

**WEST COAST GOVERNORS  
ALLIANCE on OCEAN HEALTH**  
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**Washington Coast Marine  
Advisory Committee (WCMAC)**

July, 27 2012 ~ 9:30am – 3:30pm  
Port of Grays Harbor  
Commissioner Meeting Room

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## WCGA Overarching Goals

- Ensure clean coastal waters and beaches
- Protect and restore ocean and coastal habitats
- Promote the effective implementation of ecosystem-based management
- Reduce adverse impacts of offshore development
- Increase ocean awareness and literacy among residents
- Expand ocean and coastal scientific information, research, and monitoring
- Foster sustainable economic development in our communities



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## WCGA Executive Committee



### California

Cat Kuhlman, Deputy Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Matters, California Natural Resources Agency



### Department of Commerce

Will Stelle, Regional Administrator for the Northwest Region National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



### Oregon

Gabriela Goldfarb, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kitzhaber of Oregon



### Environmental Protection Agency

Alexis Strauss, Water Division Director EPA Region



### Washington

Bob Nichols, Executive Policy Advisor Office of Governor Gregoire of Washington



### Department of the Interior

Joan Barminski, Deputy Regional Director Pacific OCS Region Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

## Roles and Responsibilities

- Engage with NOP/NOC
- Seek funding/manage projects
- Supporting regional priority actions
- Inform and guide the progress of Action Coordination Teams (ACTs)

Turnover in all 3 states since inception

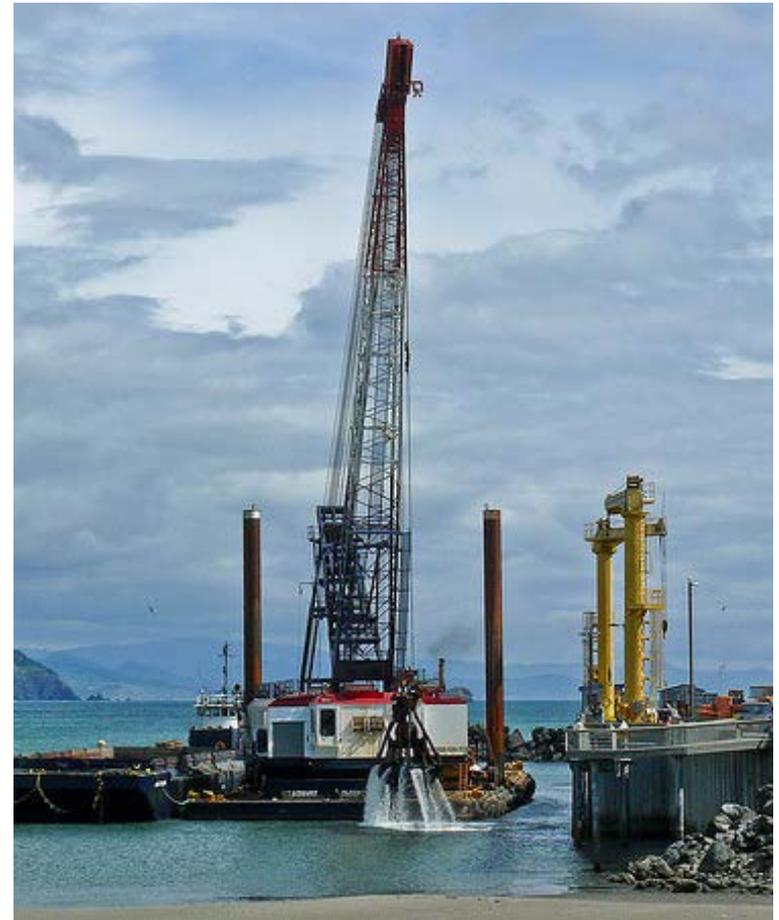
- Priority/strategy meeting in August

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## Action Coordination Teams

