

Nearshore Research Task Force

Key Questions for
Assessing and Comparing Ocean Programs
in

Oregon
Washington
California
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
New Zealand

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1. Overall institutional framework for each state

A. Characterize the framework or model:

highly centralized or distributed??

- overarching strategic plan?
- strong regional or multistate approach?

B. What policy/management issues is program designed to address?

C. What type of strategies and incentives encourage collaboration?

- explicit coordination across agencies and sectors? Success?
- explicit incentives to encourage/reward coordination and cooperation?
- explicit process to encourage collaboration with communities and NGO's?

2. Determining priorities for policy, management, research/monitoring, and education/outreach

A. What is the process for determining territorial sea priorities for:

- 1) policy
- 2) management
- 3) research/monitoring, and
- 4) education/outreach of each state/nation?

Is it a central process, recurring process or ad hoc approach?

Is it considered successful? If not why not?

B. Is there a process to implement priorities?

How well does it work?

3. Funding process for the institutional framework.

A. How does the funding process work in supporting

- policy development,
- management,
- research/monitoring, and
- education/outreach of each state/nation?

B. For each of the four priority areas:

Who funds?

Approximate total funding?

C. What financial tools/mechanisms are used to fund the four priority areas?

- Is a non-governmental entity involved in the funding process?
- Are state funds from the general fund or other sources?
- Are there explicit requirements for funding from marine user groups?
- If so, how do these financial tools work?

D. Financial incentives

Do they encourage coordination/alignment of the four priority areas?

4. Generating, collecting, and sharing data and information.

A. Is there a well-defined and centrally integrated marine research and data monitoring program?

- Are programs relatively distributed and diffused?
- Are policy/management needs integrated with research and monitoring?
- What data and information are systematically collected? Major gaps?
- Is data and information available and shared with agencies, universities, and the public?
- Are there major lags and gaps in timing?

B. Roles in data and information system

(e.g. funding, collection, quality control, storage, sharing, research, analysis, communication)

- federal agencies
- state agencies
- universities
- communities
- industry
- NGOs

5. Is there a trusted neutral body to review research?

- Review research approach
- Does the research adequately addressing the question/hypothesis and the intended use of the information
- Does the analysis adequately represent risk and uncertainty