



Marine Spatial Planning and YOU!

Grays Harbor County,
Marine Spatial Planning
Workshop

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1. Within 90 days from the date of this memorandum, the Task Force shall develop recommendations that include:
 - a. A national policy that ensures the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems and resources, enhances the sustainability of ocean and coastal economies, preserves our maritime heritage, provides for adaptive management to enhance our understanding of and capacity to respond to climate change, and is coordinated with our national security and foreign policy interests. The recommendation should prioritize upholding our stewardship responsibilities and ensuring accountability for all of our actions affecting ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, and be consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
 - b. A United States framework for policy coordination of efforts to improve stewardship of the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. The Task Force should review the Federal Government's existing policy coordination framework to ensure integration and collaboration across jurisdictional lines in meeting the objectives of a national policy for the oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. This will include coordination with the work of the National Security Council and Homeland Security Council as they formulate and coordinate policy involving national and homeland security, including maritime security. The framework should also address specific recommendations to improve coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, tribal and local authorities, including regional governance structures.
 - c. An implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes a set of objectives the United States should pursue to meet the objectives of a national policy for the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes.
2. Within 180 days from the date of this memorandum, the Task Force shall develop, with appropriate public input, a recommended framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning. This framework should be a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach that addresses conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



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Interim Report
Of The
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Task Force

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MSP: What For?

- Offshore energy siting
- Informing ecosystem based management
- Conservation set-asides
- Planning for future marine uses

MSP: What's First??

- Forums such as this one
- **FUNDING!**
- Compilation of existing data sources
- Input from “interested” parties
- In Grays Harbor County.... Just about everybody should be interested!

Mapping

- MSP initially a mapping exercise
- e.g. Habitats, species distributions
- e.g. Human uses
- Spatially and Temporally
- Some maps will be created using existing data
- Maps will be modified with new input and data

After Mapping?

- Planning. The real meat of the process.
- What for? Offshore energy siting, conservation set-asides, aiding ecosystem based management
- What next? Potential regulatory action by appropriate agencies to enact recommendations from the planning process.

