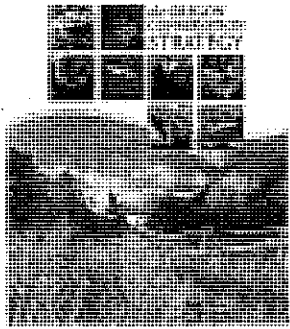


Strategy Review and Update: OCS & ONS



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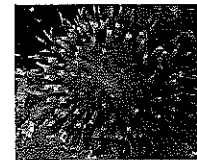
Strategy Review and Update: OCS & ONS


Requirements:

- 10-year review and update of the OCS & ONS
- Required by the USFWS to continue to receive State Wildlife Grant funding
- Deadline: October 1st, 2015


Parallel revision efforts:

- OCS update led by Conservation Program
- ONS update led by Nearshore Program
- Final products will be integrated into one cohesive strategy





Background: What is the OCS?

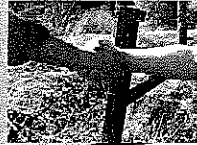


Conservation blueprint for Oregon:


- Provides a broad, overarching strategy for conservation in Oregon
- Summarizes information on the issues facing Oregon's species, habitats, and people
- Describes voluntary actions people can take to help address these conservation issues

What it is not:

- Not regulatory
- Not an ODFW management plan, but a conservation tool for all Oregonians



Background: What is the OCS?



Goals:

- Maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations by:
 - Maintaining and restoring functioning habitats
 - Preventing declines of at-risk species
 - Reversing any declines where possible

Guiding Principles:

- Make the best use of limited conservation dollars:
 - Identify and prioritize actions and locations
 - Increase coordination, cooperation and communication

Background: What is the OCS?

Identifies priority conservation actions at multiple scales:

- Species
- Habitats
- Ecoregions (Conservation Opportunity Areas)
- Key Conservation Issues (statewide threats)



Strategy Species



Background:

- Oregon's Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- Wildlife, fish, plants, and invertebrates

2015 Update:

- Evaluate new science from past 10 years
- Add, remove, or keep species
- Update information, resources, monitoring strategies, and recommended conservation actions
- Work with Fish Division (fish), ODA (plants), and Xerces Society (invertebrates)



Strategy Habitats



Background:

- Habitats with high degree of historic loss
- Provide significant importance to Strategy Species

2015 Update:

- Evaluate new science from past 10 years
- Update information on limiting factors and recommended approaches
- Update habitat distribution map
- Provide links to restoration guidance documents

Conservation Opportunity Areas (COAs)

Background:

- Defines priority areas across the state where broad fish and wildlife conservation goals can best be met
- Focuses conservation investments
- Improves likelihood of success



2015 Update:

- Re-analyze COA boundaries using new data/GIS layers
- Update COA profile information: priority species, habitats, conservation actions, on-going efforts, and available resources

Key Conservation Issues

Background:

- Climate Change
- Land Use Changes
- Invasive Species
- Water Quality & Quantity
- Disruption of Disturbance Regimes
- Barriers to Animal Movement
- Institutional Barriers to Voluntary Conservation



2015 Update:

- Update goals, recommended actions, tools, & resources (all)
- Incorporate Climate Change throughout the Strategy
- Add information on energy development (Land Use)

OCS - Online

Background:

- Currently large paper document

2015 Update:

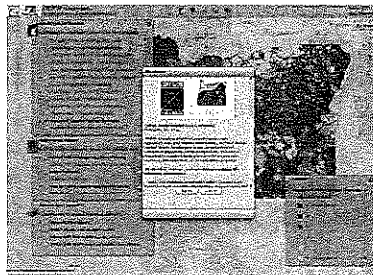
- Completely web-enable the Strategy
- Easily navigate between the chapters
- Search function – locate information quickly
- Provide links to tools and resources - guidance documents, management plans
- Link between Strategy and mapping resources (Compass)



Map OCS Data: Compass Platform Upgrade

Upgrade Compass and add OCS data layers:

- Species ranges
- Habitat distribution
- COA boundaries & profiles
- KCI layers (ex. invasive species)
- Reporting tool
- Easily link between OCS chapters and relevant maps



Public Review



Technical Review Team (Dec 2014 – April 2015):

- Large, diverse group. Open to any interested party.
- Review draft chapters via email

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (April – June 2015):

- ~20-25 person Committee
- Outdoor, agriculture, and forestry interest groups
- Conservation organizations
- Business interests
- Government & professional representation

