

Clatsop County
Goal 19
County-Wide Element

Ocean Resources

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This plan element implements statewide planning goal 19 within the territorial waters of Clatsop County. Goal 19 reads as follows:

To conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to future generations.

To carry out this goal, all actions by local, state, and federal agencies that are likely to affect the ocean resources and uses of Oregon's territorial sea shall be developed and conducted to conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social values and benefits and to give higher priority to the protection of renewable marine resources—i.e., living marine organisms—than to the development of non-renewable ocean resources.

Ocean Stewardship Area: The State of Oregon has interests in the conservation of ocean resources in the Ocean Stewardship Area, an ocean area where natural phenomena and human uses can affect uses and resources of Oregon's territorial sea/ The Ocean Stewardship Area includes the state's territorial sea, the continental slope, and the adjacent ocean areas. Within the Ocean Stewardship Area, the State of Oregon will:

- ⤴ Use all applicable state and federal laws to promote its interests in management and conservation of ocean resources;
- ⤴ Encourage scientific research on marine ecosystems, ocean resources and uses, and oceanographic conditions to acquire information needed to make ocean and coastal-management decisions;
- ⤴ See co-management arrangements with federal agencies when appropriate to ensure that ocean resources are managed and protected consistent with the policies of Statewide Planning Goal 19, Ocean Resources, and the Territorial Sea Plan; and
- ⤴ Cooperate with other states and governmental entities directly and through regional mechanisms to manage and protect ocean resources and uses.

The Ocean Stewardship Area is not intended to change the seaward boundary of the State of Oregon, extend the seaward boundaries of the state's federally approved Coastal Zone Management Act, affect the jurisdiction of adjacent coastal states, alter the authority of federal agencies to manage the resources of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, or limit or otherwise change federal agency responsibilities to comply with the consistency requirements of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

Information and Effects Assessment Required. Prior to taking an action that is likely to affect ocean resources or uses of Oregon's territorial sea, state and federal agencies shall assess the reasonably foreseeable adverse effects of the action as required in the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan. The effects assessment shall also address reasonably foreseeable adverse effects on Oregon's estuaries and shorelands as required by Statewide Planning Goal 16, Estuarine Resources; Goal 17, Coastal Shorelands; and Goal 18, Beaches and Dunes.

Navigation and commercial and recreational fishing are significant uses in Clatsop County's territorial sea. Clatsop County does not regulate commercial or recreational fishing in the ocean through its Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Ordinance. The County does not regulate commercial or recreational navigation in the ocean through its Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Ordinance. This does not diminish the importance of these activities to the County. Camp Rilea's safety zone extends into the territorial sea. Clatsop County does not directly regulate Camp Rilea's use of the safety zone. This does not diminish the importance of Camp Rilea to the County.

Goals:

To implement statewide planning goal 19 in Clatsop County's territorial sea.

To assure that marine resource management and development in the County's territorial sea occurs in a manner that conserves beneficial use of these resources.

Policies:

1. Clatsop County's territorial sea shall include ocean beds, the water column, and the ocean surface. Beaches, headlands, islands and rocks above the high tide line, and estuaries are not included. The territorial sea shall be managed to conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to current and future generations.
2. The County shall rely on the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan's consultation process as a mechanism for providing input into development proposals in the territorial sea.
3. Ocean resources development in Clatsop County's territorial sea shall be designed, located, and managed in a manner that does not substantially impair the ocean's scenic value, as experienced from the shoreline, or from public parks, highways, public streets, or scenic overlooks in the coastal zone.
4. Ocean resources development in Clatsop County's territorial sea shall be designed, located, and managed in a manner that is respectful of, and addresses the interests and concerns of, residents, visitors, businesses and property owners in the coastal zone, both now and in the future.
5. Clatsop County shall participate in state and federal rule-making and decision-making that affects the County's marine resources, or might conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.
6. The County accepts the background information and analysis in the 1994 Oregon Territorial Sea Plan and 2009 amendments (appendix A).
7. Ocean resources development in Clatsop County's territorial sea shall be designed, located, and managed in a manner that does not negatively impact or effect local government property taxes.
8. The cumulative impacts and effects, both beneficial and harmful, of ocean resources development will be considered when evaluating development proposals in the territorial sea.