



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Management Plan Review Public Scoping
September 15-November 14, 2008



Help Shape the Future of Your Sanctuary! We welcome your comments and suggestions on future management priorities. We will accept written comments through (postmarked by) November 14, 2008.

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*****COMMENTS*****

The Surfrider Foundation actively supports the creation of Marine Resource Committees in coastal counties, like Grays Harbor. We believe it will significantly enhance communication among interested parties, as well as awareness of local elected officials concerning the ocean and beach environment. Surfrider

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also supports increased preparedness for contingencies, like oil spills in the coastal environment. Full annual funding of the Neah Bay Rescue tug is a priority. One of the cornerstones of the Surfrider Foundation is education. Therefore, we urge increased partnership between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as grass roots volunteer organizations like Surfrider in supporting outreach activities with schools, recreational users of the marine environment, & commercial interests like fishers, crabbers, oyster growers, etc., and tribal interests. An important element of a successful management plan for the Marine Sanctuary will be bring people together, at the local level, to exchange views, expand knowledge, and engage people in activities like beach cleanups, water quality testing, and others "hands on" opportunities to feel included and involved. We must all come to realize that we are "in this together," and have a lot to lose by ignorance, or inaction.