

West Coast Regional Planning Body Update

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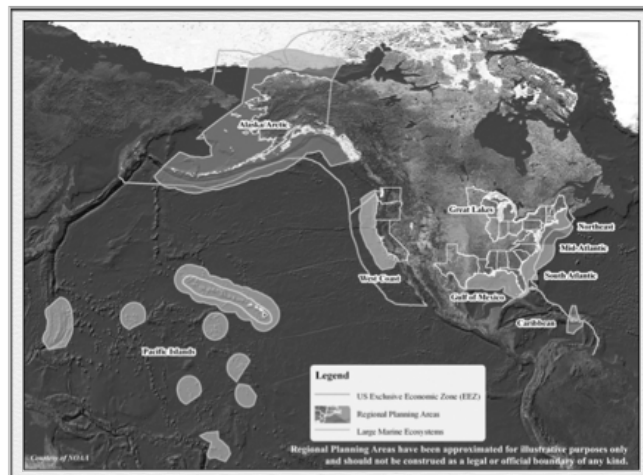
November 2, 2015 – Florence, OR

National Context

July 2010
Executive
Order 13547:
National Ocean
Policy

April 2013
National Ocean
Policy
Implementation
Plan

July 2013
Marine
Planning
Handbook



Active RPBs: Northeast*, Mid-Atlantic*, West Coast, Pacific Islands, Caribbean

RPBs & “Marine Planning”

- “Marine Planning” defined
 - Marine planning is a science- and information-based tool that can help advance local and regional interests, such as management challenges associated with the multiple uses of the ocean, economic and energy development priorities, and conservation objectives.
- Issues Addressed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Siting • Cultural Resource Protection • Maritime Commerce / Shipping • Aquaculture • Data Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Activity Engagement • Ensuring Compatible Ocean Uses • Enhanced Decision-making
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“Regional Planning Body”

- RPB Members:
 - Federally-recognized tribal governments
 - State governments
 - Federal agencies
 - Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Structure:
 - “Co-Leads” / Executive Secretariat: Federal, Tribal, State
 - Ex-officio and work groups added as needed
 - Sub-regional Teams
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- RPB allows for flexibility in responsibility and tasks based on roles of regional partners
- RPB products are non-regulatory, cannot change existing legal authorities
- Determined by RPB members how to effectively implement marine plan(s)
- Federal Executive Order requires federal agencies to implement marine plan(s) to maximum extent practicable

West Coast Timeline

- **Fall 2013 – Summer 2014:**
 - Federal Agency coordination
 - State outreach (WA, OR, CA)
 - Tribal Assessment
 - Data Coordination: WC Ocean Data Portal & Fed Data Working Group
- **Fall 2014:** First region-wide meetings (Telecon) & regional outreach
- **January 12, 2015:** First in-person meeting
- **Spring – Summer 2015:**
 - RPB Charter drafting
 - Funding pursued
- **Fall 2015 (Present):**
 - Finalize charter
 - Build regional partnerships

January 12, 2015 - West Coast Marine Planning Meeting

- **First in-person meeting of West Coast Tribal, State and Federal Government**
- 100+ attendees
- Co-located with West Coast Ocean Summit



1.12.15 - West Coast Marine Planning Meeting

Tribal Governments:

- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Stiletz Indians
- Coquille Tribe
- Hoh Tribe
- InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council
- Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Makah Tribe
- Quinault Tribe
- Quileute Tribe
- Smith River Rancheria
- Trinidad Rancheria
- Yurok Tribe

Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Agencies:

