



## Update on MPR for Olympic Coast NMS

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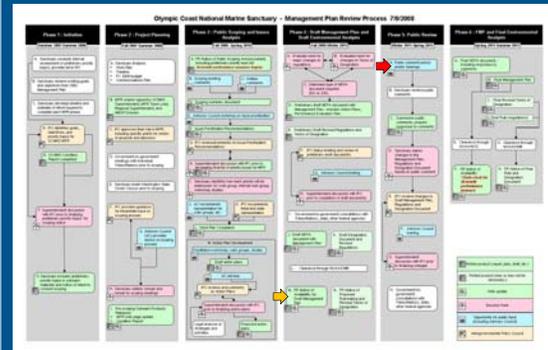
## MPR Update

- MPR refresher
- Content of Federal Register Notice and Proposed Rule
- NEPA refresher
- Content of DMP/DEA
- Public comment period
- Public meetings
- PFMC review
- Next steps

## Refresher: phases of MPR

- Phase 1: Initiation
- Phase 2: Project planning
- Phase 3: Public scoping and issue analysis
- Phase 4: Draft management plan and draft analysis
- **Phase 5: Public review**
- Phase 6: Final management plan and final analysis

## MPR Process



## Federal Register Notice

- Availability of proposed rule, draft environmental assessment and draft management plan
- How to access DMP/DEA
- Public comment period
- Methods for commenting, including public hearings

## Regulations Amendments

- Clerical
  - Size
  - Submerged lands
  - Lawful fishing
- Cruise ship discharge prohibition
- Tribal welfare permit requirements
- Minor changes to text

## NEPA and NHPA Requirements

- Why develop DEA?
- What's required by NEPA?
- EA vs EIS
- How are we responding to NHPA requirements?
- EA constructed around MP (Federal action)

## DMP/DEA Outline

1. Introduction
2. Treaty Trust Responsibility
3. Purpose & Need
4. MPR Process
5. Draft Management Plan
6. Affected Environment
7. Description of Alternatives
8. Environmental Consequences

## Alternative A – No Action

- No revisions or changes to original OCNMS 1994 management plan
- No changes to original OCNMS goals (there were no objectives identified in the 1994 management plan)
- No changes to OCNMS regulations
- No action plans or performance measures
- Continuation of existing OCNMS programs

## Alternative B – Preferred

- Set of 20 action plans (Draft Management Plan)
- Revised goals and objectives
- Changes to regulations:
  - A regulatory ban of cruise ship discharges, w/exceptions
  - Update OCNMS address
  - Address inconsistent use of terms
  - Delete terms that no longer apply
  - Clarification of the tribal welfare clause

## Alternative C

- Alternative B, plus the following actions:
  - A regulatory ban of all large ship discharges, w/exceptions
  - A regulatory ban on the discharge of invasive species in the sanctuary
  - A regulatory change that would reduce the overflight floor over the sanctuary from 2000 feet to 1000 feet
  - A non-regulatory strategy to expand the applicability of the Area to be Avoided

## Public Review

- Public comment period began on **January 14**
- Anyone can comment on any aspect of either document during 60+-day public comment period
- Comments accepted by internet, letter, fax, or in person at public meeting

## Public Meetings

- Port Angeles, February 23, 6-9pm  
County Courthouse, 223 E. Fourth Street,  
Clallam County Commissioner's Hearing  
Room, #160
- Forks, February 24, 6-9pm  
WDNR Community Room  
411 Tillicum Lane

## MPR PFMC Review

- PFMC Habitat Sub-Committee is reviewing the MPR documents
- Joel Kawahara and David Price both involved with this review – thanks to Joel and David!!
- Goal is for PFMC to finalize comments at March meeting

## Next Steps

- Comments accepted through March 25
- Government-to-government meetings requested during comment period
- NHPA consultation requested during comment period
- AC decision on providing comments
- Release of Final MP scheduled in September

## Questions? Comments?

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are we raising these as discussion points or askign for AC input on this? not clear to me  
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