

**NOTICE OF PROGRAM CHANGES**  
**to WASHINGTON'S COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**  
Washington Department of Ecology

**DATE: August 23, 2019**

As required by 15 CFR Section 923.84 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) regulations, notice is hereby given that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has requested review and concurrence by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management of a routine program change to the Washington Coastal Zone Management Program (WCZMP). The change incorporates the 2018 *Marine Spatial Plan for Washington's Pacific Coast* (MSP) into the WCZMP. The submission includes a request for approval of two new enforceable policies to be used for CZMA review purposes, and new Necessary Data and Information requirements for CZMA reviews of federal licenses and permits pursuant to 15 CFR Part 930.58(2).

The 2010 Washington State Legislature enacted a marine planning law to foster integrated coastal decision making and ecosystem-based management (RCW 43.372). Marine Spatial Planning is a comprehensive, place-based and ecosystem-based planning tool. In 2012, the Legislature targeted funding to create a plan for Washington's Pacific coast. Adopted in 2018, the Plan contains two enforceable policies pertaining to: 1) Important, Sensitive and Unique areas (ISUs) and associated protection standards; and 2) Fisheries protection standards.

A copy of this Routine Program Change submission is available at:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Coastal-zone-management/CZM-program-announcements>

This notice has been sent to affected and interested parties including local governments, state agencies, tribes, and regional offices of federal agencies as required by 15 CFR §923.84.

Under 15 CFR Part 923, the basis for the decision by the NOAA Office for Coastal Management is the determination as to whether the change qualifies as a routine program change to the WCZMP. Comments regarding whether the incorporation of the MSP is a routine program change should be submitted to the NOAA Office for Coastal Management within three weeks of the date of this notice to:

**Ms. Joelle Gore**  
**Office for Coastal Management**  
**Chief, Stewardship Division**  
**1305 East-West Highway**  
**SSMC4, Room 10622**  
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For additional information about other changes to the Washington CZMP and its enforceable policies, please see:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Coastal-zone-management/Programs-policies>