



Executive Order 25-26

Fostering and Securing Resilient Lands and Waters

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EO 25-26 Goal



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-26

DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PROMOTE THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS AND WATERS

WHEREAS, the lands and waters that comprise the State of Oregon have supported people since time immemorial, contributing to clean air and water, food, fiber and shelter, rich biodiversity and ecosystems, recreation, livelihoods, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Oregon is at an inflection point as changing climate and ocean conditions are impacting Oregon's landscapes, waters, communities, and local economies with increased temperatures, warming surface waters, changing precipitation patterns, reduced snowpack, hotter and drier summers, sea-level rise, diminishing water supplies, habitat constraints to iconic species, and more frequent and damaging wildfires and extreme weather events; and

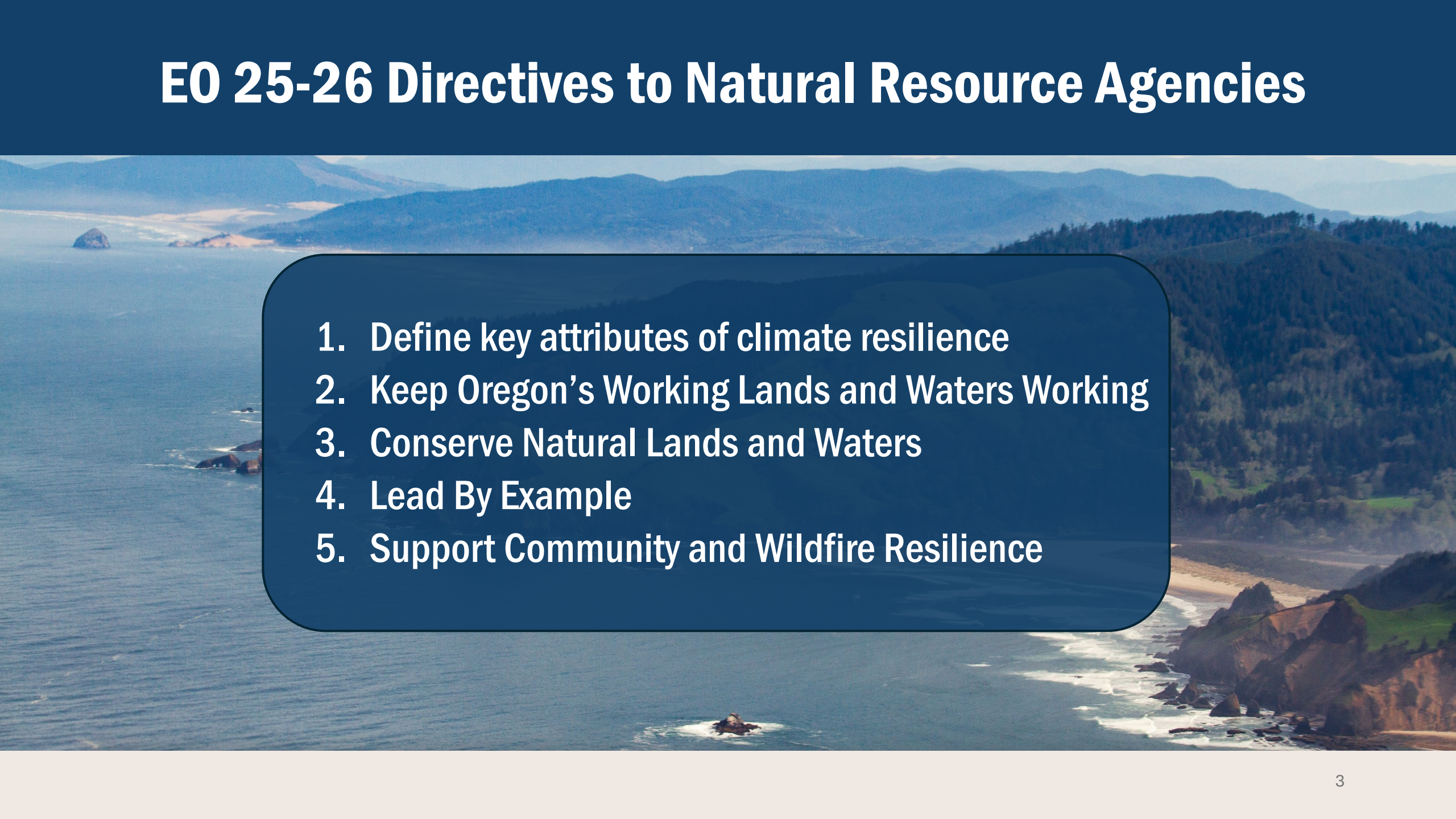
WHEREAS, Oregon's natural and working lands and waters — including forests, grasslands, rangelands, farmlands, wetlands, rivers, lakes and coastal and marine waters, and the parks and open spaces in urban environments — provide a range of environmental, social, health, and economic benefits statewide, including opportunities to increase carbon sequestration to help address climate change; and

