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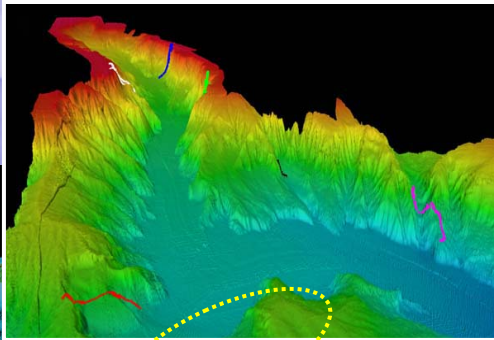
# Governor Kulongoski's Leadership on Ocean Protection

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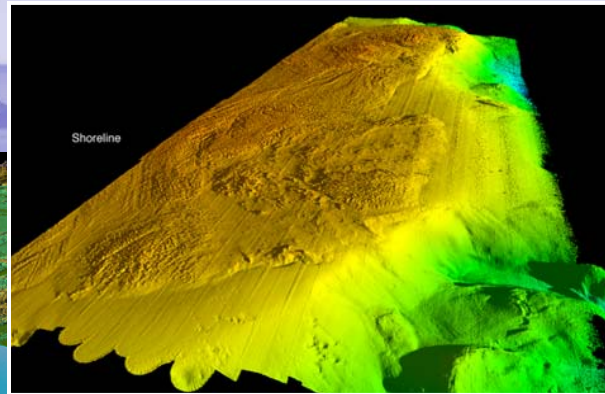
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# Special Features of Oregon's Coast



Astoria Canyon



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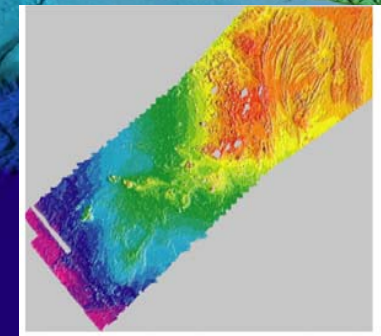
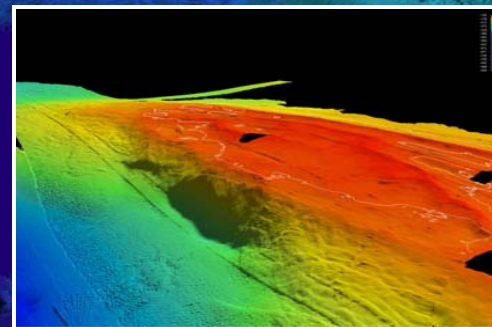
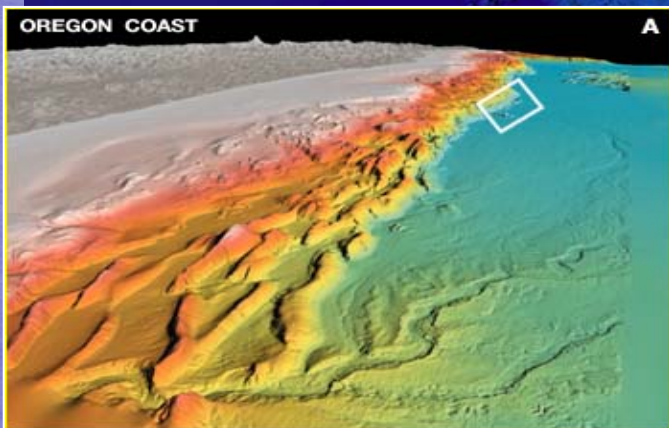


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# Marine Life of Oregon's Coast



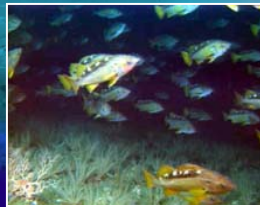
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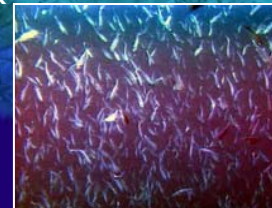
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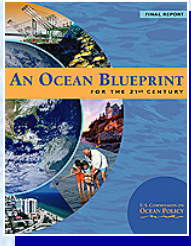


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# Governor Kulongoski's Leadership on Ocean Protection



Agrees with the US Commission on Ocean Policy that marine ecosystems and economies are threatened by effects of human use, including climate change, and that Oregon is not immune from these effects.



Understands Oregon has limited state jurisdiction and capacity to address the size and complexity of the marine ecosystem, and diversity of uses in federal waters.



Believes that new state-federal partnerships and ecosystem-based management are necessary to achieve long term ocean stewardship along the Oregon coast.

# Governor Kulongoski's Leadership on Ocean Protection

## ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT:

Focus on all links between living and nonliving resources

- Establish a network of marine reserves
- Propose a National Marine Sanctuary for Oregon
- West Coast Governor's Agreement on Ocean Health



# Proposed Oregon Marine Reserves

## OBJECTIVES:

- Establish ecological reference areas
- Test effectiveness in maintaining and restoring ecological integrity
- Provide framework for research funding
- Increase public understanding and awareness



# Proposed Oregon Marine Reserves

## STATUS:

- Governor Kitzhaber endorses 2002 proposal made by Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC)
- OPAC directed by Governor Kulongoski on June 30, 2005, to implement 2002 recommendation
- OPAC Marine Reserve Working Group currently meeting





# Proposed Oregon Coast National Marine Sanctuary

- Governor Kulongoski asked OPAC to advise him regarding the establishment of an *Oregon Coast National Marine Sanctuary*
- OPAC will be providing the Governor with a status report by the end of the year





# Proposed Oregon Coast National Marine Sanctuary

## BENEFITS:

- Promote and extend Oregon's ocean policies
- Provide ecosystem-based, multiple-use management of ocean resources and uses
- Increase marine research and monitoring
- Boost Oregon's coastal economy
- End the threat of offshore oil and gas drilling
- Protect important marine habitats





# West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

## REGIONAL PRIORITY AREAS:

- Clean coastal waters and beaches
- Protecting and restoring habitats
- Promoting ecosystem-based management
- Reducing adverse impacts of offshore development
- Increasing ocean awareness and scientific information
- Fostering sustainable economic development





# West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION:

- Enhancing governance, management, and planning structures
- Share lessons learned
- Expand scientific and educational efforts
- Coordinate management strategies
- Engage the federal government






# West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

## ACTIONS BY MARCH 2007:

- Call for federal funding for nonpoint source pollution
- Joint letter supporting the offshore oil and gas moratorium
- Support development of a regional research plan, and seek funding and technical assistance to support key efforts (ocean observations, sea floor and habitat mapping)
- Request CEQ to assist us in obtaining technical assistance from federal agencies





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