

West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health



Ocean Policy Advisory Council

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Opportunities for Collaboration



- Support and enhance governance, management and planning to address marine issues
- Create mechanisms to share lessons learned from all stakeholders
- Share scientific and educational data
- Engage federal government on issues that warrant national level support and attention



Priority Issues: Ecosystem-Based Approach

- Ensure clean coastal waters and beaches
- Protect and restore ocean and coastal habitats
- Address impacts of offshore energy development
- Increase ocean awareness among citizens
- Expand ocean and coastal scientific information
- Foster sustainable economic growth

Discussion Paper and Action Plan



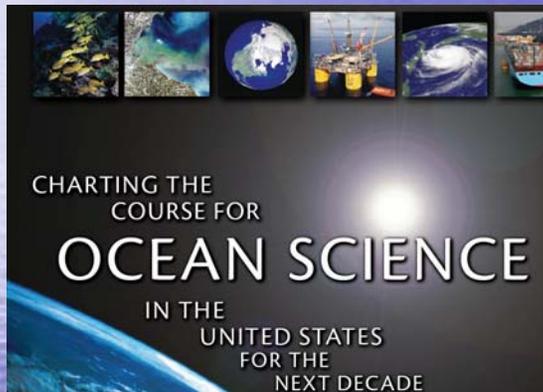
- Comments on Discussion Paper due by August 1, 2007
- Draft Action Plan is scheduled to be released October 1, 2007
- Public will be encouraged to comment on draft Action Plan
- Final Action Plan anticipated in November 2007



Discussion Paper: Sample Actions

- Develop a regional plan to address aquatic invasive species transport by ocean vessels
- Share common approaches to managing sediment and support regional sediment management
- Coordinate renewable energy development along the West Coast
- Create a coordinated network of marine interpretive centers
- Maintain working waterfronts
- Develop a regional research and monitoring plan

Regional Research Plan: Sea Grant



- A. Social and Economic Vitality of Coastal Communities**
- B. Coastal Natural Hazards**
- C. Human Health**
- D. Ecosystem Dynamics, Quality, and Connectivity**
- E. Ocean's Role in Climate Variability**
- F. Marine Transportation and Security**
- G. Ocean Education and Environmental Literacy**

Oregon Public Comment Opportunities



July 25, 2007

3:30pm to 5:00pm

Coastal Zone '07 Conference

Hilton Hotel

921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland

<http://westcoastoceans.gov>

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

OPAC Discussion



Tonight

- OPAC discussion
- Public Comment

Tomorrow

- Identify Priority Actions for Oregon