WHEREAS, Oregon can realize the promise and power of our natural and working lands and waters through proactive policies and actions that facilitate the management of natural landscapes and waterways in a way that enhances their ability to withstand and recover from climate change impacts; and

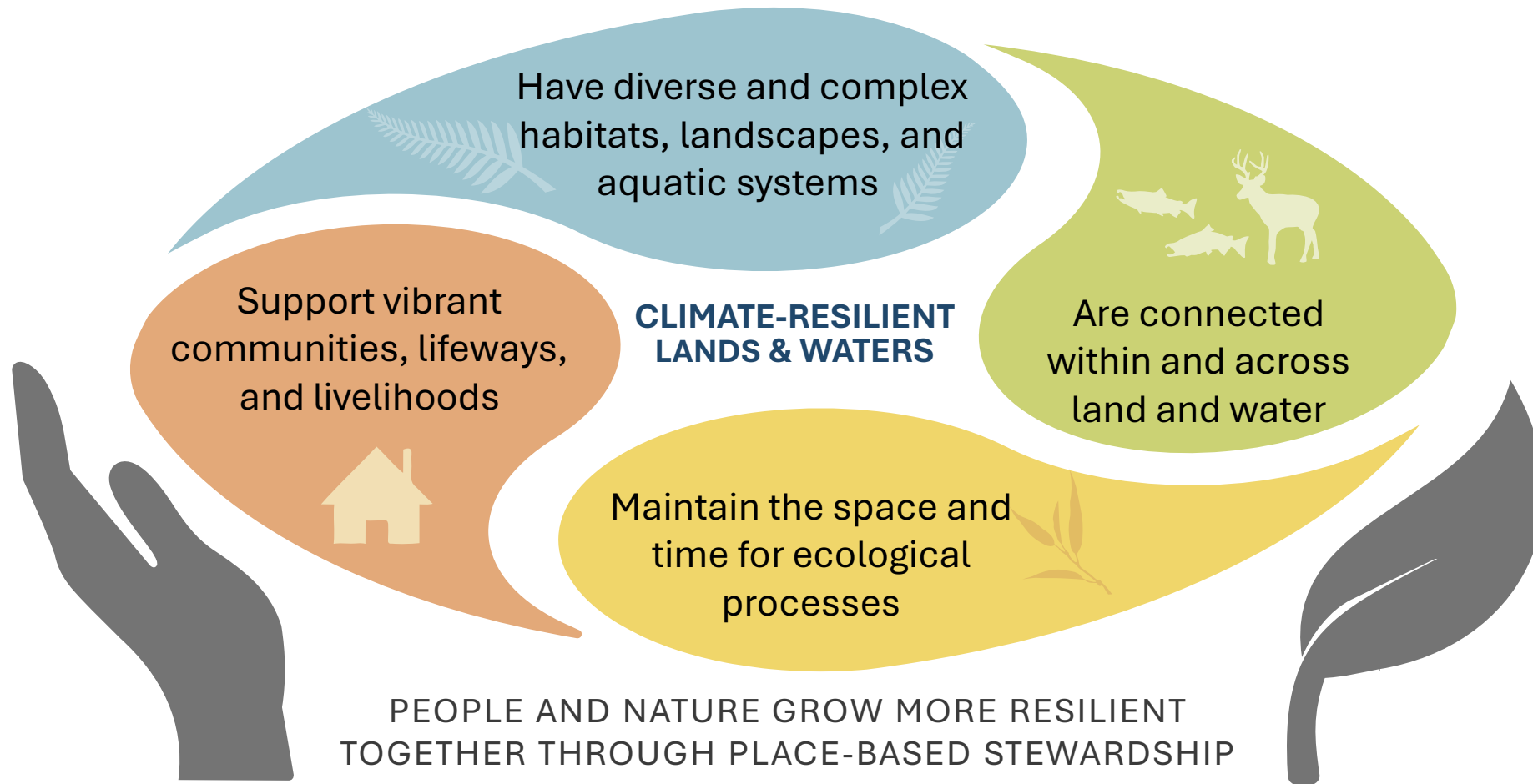
WHEREAS, the effects of our changing climate are resulting in direct health impacts from heat and wildfire smoke; damage to and often destruction of homes, businesses, and working landscapes; and economic losses across multiple sectors of the State's natural resource economy; and

