestations in OR, CA, and BC
- Lessons-learned and support for regional sediment management
- Seafloor mapping

