

Subject: OCNMS management plan comments

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The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary is one of the few places in all of Washington State--and the entire west coast-- that scuba divers have a significant possibility of encountering Tiger Rockfish, China Rockfish, Canary Rockfish and other long-lived rockfish species while diving.

Please make it a priority to take a leadership role working with WDFW and the tribes to ensure that rockfish populations within OCNMS

are managed appropriately to keep viable populations in the littoral zone (less than 130 feet).

This is one of the few places in all of the United States where scuba divers have a reasonable opportunity to encounter these species in the wild.

Thank you.

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