

Subject: RE: OCNMS MPR

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CC: OCNMSmanagementplan@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Galasso:

Thank you for your note today and invitation to comment to the OCNMS on their management plan. I am hoping for efficiency and details that you have retained all the contact with you and can submit it as supplement to the comment process.

My primary residence is just South of Pacific Beach, WA. about 1000' feet from the cliffs of the OCNMS and 80' above its waters. Over the past nearly two decades, I have witnessed a tremendous amount of abuse on the Sanctuary and its resources. The following are a summary of these abuses that I also feel that the Sanctuary and other U.S. Government agencies could address with coordination. As always, if you would like me to meet with you I am available.

- Airplane and helicopter use. On a regular basis there are breaches of the 3000' ceiling that is meant to protect the OCNMS. My home is at 80' in the cliffs and it is common place for small planes and helicopters to fly below the cliffs. This year alone, I have witnessed airplanes flying between bald eagles, fly up from the beach below the tree level, use the level below the cliffs as a flyway, land on the beach and helicopters fly up Joe's Creek below the cliff levels and just over the highway. . While I have called the local law enforcement offices they refer me to the FAA who is is not available on the weekends. There are no managers at the airport between Olympia and the beach environs so there is no responsible part to contact. In addition, there is a registered FAA airport, on the beach, within the OCNMS, that is managed and sanctioned by the State of WA, that also is the fly over for a State Park where sea birds nest and marine mammals use as habitat. To date:
 - I have yet to hear of any attempt by agencies to shut down the airport.
 - Enforce the flight floor by using monitoring stations, press or notices to airports or pilots, or intervention by radar available from the Pacific Beach Navy Base.
- There continues to be considerable use of the beach environs as transportation by motorized vehicles. While it is the policy of the State of WA to designate the beaches as "highways", there is no enforcement, no standard road signs for speed, no protection for pedestrians (four or two legged) from vehicle aggression and any vehicles that get stuck in the sand are left to sink. There are considerable photos of these events and the debris is now bleeding or leaching by-products into the waters of the ONCMS. In the process to possibly deter, eliminate or just control driving in the beach environs, I designed and copyrighted "Think. Don't Drive in the Drink". It is a graphic that was generally accepted by local subdivisions and even local politicians - the OCNMS would only have to support its use for communities and counties to adopt its use. It promotes Sanctuary and public safety. I have never heard of the State of WA, the OCNMS or any county - issuing any fine or violation of the beach environs by abandonment of vehicles.
- There is considerable deforestation along the south end of the OCNMS. In some cases this is from mass subdivision development, resubdivision of larger lots and by speculators of future development. I do not know of the OCNMS being part of the review process for any of this activity or notifying any property owner or subdivision that their actions have impacted the water runoff or water quality of the OCNMS - even in the cases where the trees have been completely removed from an adjacent mountain top or removed from the cliffs directly above the OCNMS.
- A combined impact to the OCNMS from vehicles and development is the removal of natural night from the beaches. There are considerable impacts from flood lights, street lights and vehicles on the natural beach environment. Please refer to the current National Geographic.

Thank you for your time and considerations. Please contact me for further details or Mr. Galasso for areas of my contact with him.

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Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2008 10:54:54 -0700

From: George.Galasso@noaa.gov
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Joel, over the years you have contacted us a number of times with concerns related to beach driving and low overflights. We are currently in a public scoping period for a review of our management plan. Now is a good time to register any concerns or suggestions. You can get more information at <http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protection/mpr/welcome.html>

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