

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Navigating the Future

Management Plan Review



Revised OCNMS Goals & Objectives

As part of the management plan review process, OCNMS worked with its Advisory Council and the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council to revise its goals and objectives. The revised goals and objectives presented here were formally adopted by OCNMS in September 2009. They will remain in draft form and subject to change until publication of OCNMS's final management plan.

A. Build and strengthen OCNMS's partnerships with the coastal treaty tribes and the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC), and honor the Sanctuary's treaty trust responsibility.

Objective 1: Promote a transparent, cooperative and coordinated management structure for Olympic Coast marine resources within tribal, state and federal jurisdictions.

Objective 2: Work with the four coastal treaty tribes to improve the government-to-government consultation process.

Objective 3: Work collaboratively with the IPC to identify common goals and reach consensus on management priorities within the boundaries of the OCNMS for the protection, management and sustainable use of natural resources, and the promotion of educational opportunities and scientific research.

Objective 4: Work with the IPC to improve communication and facilitate the exchange of information to foster more effective decision-making.

B. Promote collaborative and coordinated management and stewardship of resources in the Sanctuary.

Objective 1: Actively encourage the State, tribes, interested agencies, coastal communities, and organizations to partner in addressing specific Sanctuary management concerns, joint work on action plans, and marine stewardship and sustainable use opportunities.

Objective 2: Improve intra-agency partnerships within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Objective 3: Create linkages between OCNMS's action plans and ocean initiatives of other entities.

Objective 4: Maintain and support the Sanctuary Advisory Council.

C. Investigate and enhance the understanding of ecosystem processes, and inform ecosystem-based management efforts, through scientific research, monitoring, and characterization.

Objective 1: Understand the effects of changing climate and ocean conditions on Sanctuary ecosystems.

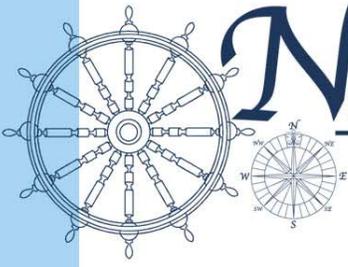
Objective 2: Monitor key resources within the Sanctuary to identify significant changes over time.

Objective 3: Characterize and map the Sanctuary's species and habitats.

Objective 4: Promote more informed management by improving opportunities and mechanisms for sharing scientific data and research results.

Objective 5: Collaborate with the IPC and coastal treaty tribes on research and monitoring activities within the tribes' Usual & Accustomed Areas.

Objective 6: Promote and coordinate scientific research in the Sanctuary in collaboration with others.



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D. Enhance ocean literacy, promote awareness of the Sanctuary and foster a sense of ocean stewardship through outreach, education, and interpretation efforts.

Objective 1: Collaborate to enhance K-12 and adult education programs on the Olympic Peninsula related to marine ecology and conservation.

Objective 2: Promote and support community-based conservation and education efforts.

Objective 3: Improve the public's understanding of coastal tribal cultures and awareness of the Sanctuary and its marine ecosystem.

E. Maintain the Sanctuary's natural biological diversity and protect, and where appropriate, restore and enhance Sanctuary ecosystems.

Objective 1: Work collaboratively with strategic partners to conserve natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes by preventing, minimizing and/or mitigating stressors on resources in the Sanctuary.

Objective 2: Actively participate in regional spill prevention, contingency planning, emergency response, damage assessment, and restoration activities.

Objective 3: Develop and maintain permitting and enforcement programs and partnerships to maximize protection of resources in the Sanctuary.

Objective 4: Promote marine debris removal in coordination with federal, state, local, and tribal authorities and volunteer organizations.

F. Enhance understanding and appreciation of the Olympic Coast's maritime heritage (living cultures, traditions, and cultural resources).

Objective 1: Map and interpret cultural resources in the Sanctuary.

Objective 2: Improve understanding of and education about regional tribal cultures.

Objective 3: Incorporate local and customary knowledge into Sanctuary programs.

G. Facilitate wise and sustainable use in sanctuaries to the extent that such uses are compatible with resource protection.

Objective 1: Assess, monitor and manage, as appropriate, levels of human use in the Sanctuary.

Objective 2: Create and support programs and strategies that protect tribal welfare.

Objective 3: Understand the Sanctuary's socioeconomic values.

H. Build, maintain, and enhance an operational capability and infrastructure.

Objective 1: Ensure that OCNMS regulations are consistent with other sanctuaries, where appropriate.

Objective 2: Pursue the infrastructure improvements and staffing increases necessary to achieve the work identified in the management plan.

Objective 3: Identify strategies to minimize the contribution of Sanctuary operations to climate change.

Objective 4: Support and expand volunteer opportunities at the Sanctuary.

Objective 5: Improve communication and collaboration between sanctuaries to share best practices.