Marine Spatial Planning & the Ocean Resources Management Act

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Marine Spatial Planning

• Background and beginnings
• State laws
  • Marine Waters Planning and Management (2010)
  • Marine Management Planning (2012)
• Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council
• State Ocean Caucus
The Plan

• **Marine Spatial Plan for Washington’s Pacific Coast**
• Goals and objectives
• Applies to new ocean uses
• Provides project review standards
• Defines Necessary Data and Information
• Study area out to 700 fathoms
The Data

- New and existing data
  - Physical oceanography
  - Biological resources
  - Fishing
  - Recreation
  - Shipping

- Ecological modeling

- Important, Sensitive and Unique Areas (ISUs)

- Data viewer

http://mapview.msp.wa.gov/default.aspx
Use Analysis

Figure 3.13: Overlay analysis showing a comparison of renewable energy potential and the number of high intensity uses (out of a possible total of 16) in each hexagon of the planning area. Please note that Use Analysis maps do not identify areas recommended for development, or areas with a lack of potential conflict. Analysis outputs represent theoretical scenarios and any potential development would require project- and site-specific analysis.

Figure 3.17: Number of high intensity existing uses and resources (out of a possible total of 16), with Marcam clumped results. Use Analysis maps do not identify areas recommended for development, or areas with a lack of potential conflict. Analysis outputs represent theoretical scenarios and any potential development would require project- and site-specific analysis.
New Ocean Uses

- Defined process
- Identified necessary data and information
- Coordination framework
- Project requirements
- Stakeholder engagement
Offshore Wind Update

https://tridentwinds.com/olympic-wind/
Ocean Resources Management Act

• Legislation driven by:
  • Series of oil spills in WA waters, Exxon Valdez
  • Offshore oil interests off Washington Coast
• Prohibits oil and gas exploration in state waters
• Provides ocean protection standards
• Primary authority used to develop MSP
• Court case and Supreme Court decision
Thank you
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