- Seafloor mapping
- Polluted runoff
- Marine debris
- *Spartina* eradication
- Renewable ocean energy
- Ocean education
- Sediment management
- Coastal hazards/climate change
- Integrated ecosystem assessments
- Sustainable coastal communities
- Regional Data Framework\*



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## Opportunities and challenges

- Support from Governors
- Serves as a platform to bring attention to regional ocean issues
- Creates a larger forum to share information, lessons learned
- Leverage resources & partnerships
- WCGA formed by the Governors of CA, OR, and WA – priorities must be regionally significant
- Operating in the same economic climate as everyone else = limited capacity and funding

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## Sustainable Coastal Communities

**Action 7.1** - Support local planning efforts for working waterfronts to promote sustainable fisheries and prioritize coastal-dependent businesses and infrastructure

**Action 7.2** - Promote and expand environmentally responsible operations and infrastructure at ports and harbors, and support revitalization efforts

**Action 7.3** – Assess the health and economic vitality of coastal communities by identifying current economic conditions.

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## Sustainable Coastal Communities

- Sustainable Aquaculture
- Economic Development
- Green Ports
- Clean Harbors
- Recreation and Tourism
- Sustainable Fisheries

32 Action items, 8 people, 6 themes,  
(0 money)



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## Community Supported Fisheries on the West Coast

- WCGA supports sustainable communities
  - Alternatives vs. status quo
- SCC ACT action:



“Provide existing and new **seafood-related businesses** the resources needed to **establish business plans** that reflect **sustainability in the ocean and in the marketplace**. Support the development of networks of fishermen, processors, distributors, retailers, restaurant owners, and others who can work together to increase the **profitability and sustainability of fishing.**”

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## Harbor characterization and Regional Sediment Management (RSM)

### Sustainable Communities

**Identify and create a list of ports and coastal communities that have an unmet need for dredging and/or technical assistance to obtain dredging funds and permits.**

### Sediment Management

**Seek improvements to the national dredging policy and other opportunities that support collaborative multi-state efforts to resolve conflict and establish sustainable sediment management plans**

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## 2013 Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium

OR and WA Sea Grant, WCGA sponsorship of the 2013 Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium

March 2013, Tacoma WA



[www.workingwaterfronts2013.org](http://www.workingwaterfronts2013.org)



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NATIONAL WORKING WATERFRONTS & WATERWAYS SYMPOSIUM

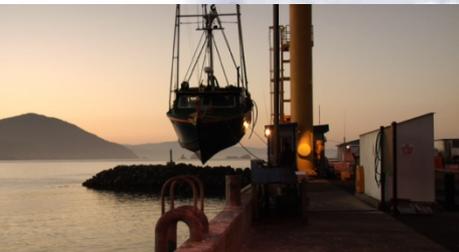
March 25 -28, 2013  
Tacoma, Washington  
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## Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium

- **Theme I:** The Economics of Working Waterfronts
- **Theme II:** Financial and Other Strategies for Enhancing Working Waterfronts' Economic Viability
- **Theme III:** Public Outreach Strategies for the Working Waterfront
- **Theme IV:** Strategies to Accommodate Diverse Uses
- **Theme V:** Legislative Issues and Opportunities for Working Waterfronts and Waterfront Access
- **Theme VI:** Design Innovations For The Working Waterfront



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## Sustainable Fisheries

- UW Geography program
  - *“Assess fisheries related infrastructure and facilities in coastal communities (such as: berths, processing plant access, ice availability, storage facilities, buying stations, boat yards and public hoists) and recommend opportunities for improvement of fisheries-related harbor facilities.”*



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## Next steps

Prioritization/Membership

Capacity and funding

Partnership building

## Break into “working groups”

1. Recreational and Tourism
2. Ports and Working Waterfronts
3. Community Fisheries Network/sustainable fisheries and aquaculture



Community Fisheries Network

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## Other related work

- Sediment Management coordination
- Climate Change ACT
  - NAS Study on SLR
- NWWN committee member
  - EDA grant contributions
- WCGA fellows blog

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