



West Coast Regional Ocean Partnership Update

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West Coast Timeline

- 2010 U.S. National Ocean Policy
- 2013-14 West Coast Government (State, Tribal, Federal) Outreach
- 2015 First regional in-person meeting
- 2016 West Coast Regional Planning Body Charter
- 2017-18 Regional Tasks + Sub-regional Planning Teams + Stakeholder Outreach + Etc.
- 2018 New Federal Oceans Exec. Order

New Federal Oceans Executive Order

- **West Coast Regional Planning Body**
 - No required Fed participation
 - No formal regional / sub-regional “ocean plans”
- **Federal Agencies’ New Role & Engagement on West Coast**
- **State & Tribal Government Leadership**
- **Consensus on Regional Goals & Objectives**
- **Continued Funding & Regional Capacity**

West Coast: What's Next?

- **State & Tribal Governments:** Continue West Coast Regional Dialog
- **Federal Agencies:** Continued Engagement per new Exec. Order
- **Decide New Structure ASAP**
- **Key Elements:**
 - Regional Communication
 - Sub-regional Priority Actions (Working Groups)
 - Link to West Coast Ocean Data Portal
 - Stakeholder Outreach & Engagement

West Coast Goals & Objectives

- **COMPATIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE OCEAN USES**
 - Increase understanding of past, current, and future interactions among ocean uses and the ocean and coastal ecosystem
 - Proactively engage federal, tribal, state and local authorities to assimilate current and emerging regional ocean issues
- **EFFECTIVE AND TRANSPARENT DECISION-MAKING**
 - Host an intergovernmental forum that supports open, transparent, and equitable dialogue based on a common vision for the West Coast
 - Develop a clear, collective understanding of all co-management responsibilities and jurisdictions
 - Avoid duplication in planning by building on existing efforts and including all relevant management entities
- **COMPREHENSIVE OCEAN AND COASTAL DATA**
 - Facilitate ongoing discovery of, connectivity to, and sharing of data and science from all relevant entities through the West Coast Ocean Data Portal
 - Include traditional knowledge in databases as appropriate
 - Identify core data sets and produce synthesized data products to incorporate in decision-making Identify data gaps and collaborate to fill them
- **INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF AND RESPECT FOR TRIBAL RIGHTS, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, RESOURCES AND PRACTICES**
 - Improve understanding of tribal rights and trust responsibilities
 - Ensure inclusion and consideration of traditional knowledge in ocean management and decision-making as appropriate
 - Improve awareness and recognition of traditional ocean uses

West Coast: What's Next?

- **Confirm State, Tribal & Federal West Coast Process**
- **Develop Regional Work Plan w/ Action Items**
- **Continue Sub-regional Forums (WA Coast, OR-Northern CA Coast)**
 - **Offshore Project Notification Framework**
 - **Priority Policy & Management Topics**
 - **Data Sources & Data Gaps**
- **Stakeholder Communication & Engagement**
 - **Renewable Offshore Energy**

West Coast: Get In Touch!

- **Industry Perspective:**
 - **Role for Region-wide Intergovernmental Forum**
 - **Outreach & Engagement Audiences**
 - **Win-win Opportunities**
 - **Ongoing Communication & Updates**
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THANK YOU!

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