

# GOAL 19

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### STATEWIDE PLANNING GOAL 19:

To conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to future generations.

### CLATSOP COUNTY GOAL 19:

To assure that marine resource management and development in the territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County occurs in a manner that conserves beneficial use of these resources.

## OVERVIEW

The boundaries of the territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County includes ocean seafloor, the water column, and the ocean surface. Beaches, headlands, islands and rocks above the high tide line, and estuaries are not included. The territorial sea is managed to conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to current and future generations.

Navigation and commercial and recreational fishing are significant uses in Oregon state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County. Clatsop County does not regulate commercial or recreational fishing or navigation in the ocean through its Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Code. But this does not diminish the importance of these activities to the County. Although Camp Rilea's safety zone extends into the territorial sea, the County does not directly regulate Camp Rilea nor its use of the safety zone, which is under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Military Department.

Oregon state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County has numerous entities and jurisdictions with a stake in protecting ocean resources. Stakeholders include federal entities (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Coast Guard), state entities (Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), local jurisdictions (Clatsop County, City of Astoria, City of Warrenton), tribal nations, and environmental groups.

### OCEAN STEWARDSHIP AREA

The State of Oregon has interests in the conservation of ocean resources in an Ocean Stewardship Area, an ocean area where natural phenomena and human activities can affect uses and resources of Oregon's territorial sea. The Ocean Stewardship Area includes the state's territorial sea, the continental slope, and the adjacent ocean areas.

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Within the Ocean Stewardship Area, the State of Oregon will:

- Use all applicable state and federal laws to promote its interests in management and conservation of ocean resources;
- Encourage scientific research on marine ecosystems, ocean resources and uses and oceanographic conditions to acquire information needed to make ocean and coastal-management decisions;
- Seek co-management arrangements with federal agencies when appropriate to ensure that ocean resources are managed and protected consistent with the policies of Statewide Planning Goal 19, Ocean Resources and the Territorial Sea Plan; and
- Cooperate with other states and governmental entities directly and through regional mechanisms to manage and protect ocean resources and uses.

The Ocean Stewardship Area is not intended to change the seaward boundary of the State of Oregon, extend the seaward boundaries of the state's federally approved Coastal Zone Management Act, affect the jurisdiction of adjacent coastal states, alter the authority of federal agencies to manage the resources of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, or limit or otherwise change federal agency responsibilities to comply with the consistency requirements of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

### INFORMATION AND EFFECTS ASSESSMENT REQUIRED

Prior to taking an action that is likely to affect ocean resources or uses of Oregon's territorial sea, state and federal agencies shall assess the reasonably foreseeable adverse effects of the action as required in the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan. The effects assessment shall also address reasonably foreseeable adverse effects on Oregon's estuaries and shorelands as required by Statewide Planning Goal 16, Estuarine Resources; Goal 17, Coastal Shorelands; and Goal 18, Beaches and Dunes.

## OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

**OBJECTIVE 1:** To assure that marine resource management and development in Oregon state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County occurs in a manner that conserves beneficial use of these resources.

**POLICY A:** The County shall rely on the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan's consultation process as a mechanism for providing input into development proposals in the territorial sea and to ensure the following:

1. Ocean resources development in the state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County should be designed, located and managed in a manner that does not substantially impair the ocean's scenic value, as experienced from the shoreline, or from public parks, highways, public streets, or scenic

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overlooks in the coastal zone.

2. Ocean resources development in the state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County should be designed, located and managed in a manner that is respectful of, and addresses the interests and concerns of residents, visitors, businesses and property owners in the coastal zone.
3. Ocean resources development in the state's territorial sea adjacent to Clatsop County should endeavor to be designed, located and managed in a manner that does not negatively impact or effect local government property taxes.
4. The cumulative impacts and effects, both beneficial and harmful, of ocean resources development should be considered when evaluating development proposals in the territorial sea.

**POLICY B:** Clatsop County should participate in state and federal rule-making and decision-making regarding impacts from and responses to climate change, sea level rise, ocean acidification, ocean temperature change, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and ocean temperature change.

**POLICY C:** The County should participate in state and federal rule-making and decision-making that affects the County's marine resources, or might conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.

**POLICY D:** The County should coordinate with state and federal agencies in the regulation of offshore energy generation facilities, which should include preserving scenic views.

**Policy E:** Clatsop County should coordinate with the State to assure compliance with Oregon's single use plastic bag ban.

**Policy F** Clatsop County should explore ways to reduce plastic pollution on land, in waterways, and the ocean.

**Policy G:** Clatsop County should consider impacts to the County's waterways (e.g. rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, ocean) in land use decision-making to reduce all types of land-based pollution.

**Policy H:** The County should consider the effects and impacts, both harmful and beneficial of offshore energy generation facilities. Consideration should be given to the entire project, including the effects and impacts to beaches and dunes resulting from an on-shore companion facility.

### IMPLEMENTING OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR):

[660-036 – Ocean Planning](#)

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### **COORDINATING STATE AGENCIES:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)  
Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP)  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Oregon Military Department

### **BACKGROUND REPORTS AND SUPPORTING DATA:**

[Oregon Coastal Management Program](#)  
[Coastal Goals](#)  
[Oregon Ocean Information](#)  
[Goal 19 Background Report](#)