Example: CA Ocean Uses Atlas

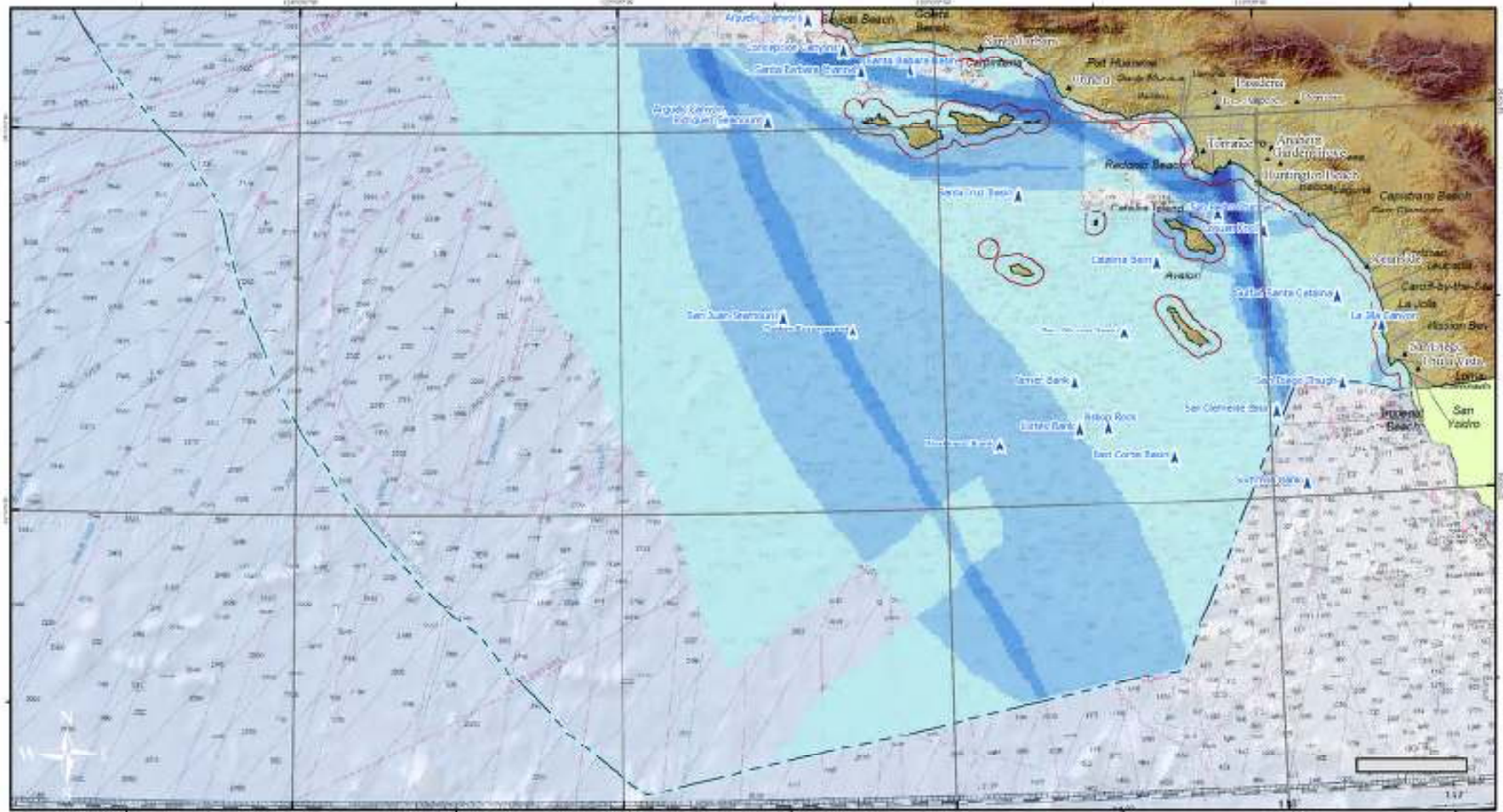
California Ocean Uses Atlas

The California Ocean Uses Atlas is collecting geospatial information on nearly 30 different human uses of the ocean off the state of California. Gathered in a series of four workshops conducted throughout the state, the atlas data provides baseline information regarding the location and extent to which the ocean environment is used for non-consumptive, industrial/military and fishing uses.

Example: Recreational Fishing Dominant Usage Areas



Example: Industrial Sector Dominant Use Areas



▲ Submerged Features
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Dominant Use Count
1 2 3 4 5 6

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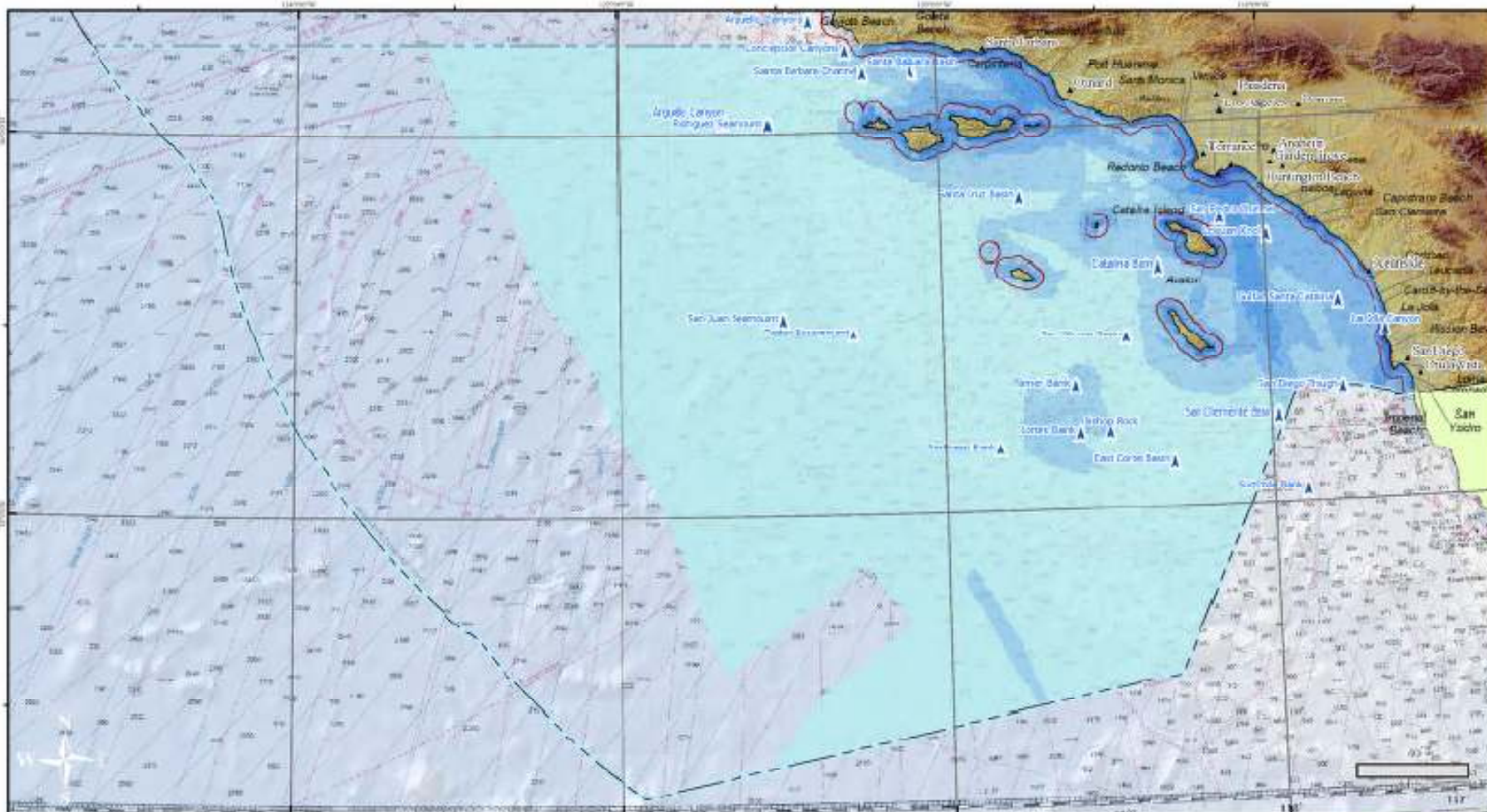
**Ocean Uses Atlas: Southern California Region
Dominant Use Arcs: Industrial Sector**

