

Overview: Marine Spatial Plan Contents¹

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1. INTRODUCTION

This section provides background on the purpose, requirements, guiding principles, and planning process.

- 1.1. Purpose and need for the Marine Spatial Plan
- 1.2. Marine Waters Management and Planning Act requirements
- 1.3. Plan goals and objectives
- 1.4. Planning process summary
- 1.5. MSP Study Area
- 1.6. Tribes – treaty rights
- 1.7. Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

2. CURRENT CONDITIONS AND FUTURE TRENDS

This section provides a detailed narrative description about current conditions, existing uses, and potential new uses. Each sub-section will include maps and other types of data (e.g. charts, graphs, tables) when available.

Each existing use section will include the following information when available:

- Summary of history and current uses
- Maps of high value areas* (when required and available)
- Economic impact of uses
- Related infrastructure
- Future trends

Each potential new or expanded use section will likely include the following information when available:

Summary of History, Current and Emerging Technology, Related Infrastructure, Potential Benefits and Use Compatibilities, Potential Environmental Effects, Potential Human Use Conflicts, Permitting, Resource Potential, Future Trends and Factors

- 2.1. Ecology of Washington's Pacific Coast
- 2.2. Cultural and Historical Resources
- 2.3. Socio-Economic Setting
- 2.4. Fisheries
- 2.5. Aquaculture
- 2.6. Recreation and Tourism
- 2.7. Marine Transportation, Navigation, and Infrastructure
- 2.8. Military Uses
- 2.9. Research and monitoring activities within the Plan area
- 2.10. Potential New/Expanded Uses
 - 2.10.1. Renewable Energy
 - 2.10.2. Offshore Aquaculture
 - 2.10.3. Dredge Disposal in New Locations
 - 2.10.4. Marine Product Extraction
 - 2.10.5. Mining- Sand and Gravel Mining and Gas Hydrate Mining
- 2.11. Climate Change

¹ This is an evolving document. Specific organization and section details may be revised as the plan progresses.

3. SPATIAL ANALYSES

This section will provide a summary on the methods and key outputs of the spatial analyses.

- 3.1. Ecologically Important Areas*
- 3.2. Use Analysis

4. MARINE SPATIAL PLAN AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK.*

This section provides background on the regulatory framework, as well as the recommended policies and spatial designations. It also includes an adaptive management strategy to ensure the plan adapts to future changes, new information, etc.

- 4.1. Existing statutes, regulations and policies
- 4.2. Existing state and local authorities, including management plans and procedures, that govern plan implementation*(SMPs, port plans, etc.).
- 4.3. Recommended designations and policies
 - 4.3.1. Maps of different designations/areas (e.g. multi-use, preferred new use areas, avoid, and conserve areas) and descriptions
 - 4.3.2. General policies
 - 4.3.2.1. Recommendations on phasing and scaling
 - 4.3.2.2. Recommendations on data and analysis needs for projects
 - 4.3.2.3. Other recommendations
 - 4.3.3. New use – policies specific to new use
 - 4.3.4. Recommendations for Federal Waters*
- 4.4. Substantially inconsistent existing management plans and recommendations on aligning plans (if needed).*
- 4.5. Framework for coordinating state agency and local government review of proposed renewable energy development uses*
- 4.6. Adaptive Management Strategy*
- 4.7. Ecosystem indicators and recommendations*

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/SEPA REQUIREMENTS

(this may be a separate document)

6. APPENDICES

The appendices may include technical reports prepared as background for the MSP as well as statutes, guidelines, and other relevant documents.

Note: *Asterisks denote legally required elements for the MSP [see RCW 43.372.040]