

Washington's
Ocean Action Plan:
Update from the State Ocean Caucus

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Washington's Ocean Action Plan

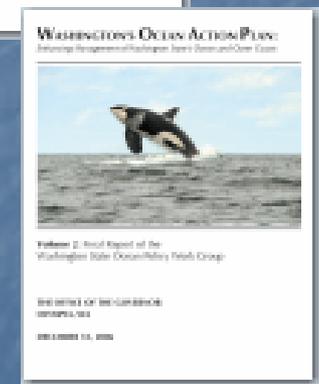
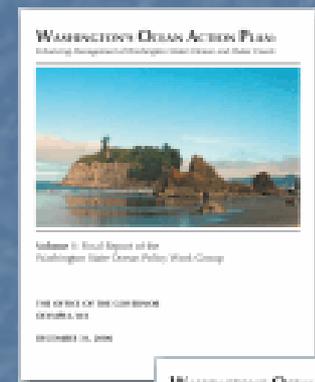
Ocean Policy Work Group's final report

Volume 1:

- Summary of status and value of state's ocean and coastal resources
- 15 Key Recommendations

Volume 2:

- Comprehensive recommendations (50+)
- Background on existing programs and issue analysis



How do state agencies coordinate their work?

State Ocean Caucus provides a way:

- For state agencies to work together on important coastal and ocean issues.
- To act on Ocean Action Plan recommendations.
- To learn from and share information with citizens, interest groups, and local, tribal, and federal governments.

Addresses Ocean Action Plan recommendation 6-1

Public Involvement with State Ocean Caucus

- Ocean Policy Advisory Group
- Outreach meetings
- Workshops
- Email listserv and website established for updates.
- Marine Resource Committees, *if formed.*



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Public Involvement with State Ocean Caucus

Ocean Policy Advisory Group roles:

- Share issues and expertise.
- Provide input to State Ocean Caucus on ocean and coastal issues.
- Review documents and policy responses.
- Attend meetings on outer coast a few times each year.



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2011 Work Plan Activities

- Sustainable Fisheries
- Aquaculture
- Ecosystem-Based Management
- Ocean Energy
- Coastal Hazards
- Erosion & Sediment Management
- Climate Change
- Marine Debris
- Research & Observing
- Education
- Sustainable & Resilient Communities
- Governance

Erosion and Sediment Management



Completed:

- Hosted a science-policy workshop with technical experts on Washington's nearshore environment (July 07, Ilwaco).

Ongoing:

- Developing large project to use sediment beneficially and advance understanding of sediment processes in Washington's nearshore with local, state, and federal partners.
- Developing regional sediment management plan to improve beneficial uses of sediment.

Recommendations 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, and 2-12

Ocean Research & Observing

Completed:

- Purchased a Remotely Operated Vehicle for underwater studies and activities. (WDFW/DNR)
- Held Seafloor Mapping workshop to understand status of mapping data and useful products.

Ongoing:

- Developing regional research priorities plan for state and region through Washington Sea Grant.
- Investigating ways to advance ocean observing with NANOOS and others. Includes advancing Doppler weather radar and additional monitoring buoys.
- Developing strategy and partnerships for completing seafloor mapping.

Ocean Action Plan recommendations 1-2, 4-1, 4-3

Ocean Energy

Ongoing:

- Engaging federal agencies on associated regulatory and planning issues.
- Identifying baseline and site specific data needed for permitting potential pilot projects.

Future:

- Host workshop with West Coast states and federal agencies to increase information on technologies. **Provide stakeholder workshops and forums on this issue.**

Recommendations 1-9 and 1-10.



Sustainable Communities

Completed:

- Created regional offices to better assist local communities with economic planning and projects (CTED).



Future:

- Examine use of innovation zones and other tools to increase sustainability of coastal communities.

Recommendation 5-1

Governance

Ongoing:

- Providing outreach on establishing Marine Resource Committees in outer coastal communities.
- Establishing graduate fellowship to help State Ocean Caucus advance specific recommendations.

Future:

- Examine Washington's Coastal Zone Management Program policies.

Recommendations 6-1, 6-2, 6-6

West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

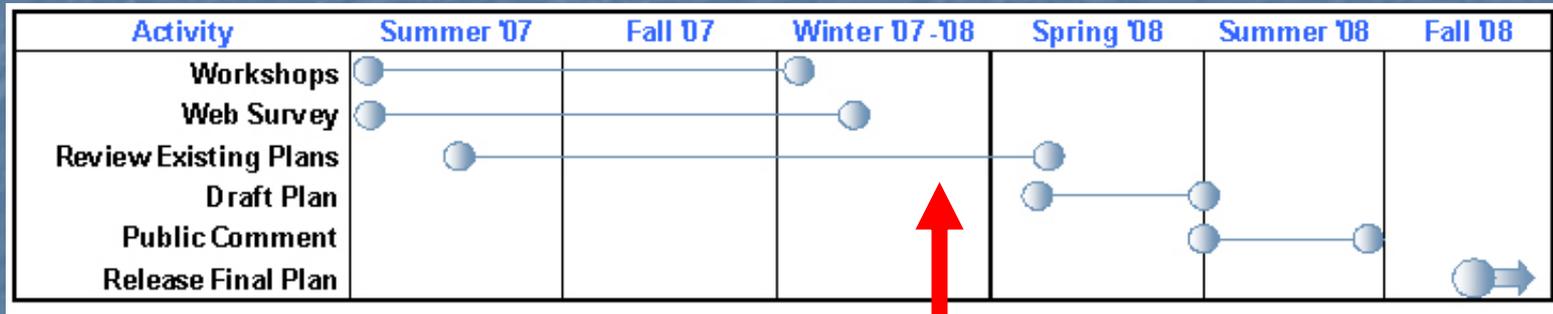
Final action plan due out for release in March 2008.

Ocean Action Plan recommendations advanced by this and other transboundary partnerships include:

- Ocean energy
- Collaborative and prioritized research
- Ecosystem indicators and assessments
- Regional sediment management
- Seafloor mapping

For more information: <http://westcoastoceans.gov>

West Coast Regional Research Priorities Plan



For more information:

<http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/research/RegionalPlanning/index.html>

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State Legislation

- HB 3216 - Tidal and Wave Energy
- SB 6111 - Tidal and Wave Energy
- SB 6227 - Marine Resource Committees
- SB 5213 - Ocean Policy Council
- HB 6307 and HB 6231 - Marine Managed Areas

For more information:

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

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