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Example: All Uses Aggregated



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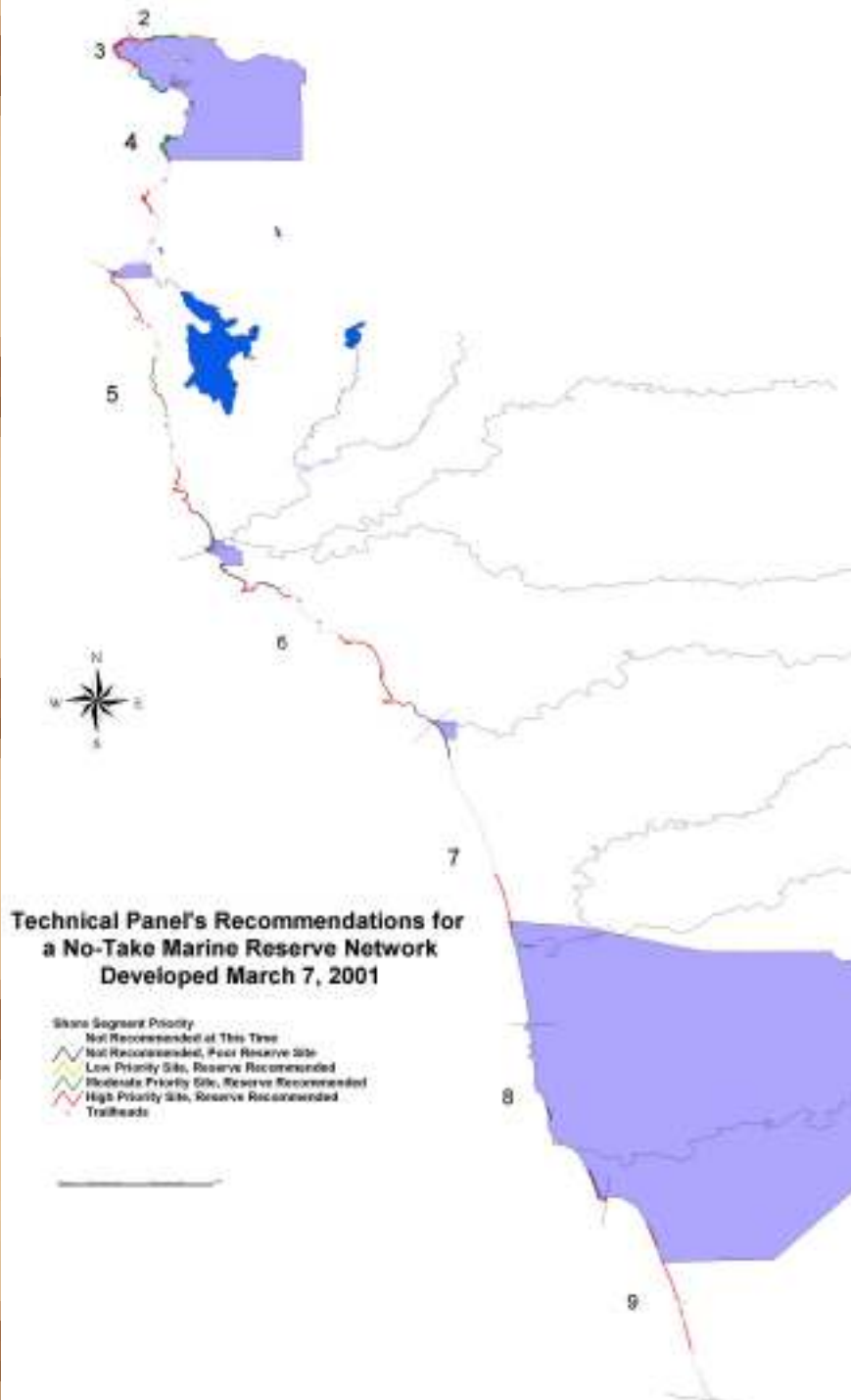
- Some NGO's are better equipped to do detailed GIS based mapping than our governmental organizations.
- “Helpful” maps can sometimes get ahead of the process though.
- The Washington coast and Grays Harbor area have many, many users, stakeholders, regulators, and owners.
- Since Marine Spatial Planning will be a mapping exercise initially...
- ALL must be represented fairly during this process.
- ALL must have opportunity to participate fully.
- ALL who have concerns about, depend upon or utilize our salt-water resources must participate in this process....
- Or...you may get left behind.

A Cautionary Tale

- Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary intertidal marine zoning efforts 2000-2001

- Tribes participated in all steps until a final technical panel meeting

- This map was developed from that meeting



However it also led to creation of the

Intergovernmental Policy Council



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In Conclusion

- Demand transparency in MSP process.
- Participate in the process!!
- We don't know how or when yet but be prepared to get your input in!