- California Natural Resources Agency
- Office of Oregon Governor Kitzhaber
- Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
- Washington Dept. of Ecology
- Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Washington Dept. of Natural Resources
- Office of Washington Governor Inslee
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. National Park Service
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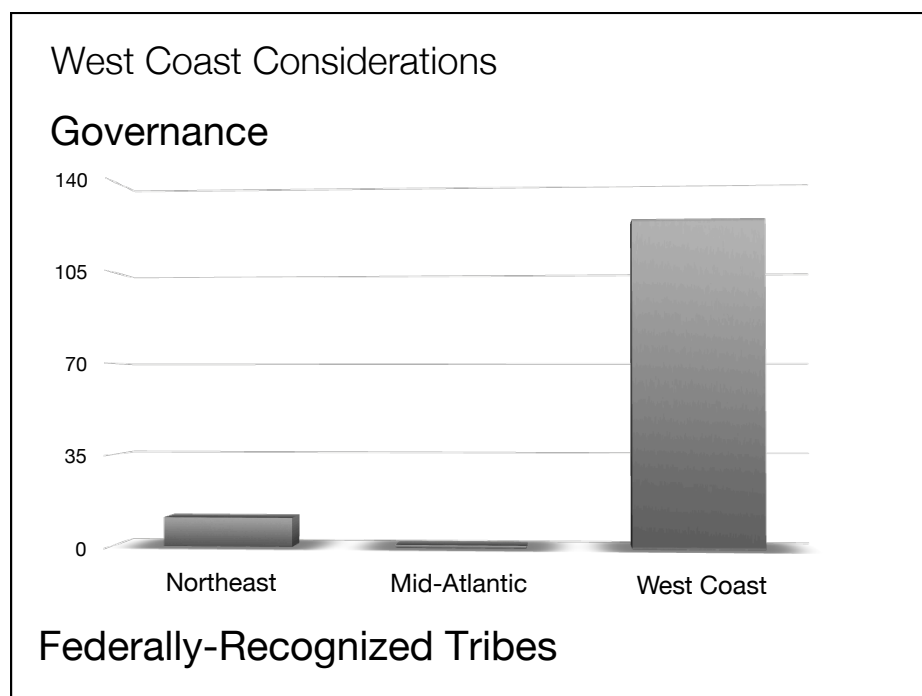
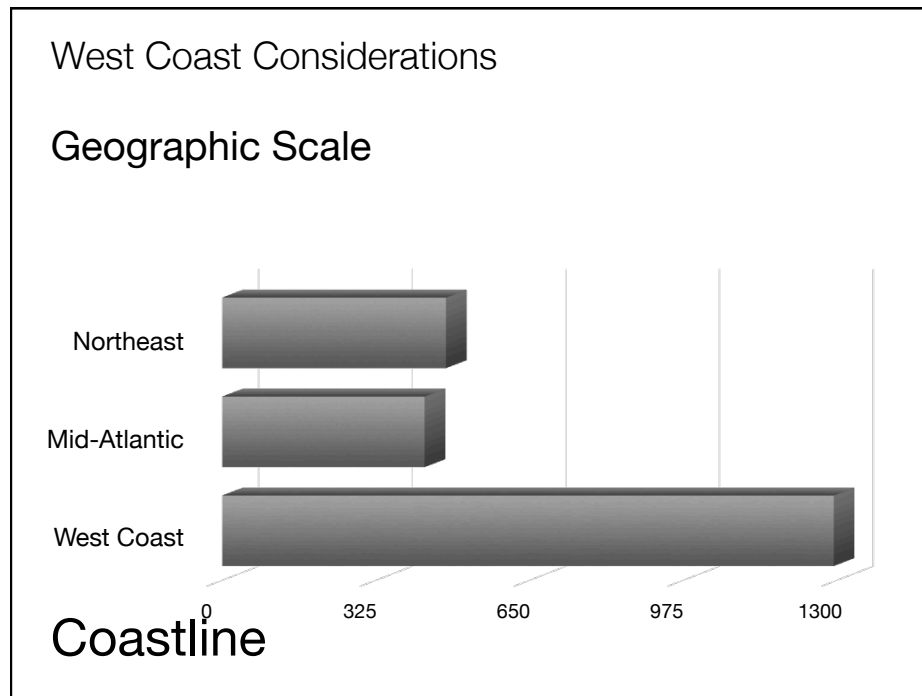
Outcomes:

- Agreement to initiate formation of West Coast Regional Planning Body
- Begin with defining region-wide entity and identifying goals and objectives
- Work with regional partners and stakeholders to identify role for marine planning
- Begin to assess subregional approach(es)



Lessons

- Build on existing efforts
- Tribal - Federal engagement critical
- National Policy opportunity
- Top-down vs. Bottom-up
- West Coast priorities



Next Steps

- Finalize RPB Charter
- Initiate Sub-Regional Outreach (State & Tribal staff)
 - Nov 6: Grand Ronde, OR
 - Dec 4: Forks, WA
 - Early 2016: Northern CA coast (TBD)
- Data Coordination & Development
- RPB Tasks:
 - Identify priority West Coast issues
 - Assess existing research & needs
 - Draft RPB Work Plan, Outreach Plan
 - **Support sub-regional dialog(s)**

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