

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (OCNMS) MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) was designated as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) system in 1994. The sanctuary boundaries encompass 3,310 square miles off of Washington State's Olympic Peninsula, extending from Cape Flattery to the mouth of the Copalis River and extending 25-40 miles offshore. The Sanctuary includes traditional fishing areas for the Makah, Quileute, Hoh, and Quinault Tribes; as well as three National Wildlife Refuges. The Sanctuary shares resource management jurisdiction of the intertidal zone with the Olympic National Park.

The OCNMS initiated a review of its Management Plan in September, 2008, with the release of the OCNMS Condition Report. On March 19, 2010, the Sanctuary submitted a set of Preliminary Draft Action Plans to the OCNMS Advisory Council for review, and on January 14, 2011, the OCNMS released the Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment for public review (Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 1). The Federal Register Notice containing the proposed rule is also included as Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 2. The review period closes March 25, 2011. The Council's Habitat Committee reviewed the Draft Management Plan, and drafted a letter (Agenda Item D.1.c, Draft letter from PFMC to OCNMS) for the Council's consideration, that could be adopted by the Council and transmitted to the OCNMS.

Mr. George Galasso, OCNMS Acting Superintendant, will brief the Council on the Draft Management Plan, and will be available for questions.

Council Action:

Provide Comments and Recommendations on the Proposed Management Plan.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 1: *Executive Summary*, OCNMS Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment (*full document available electronically*).
2. Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 2: OCNMS Proposed Rule FR Notice.
3. Agenda Item D.1.c, Draft letter from PFMC to OCNMS.
4. Agenda Item D.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of the OCNMS
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Provide Comments and Recommendations on the Proposed Management Plan.
- Kerry Griffin
George Galasso

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