Public 30-day Review (June 2015): available on-line for all

Commission Meetings: January, April, August, September 2015

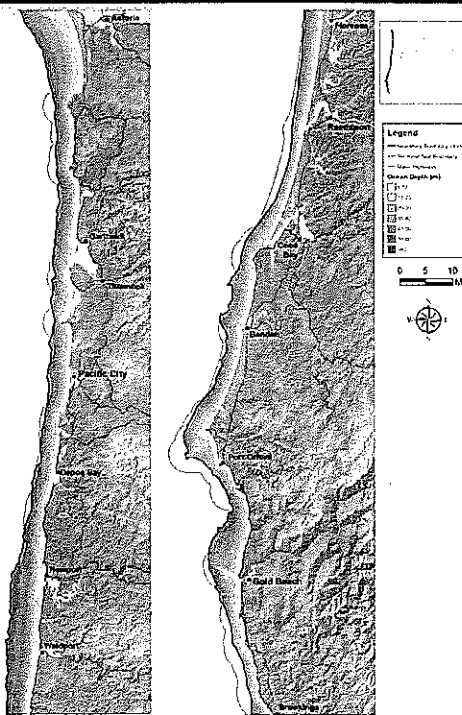
Oregon Nearshore Strategy

Marine component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy



Nearshore

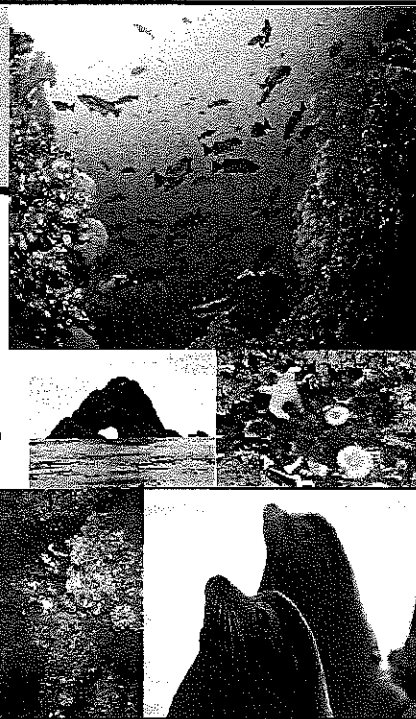
High tide line to the 30 fathom or 180 feet depth contour



Marine Species

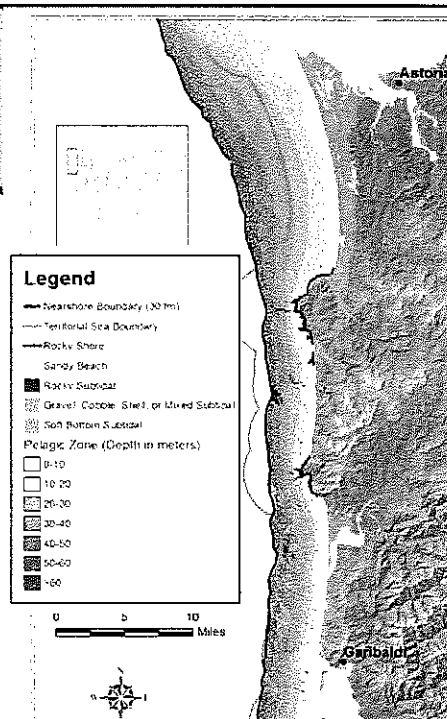
Strategy Species:

- 53 species
 - 32 Bony Fishes
 - 2 Cartilaginous Fishes
 - 10 Invertebrates
 - 6 Marine Mammals
 - 3 Algae and Plants



Marine Habitats

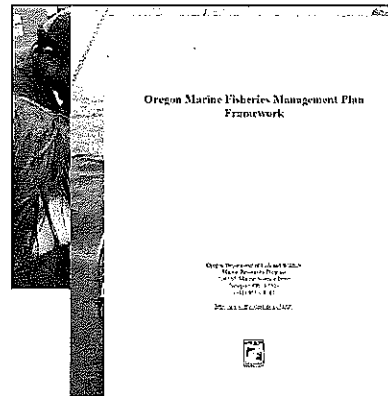
- 5 Megahabitats
 - ecotypes
- Recent Mapping Efforts
- CMECS



16 Recommendations

Recommended Actions Fall into 3 Categories:

- Education and Outreach
- Research and Monitoring
- Management and Policy



How the ONS Has Been Used

- Legislative Taskforce
- Oregon Sea Grant
- Non Governmental Organizations
- Offshore Energy
- Coastal Zone Management
- University Research
- Fishery Management

Review

Reviewing, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Nearshore Strategy was one of the Recommendations

OREGON NEARSHORE STRATEGY
IMPLEMENTATION
SIX YEARS - PROGRESS TO DATE AND NEXT STEPS



Oregon Nearshore Strategy Review & Update

Focus Areas:

- Incorporate New Scientific Information
- Strategy Species
- Habitat Map Update
- Review and Update Conservation Needs
- Review and Update Recommendations
- Enhance integration with OCS

Public Involvement

Notified key partners and stakeholders (July and Sept 2014)

Web Outreach Seeking Public Input (Sept 2014 – Aug 2015)

- ODFW Marine Resources Program Home Page
- Oregon Nearshore Strategy Page

Technical Advisory Committee (April – June 2015):

Public and Stakeholder Review & Input (June 2015)

- Available online for all
- Public meetings

Commission Meetings: January, April, August, September 2015

Questions?



2015 Habitat Conservation Stamp Winner
Tufted Puffins by Don Meinders (NC)

Review Schedule:											
	Fall 2014	Jan 2015	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct 1, 2015
Strategy Species update											
Strategy Habitats update											
COA Updates											
Key Conservation Issues											
Technical Committee											
Web Formatting											
Stakeholder Committee											
Public Review											
ODFW Final Review											
OFWC Adoption											
Submit to USFWS											