- Issued October 2025
- Goal of increasing coordination among state agencies to implement actions to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate
- Sets climate resiliency as a shared north star to help Oregon's natural resource agencies align mandates, set priorities, and coordinate efforts.

E0 25-26 Directives to Natural Resource Agencies

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1. Define key attributes of climate resilience
 2. Keep Oregon's Working Lands and Waters Working
 3. Conserve Natural Lands and Waters
 4. Lead By Example
 5. Support Community and Wildfire Resilience

Oregon's Climate Resiliency Attributes



Diverse and complex habitats, landscapes, and aquatic systems



- Diverse, complex, and redundant habitats give species and communities multiple ways to respond to change.
- Diversity and redundancy provide ecological “insurance,” helping systems stay resilient under shifting climate conditions.
- Nearshore resilience is strengthened by the diversity and redundancy across physical habitats, biological communities, and oceanographic conditions, which together help ecosystems absorb disturbance and adapt to change.

Connectivity across lands and waters

- Connectivity, enables movement of organisms and ecological processes across land and water.
- Structural and functional pathways support daily, seasonal, and long-term movements needed under climate change.
- The Territorial Sea Plan supports connectivity by including lands and waters.



Maintain the space and time for ecological processes



- Natural processes like floods, fire, and nutrient cycles need space and time to maintain key ecological functions.
- Adaptive, data-informed management and climate modeling help Oregon plan for changing conditions and sustain these processes.
- Nearshore resilience depends on letting natural ocean processes change and recover over time, which requires strong monitoring and adaptive management to guide decisions as conditions shift.

Support vibrant communities, lifeways, and livelihoods

- Healthy natural and working lands support resilient communities, livelihoods, and ecosystems.
- Climate-smart practices in forestry, farming, fishing, and ranching strengthen resilience and sustain essential resources.
- Coordinated work under the Territorial Sea Plan and OPAC helps Oregon support community resilience



Coordinated Agency Work to Advance Resilience



- State Natural Resource agencies are collaborating in workgroups to align directives and develop workplans.
- The Governor's Office has released an Executive Summary that highlights shared priorities across 14 agencies and shows how programs and investments are being aligned to advance resilience.
- Agencies are sharing workplans with stakeholders and seeking partner input on actions and ideas to help strengthen collaboration and support proposed action implementation.



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Climate Resilience Work Plan



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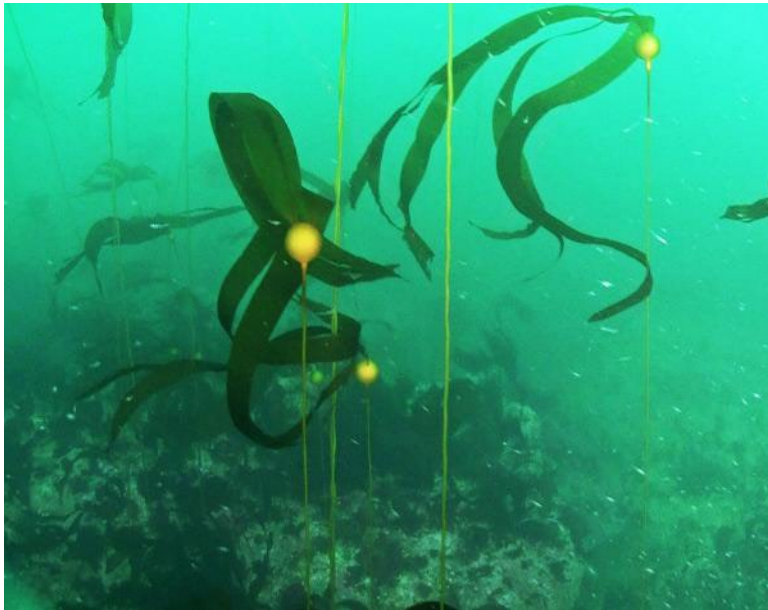
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Nearshore



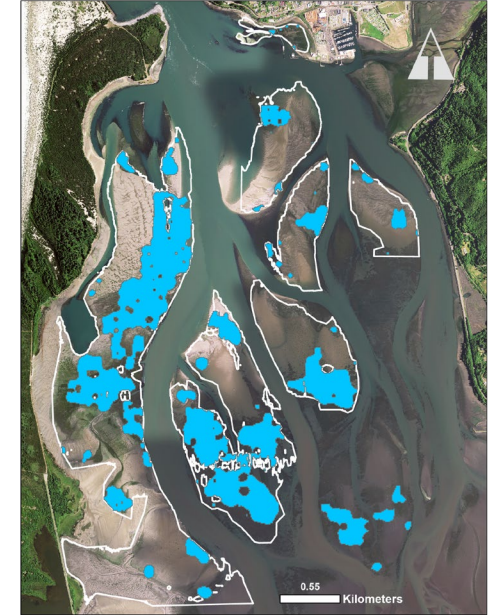
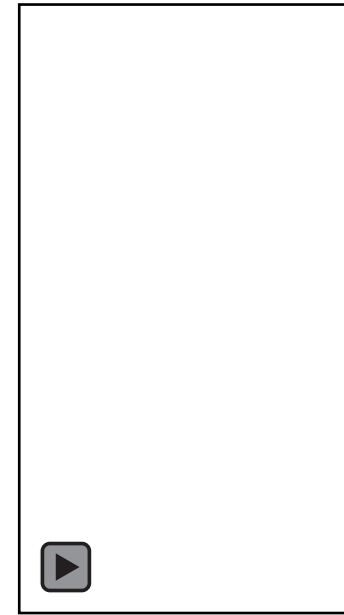
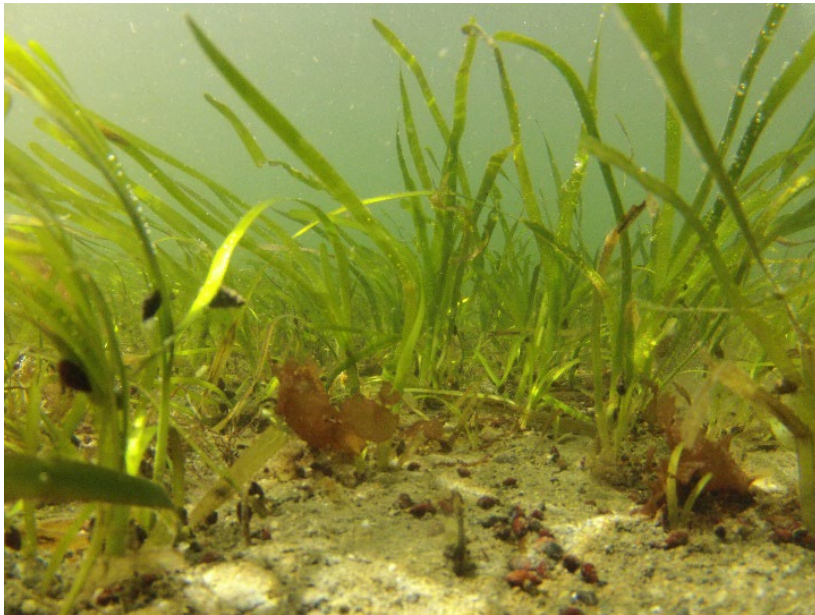
Featured ODFW Actions

Kelp bed restoration planning



Featured ODFW Actions

Eelgrass bed monitoring and conservation



Nearshore Climate EO 25-26 Work Plan

Work Group Process and Timeline



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Oregon's 19 Land Use Planning Goals

Process



Goals 1 & 2

Applies to all land use planning

**Public Participation
Fact-Based Decisions
Evaluating Alternatives
Creating Implementation
Measures**

Resource



Goals 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, & 15

Applies to cities and counties

**Farm and Forest Lands
Natural Hazards
Recreation
Natural Resources
Willamette River
Greenway**

Urban



Goals 9, 10, 11, 12, & 14

Applies to cities

**Economic Development
Housing
Public Facilities
Transportation
Urban Growth Boundaries**

Coastal



Goals 16, 17, 18, & 19

*A networked partnership of
federal & local gov'ts and tribes*

**Estuaries
Beaches and Dunes
Ocean Resources
Beach Access
Tsunami Resilience**



The Coastal Goals

A subset of Oregon's Land Use Planning Goals

Goal 19

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“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.**”

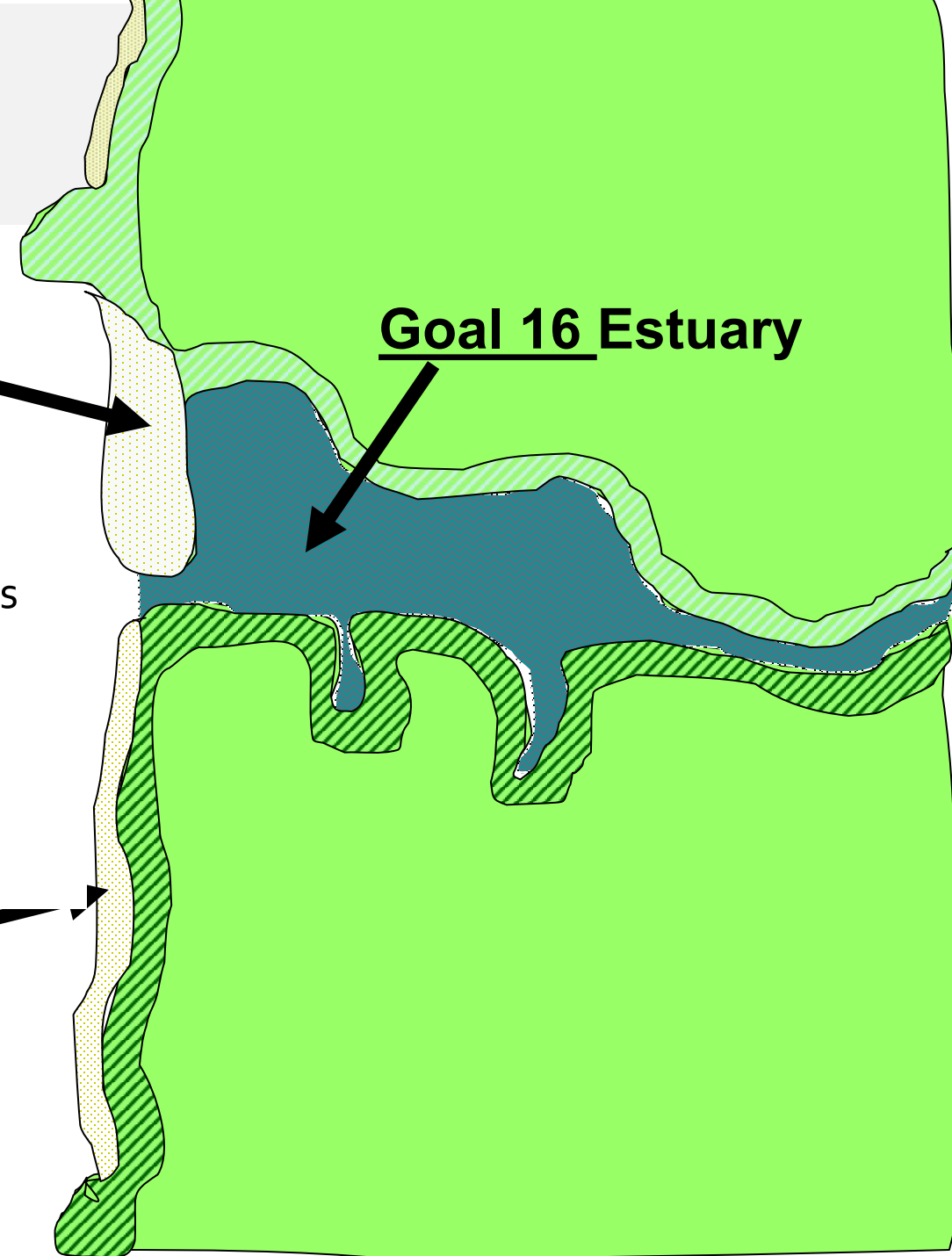
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<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OP/Pages/Goal-19.aspx>

Goal 17 - Shorelands

Goal 16 Estuary

Goal 18 - Beaches & Dunes



Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 19

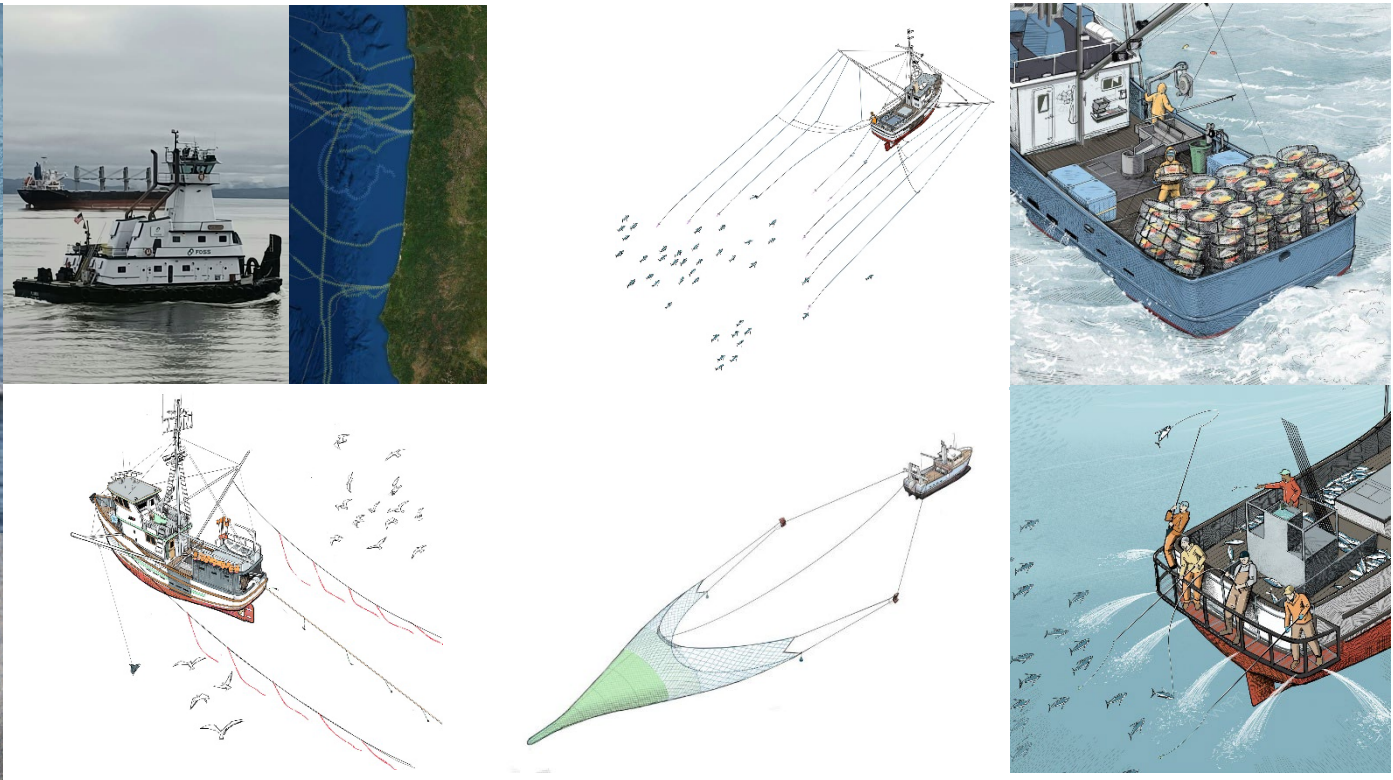
The Ocean Resources Goal

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Ocean Resources and Beneficial Uses



Areas of Importance for Fisheries



KEEPING OREGON'S WORKING LANDS AND WATERS WORKING

Coastal Resilience Actions:

- To continue implementing the Statewide Planning Goals (Coastal Goals) which have a policy objective of protecting coastal resources, for environmental, cultural, economic, and social needs
- To coordinate with other agencies on permitting processes for restoration projects on working lands and waters (e.g. kelp restoration)
- Updating the Territorial Sea Plan to reflect current and future conditions, best available information, and a process for regular updates to engage the community.



KEEPING OREGON'S WORKING LANDS AND WATERS WORKING

Coastal Resilience Actions:

- Evaluate opportunities to support long-term resilience of near-shore resources
- Continue to participate in and support the Ocean Change Coordinating Council (formerly the OAH Coordinating Council).
- Coordinate with OPAC, DSL, ODFW, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, and Oregon Sea Grant on what it means to incentivize and promote globally competitive ocean reliant products derived through sustainable practices.



CONSERVE NATURAL LANDS AND WATERS

Coastal Resilience Actions:

- To coordinate a conversation with agencies, policy makers, and communities to define what it means to “Protect, Conserve, Connect or Restore 10% of Lands and Waters”





E0 25-26 Workplan

*Coordinated Action to Strengthen the Resilience of
Oregon's Lands and Waters*

DSL Workplan Overview

Workplan Summary + Full Workplan

Workplan Summary

Overview of DSL's EO 25-26 Intersections

Outline of DSL's Workplan

Themes We're Focused On

Identified Actions

Interest Areas for Collaboration

Targeted Resilience Attributes and Outcomes

Ocean Connections

DSL Intersections

Oregon waterways and the Territorial Sea

Removal-fill regulation

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

Oregon Ocean Science Trust

Workplan Intersections

Focus themes: *Collaboration to identify priorities*

Actions: *Build collaboration framework*

Interest Areas: *Resilience of near-shore resources;
restoration permitting; integrating resilience into
management and workplans*

Territorial Sea: Interest Themes

*National, regional, and international
collaboration*

Marine spatial planning

Ocean observation

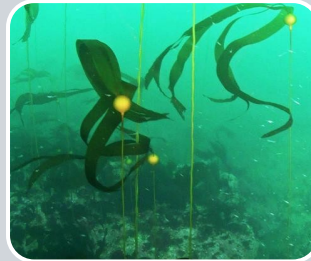
Funding opportunities

Cross Agency Actions

Slide that shows shared agency priorities in alignment on these tasks



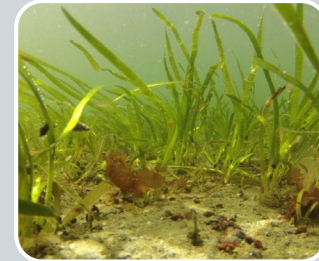
TSP Revision
(Part 1 and 2)



Kelp bed
monitoring
and
restoration



Rocky shore
education &
interpretation



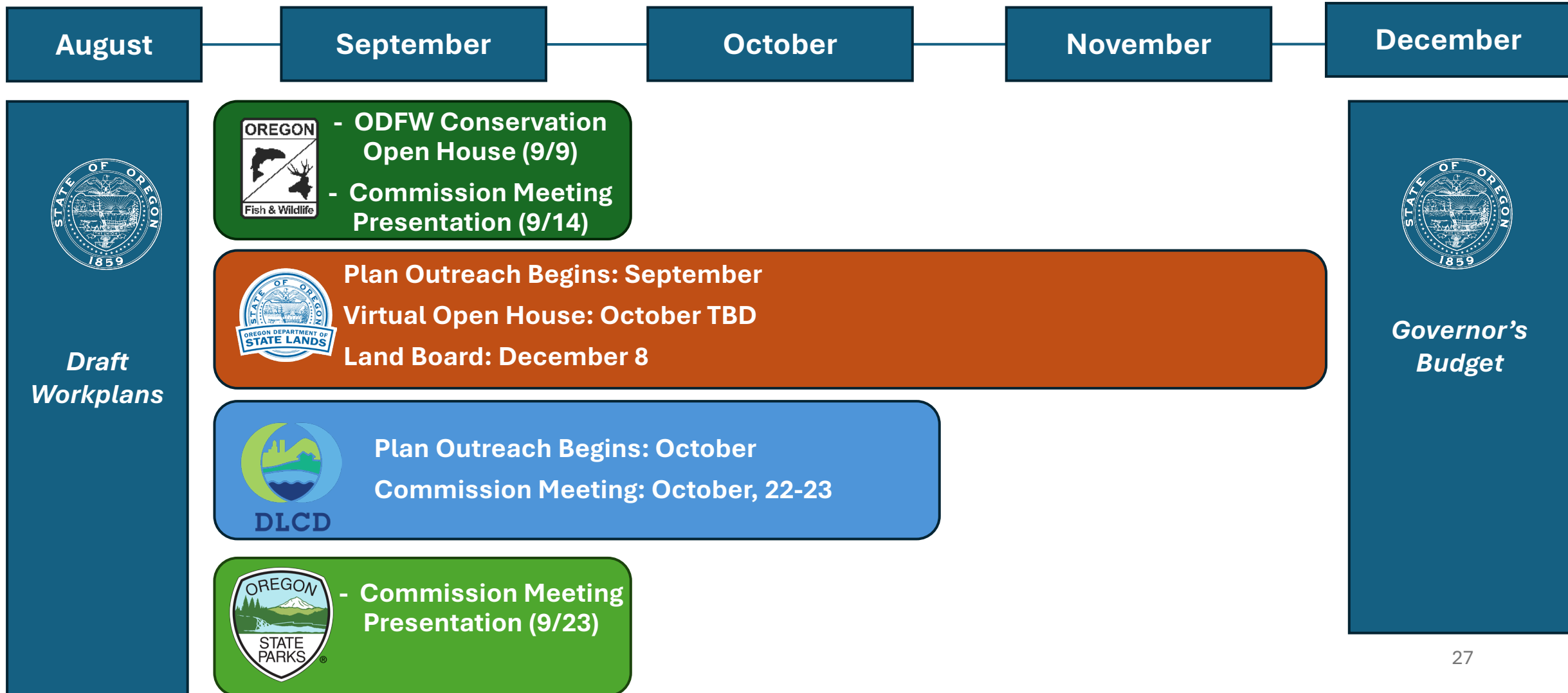
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OPAC's Role

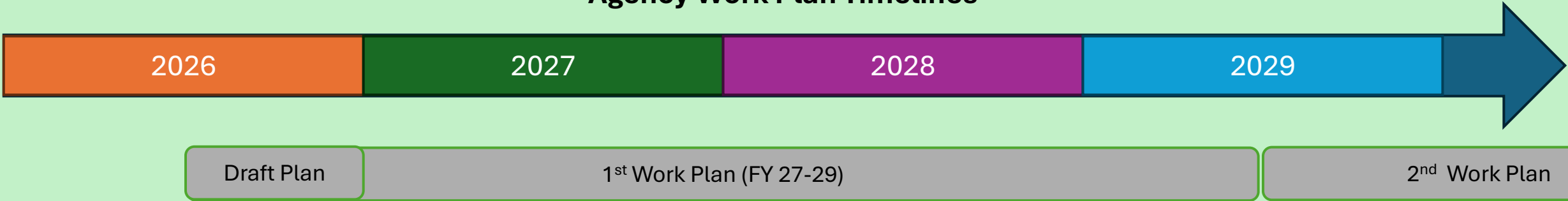


- OPAC is meeting EO needs by convening partners, aligning priorities, and creating space for conversations on actions to take action to advance resiliency.
- As OPAC sets its 5-year priorities, it can align with the EO by outlining actions/priorities that are shared between DSL, DLCD, ODFW, OOST, and Sea Grant that support nearshore resilience and sustainable ocean-reliant products.
- Agencies are looking to OPAC as our partner on how you can help, or advice you might have on how we expand our collaborations, in order to get this work done.

Public Process and Next Steps



Agency Work Plan Timelines



OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Amendment Timelines

