

West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health – OPC Matrix

Issue	Recommendation by the OPC	Draft Action Plan
Overarching: National Trust Fund	An overarching recommendation is for the three states to aggressively support the creation of a national trust fund to support ocean and coastal protection and management activities.	Overarching Encourage establishment of a national Ocean Trust Fund that would support ocean and coastal management efforts for state and federal government agencies
Overarching/Research: Climate Change	The OPC supports the creation of a regional ocean and coastal research plan in cooperation with the Sea Grant Program with a particular emphasis on the impacts of climate change.	Overarching Collaborate on a West Coast-wide assessment of shoreline changes and anticipated impacts to coastal areas and communities due to climate change over the next 30-50 years and work together to develop actions to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and related hazards.
Water Quality: Non-Point Source	The three states should make the reduction of non-point source pollution to the ocean a regional priority. In particular, the OPC supports enforcement of water quality laws and full federal funding support for key non-point source pollution programs.	Action 1.1 The three states will support continued funding for the Coastal Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program, Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, and the BEACH Act. - Support reauthorization of the BEACH Act with expansion of allowable uses of funds, such as source identification. - Advocate for continued funding and expansion of the West Coast Estuary Initiative.
Water Quality: Marine Debris	The OPC recommends that the three states set a marine debris reduction goal to be achieved by a date to be determined.	Action 1.4 Establish the baseline estimate of marine debris and derelict gear off the West Coast and set reduction goals. Support state and federal policies for achieving marine debris reduction goals.
Water quality: Sulfur Emissions	The OPC recommends that the three states urge the U.S. EPA to establish a sulfur emission control area (SECA) off the West Coast to reduce sulfur emissions from West Coast shipping.	Action 1.5 The three states will work with the U.S. EPA to gain approval for the U.S. proposal to the IMO to set international standards requiring either the use of 0.1 percent distillate fuels within a certain distance of the coastline and while in port or a range of technologies resulting in equivalent emission reductions.

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<p>Offshore development: Alternative Energy</p>	<p>The three states collaborate with the federal Departments of Energy and the Interior and with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to develop a coordinated plan to evaluate the potential for and impacts of new renewable ocean energy projects off the West Coast.</p>	<p>Action 4.2 Explore the feasibility for offshore alternative ocean energy development and evaluate the potential environmental impacts of these technologies.</p>
<p>Research: Regional Research Plan</p>	<p>The OPC supports the creation of a regional ocean and coastal research plan in cooperation with the Sea Grant Program with a particular emphasis on the impacts of climate change.</p>	<p>Action 6.1 Support the West Coast Sea Grant regional research needs process by identifying funding sources and partners for a sustained approach to ocean and coastal research.</p>
<p>Research: Coordinated Ocean Monitoring</p>	<p>The OPC recommends that the three states develop a regional ocean observing system that would provide essential information on ecosystem health.</p>	<p>Action 6.1 Create a regional marine research plan for the West Coast and focus efforts to fund key research efforts through partnerships with the federal government.</p> <p>In addition, the states will work with the four existing ocean observing systems collaborations along the West Coast, federal agencies and academia to invest in monitoring to address priority issues.</p>
<p>Research: Seafloor Mapping</p>	<p>The OPC proposes that the three states work together to create a high-resolution map of the seafloor in all state waters along the West Coast.</p>	<p>Action 6.2 Complete a seafloor map of the bathymetry and habitat of all state tidelands and submerged lands out to three miles by 2020.</p>

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<p>Economic development: Sustainable Fisheries</p>	<p>The OPC recommends that the three states examine the California Fisheries Fund to determine if it could serve as a model for fisheries reform in all three states.</p>	<p>Action 7.1 Support local planning efforts for working waterfronts to promote sustainable fisheries and prioritize coastal dependent businesses and infrastructure through grant processes and federal assistance programs.</p> <p>The states endorse innovative coastal-dependent business opportunities for high quality local seafood production and distribution, clean marinas, and waterfronts. To accomplish these activities and move forward effectively, the states will share lessons learned to date on related efforts, and will contact other coastal states to learn about their programs to revitalize waterfronts. This will enable the states to consider a broader set of tools for coastal communities such as the California Fisheries Fund and opportunities for sustainable fishery certification, such as through the Marine Stewardship Council.</p>
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