

**OCNMS Research and Monitoring, 2014 Field Season**  
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<p><b>Oceanography:</b> Oceanographic Research Moorings</p> <p>Ten research moorings were deployed at historical OCNMS 15 meter and 45 meter depth contours. Deployment locations, program details, and data can be downloaded.</p>	
<p><b>Seafloor Mapping:</b> Updated Habitat Characterization of Deep Sea Coral Habitat</p> <p>This is the final report from a joint 2011 survey of Oregon State University and Olympic Coast Sanctuary that used multibeam and underwater photos to identify potential coral and sponge habitats.</p>	
<p><b>Coastal Habitats:</b> Field Report on Intertidal Monitoring</p> <p>Continued annual monitoring at rock and sandy intertidal sites on Makah and Quinault reservation shores adjacent to the sanctuary following longterm studies established by the MARINE database and the National Park Service. The 2014 project was supported by a Hollings intern, Jessica Lindner, and several volunteers.</p>	
<p><b>Citizen Science:</b> OCNMS Provides Data for National Marine Database</p> <p>OCNMS volunteers are currently monitoring over 20 sites along the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the outer coast using the NOAA Marine Debris Program's Shoreline Survey Field Guide, standardizing our survey methods to national database and adding items found on our coast that are not in the national database. The goal is to reduce marine debris and improve beach cleanup.</p>	
<p><b>Wildlife Research:</b> Annual Sea Otter Census</p> <p>Sea Otter Census is continuous annual monitoring of sea otter populations, a project sponsored by WDFW and partnered by many agencies including OCNMS, who maintains the Norwegian Point observation location. The surveys are conducted from shore and air over an extended period.</p>	