

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary received the following e-mail from 588 members of the public nationwide during the public scoping period.

*Management Plan Committee,  
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary  
115 Railroad Ave. East, Suite 301WA 98362*

*Dear Management Plan Review Committee,*

*The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary should enact all available measures in the Sanctuary Management Plan to protect the valuable environment of the Sanctuary from harm. Those measures should include the following:*

- *Ban cruise ship discharges, similar to protections adopted in northern California Sanctuaries. Given the increase in harmful algal blooms and dead zones off the Washington coast, this action is critical.*
- *Require the Neah Bay Rescue Tug to be on-call year round. The Neah Bay response tug boat has responded to 41 ships in distress since 1999 but its future is in jeopardy because State funding runs out at the end of 2008.*
- *Require a schedule of emergency drills and exercises for oil spills in the new Plan. This was one of the most important original goals of the previous Sanctuary Management Plan, but there has yet to be a successful emergency oil spill drill conducted in the Sanctuary.*
- *Prohibit the U.S. Navy from expanding its training area in the Sanctuary from 48.3 square nautical miles to 1,840 as proposed.*
- *Prohibit offshore aquaculture in the Sanctuary to protect existing wild fish stocks from disease and genetic pollution from farmed fish escapes.*

*Please take these steps to provide the strongest protection possible for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.*

*Sincerely,*