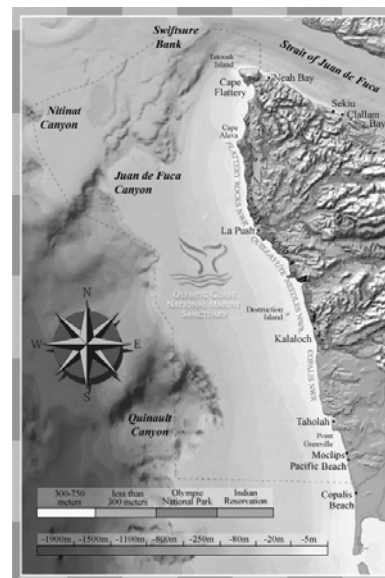


Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1994
- **Size (area):** 3,310 square miles
- **Location:** Off of Washington State's Olympic Peninsula, extending 135 miles along the Washington Coast from about Cape Flattery to the mouth of the Copalis River
- **State Waters:** Includes 560 square miles
- **Purpose:** To protect and manage the conservation, ecological, recreational, research, educational, historical, and esthetic resources and qualities of this area.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** None
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1994
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** The Olympic Coast NMS will begin its Management Plan review in fall 2005.

Sanctuary Website: <http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/>
Sanctuary Regulations: 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart O



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Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- Nearshore scientific moorings to collect May – Sept. physical oceanographic data.
- Offshore surveys for marine mammal and seabird distribution/abundance studies.
- Side scan sonar and high resolution multibeam habitat mapping program.
- Periodic subtidal diver surveys for monitoring macroinvertebrates and macroalgae communities.
- Annual intertidal surveys for monitoring macroinvertebrates and macroalgae communities.
- Periodic deep-sea monitoring efforts via submersibles and/or ROVs.
- Partnerships with ongoing monitoring efforts for harmful algal blooms (ORHAB & ECOHAB).
- The Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST) gathers data on seabird mortality.
- Participation in Marine Mammal Stranding program.
- Invasive species monitoring efforts.

Examples of Endangered and Threatened Species in the Sanctuary:

Endangered	Threatened	Delisted
Humpback Whale	Steller Sea Lion	Peregrine Falcon
Southern Sea Otter	Bald Eagle	
Brown Pelican	Marbled Murrelet	
Northern Right Whale		
Blue Whale		
Fin Whale		
Sei Whale		
Sperm Whale		

**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary**
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)



Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Washington, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Recreational Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Washington, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Bottom Trawling				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Washington, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Washington, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	State of Washington, Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor		√		Traditional fishing practices, anchoring, navigation aid construction and other uses are allowed	
Seabed cables or devices				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas			√		Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals			√		Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources		√		Take of marine mammals, sea turtles, or seabirds restricted	Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources		√		Only allowed if occurs incidental to traditional fishing operations	Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights	√			Overflights less than 2000 feet are prohibited within zones around National Wildlife Refuges	Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Wildlife Refuges
Use of motorized watercraft				Not regulated by NMS regulations	
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS		√		Listed types of discharge allowed	U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources		√		Listed types of discharge allowed	U.S. Coast Guard

Other Regulations: Permits for research, education, or salvage/recovery operations may be issued to allow any otherwise prohibited or restricted activity.