



# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary is undergoing a management plan review. The revised management plan will be informed by current issues and knowledge, and will help the sanctuary continue to protect natural and cultural resources. NOAA is inviting the public to help chart the future management and direction of this special place.

## CONDITION REPORT



NOAA recently published the 2008–2019 Condition Report for Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. A sanctuary condition report is a tool NOAA uses to assess the status and trends of national marine sanctuary resources and will help inform the management plan update process.



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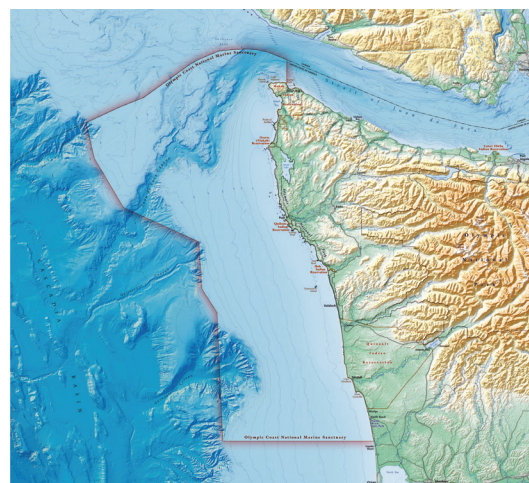
## PUBLIC SCOPING

This initial brainstorming and public comment period helps NOAA define the scope of issues that the management plan review will address.



### We invite you to submit comments in one of several ways:

- Submit online comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), using docket number NOAA-NOS-2023-0003.
- Provide comments at in-person or virtual public meetings: details and registration information can be found at <https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/management/mp>
- Written public comments may be mailed to:  
Attn: Management Plan Review  
NOAA Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary  
115 East Railroad Ave, Suite #301  
Port Angeles, WA 98362



Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary includes 3,188 square miles of marine waters off the rugged Olympic Peninsula coastline. It is home to a rich abundance of marine mammals, seabirds, and fish, diverse populations of kelp and algae, and thriving invertebrate communities. In addition to important ecological resources, the sanctuary has a rich cultural and historical legacy.

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

## Public Scoping

This initial brainstorming and public comment period helps NOAA define the scope of issues that the management plan review will address. During this time, the public can raise issues and strategies for NOAA to consider in developing the new management plan. NOAA will also hold public scoping meetings to provide information about the review process and to accept both oral and written comments.

## Issue Identification & Action Plan Development

After the public scoping period, sanctuary staff will review all comments to identify and prioritize issues to be addressed in the new management plan. NOAA will seek input from the Sanctuary Advisory Council and

subject matter experts to help develop tailored action plans to address these issues. These discussions will form the foundation of a new draft management plan.

## Draft Environmental Review & Draft Management Plan

NOAA will prepare a draft management plan and an accompanying environmental analysis of the activities proposed in the plan. If regulatory changes are necessary, NOAA will also develop a proposed rule.

## Public Review & Comment

NOAA will hold additional meetings and ask the public to review and comment on the draft management plan. NOAA will then review comments and make any necessary changes.

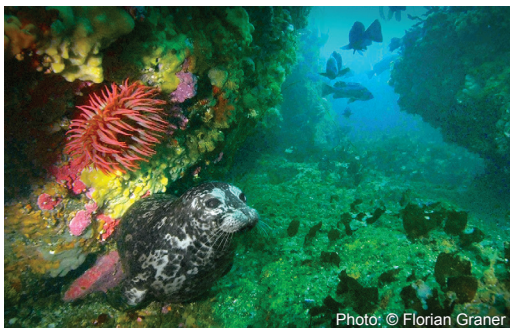


## Final Environmental Review & Management Plan

After considering public comments, NOAA will release a final management plan, final environmental review document, and if needed, a final rule.

**For more information**, or to be added to the distribution list for management plan review updates and announcements, please email [olympiccoast.mpr@noaa.gov](mailto:olympiccoast.mpr@noaa.gov).

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary has a trust responsibility with four sovereign tribal governments, the Hoh, Makah, and Quileute tribes and the Quinault Indian Nation. The sanctuary will be engaging with each of these Coastal Treaty Tribes throughout the management plan review process, either through government-to-government consultation or the Intergovernmental Policy Council, or both.



For more information on the management plan review process and to access the full documents, visit [olympiccoast.noaa.gov](http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov)