

Appendix F: Statewide Planning Goal 19 Ocean Resources

GOAL

To conserve the long-term values, benefits, and natural resources of the nearshore ocean and the continental shelf.

All local, state and federal plans, policies, projects and activities which affect the territorial sea shall be developed, managed and conducted to maintain, and where appropriate restore, the long-term benefits derived from the nearshore oceanic resources of Oregon. Since renewable ocean resources and uses, such as food production, water quality, navigation, recreation, and aesthetic enjoyment, will provide greater long-term benefits than nonrenewable resources, such plans and activities shall give clear priority to the proper management and protection of renewable resources.

INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS

As state and federal agencies develop and implement plans or carry out actions, projects, or activities related to or affecting ocean resources, they shall develop inventory information necessary to understand the impacts and relationship of the proposed activity to continental shelf and nearshore ocean resources. As specific actions are proposed, inventory information shall be gathered by the unit of government considering the action with assistance from those agencies and governments which use or manage the resources. The inventory shall be sufficient to describe the long-term impacts of the proposed action on resources and uses of the continental shelf and nearshore ocean.

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. State and federal agencies with planning, permit, or review authorities affected by the Ocean Resources Goal shall review their procedures and standards to assure that the objectives and requirements of the goal are fully addressed. The following authorities are of special concern:

Division of State Lands

Fill and Removal Law	ORS 541.605 - 541.665
Mineral Resources	ORS 273.775 - 273.780
Submerged and Submerged Lands	ORS 274.005 - 274.940
Kelp Laws	ORS 274.885 - 274.895

Economic Development Department

Ports Planning	ORS 777.835
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Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

Mineral Extraction and Oil and Gas Drilling	ORS 520.005 - 520.095
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Department of Energy

Regulation of Thermal Power & Nuclear Installation	- ORS 469.300 - 469.570
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Department of Environmental Quality

Water Quality Permits	ORS 468.700
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- i. Identify and protect areas of important biological habitat, including kelp and other algae beds, seagrass beds, rock reef areas, and areas of important fish, shellfish and invertebrate concentration.
- ii. Identify and protect important feeding areas; spawning areas, nurseries, migration routes; and other biologically important areas of marine mammals, marine birds, and commercially and recreation-ally important fish and shellfish.
- iii. Determine and protect the integrity of the marine ecosystem, including its natural biological pro-ductivity and diversity.

c. Navigation and Ports

- i. Determine for the state as a whole, the navigation needs for the coast of Oregon. Such needs will reflect, in part, the capability of each port to handle differing types of ship traffic, consistent with other statewide planning goals.
- ii. Maintain appropriate navigation lanes and facilities free from interference by other uses to provide safe transportation along and to the Oregon Coast.

d. Aesthetic Use

Maintain the aesthetic enjoyment and experiences provided by ocean resources.

e. Recreation

Identify, maintain, and enhance the diversity, quality, and quantity of recreational opportunities on and over the Oregon continental shelf, as consistent with the Beaches and Dunes Goal and Estuarine Resources Goal.

f. Waste Discharge and Mineral Extraction

Provide that extraction of materials from or discharge of waste products into or affecting the Oregon territorial sea which do not substantially interfere with or detract from the use of the continental shelf for fishing, navigation, recreation, or aesthetic purposes, or from the long-term protection of renewable resources.

g. Dredged Material Disposal

Provide for suitable sites and practices for the open sea discharge of dredged materials, which do not substantially interfere with or detract from the use of the continental shelf for fishing, navigation, or recreation, or from the long-term protection of renewable resources.

h. Archeological Sites

Identify and protect, whenever possible, significant underwater archeological sites of the continental shelf.

3. Contingency plans

Before issuing permits for development on the Oregon continental shelf, state and federal agencies, in coordination with the permittee, shall establish contingency plans and emergency procedures to be followed in the event that the operation results in conditions which threaten to damage the environment.