

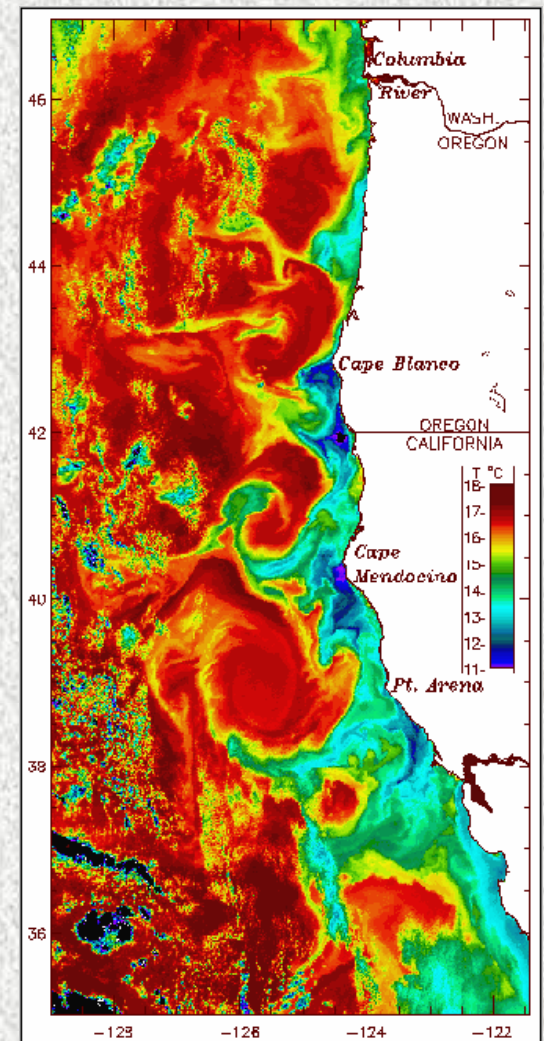


Oregon Ocean Policy/Management: A Brief History

From Issue-driven Concerns to
Ecosystem-based Management

Oregon's Ocean Setting

- Medium width shelf & slope
- Cold, south-flowing California Current
- Seasonal upwelling
- Major fisheries
 - Salmon & tuna
 - Dungeness crab & shrimp
 - Groundfish
- Shipping
- Major recreational opportunities



Ocean Issues and Management

- **Small-scale local fisheries – 1960s to 1970s**
 - State-level management
- **Nearshore foreign fishing/drive for “Americanization”**
 - FCMA – 1976
- **Coastal zone focus – estuaries, beaches, shores, development**
 - Nascent Ocean Policy – Goal 19 – 1976/77
- **Threat of oil-gas development**
 - WA/OR OCS Lease sale 132 – 1978
- **Marine oil spills – 1983 – 1987 – 1999**
 - Contingency planning

Ocean Issues and Management

- **EEZ Designation – 1983**
- **Mineral Mining Proposals – 1983 – 1989**
 - Gorda Ridge – polymetallic sulfides
 - Southern Oregon placers
- **Comprehensive Area-based Ocean Planning**
 - Ocean Resources Management Act – 1987
 - Task-force-developed Ocean Plan – 1990
 - Legislative adoption - 1991
 - Ocean Policy Advisory Council - 1991
 - Territorial Sea Plan - 1994

Ocean Issues and Management

- **Continuing fisheries crises/responses**
 - National – Sustainable Fisheries Act
 - State/OPAC response...establish marine reserves
- **2002 OPAC Recommendation for limited system of Marine Reserves**
- **Ensuing controversy and OPAC Restructuring – 2003**
- **Governor's directives to new OPAC – 2005**
 - Implement 2002 MR Recommendation
 - Proposed National Marine Sanctuary
- **OPAC Marine Reserve Recommendation**
- **OPAC Marine Sanctuary Process**

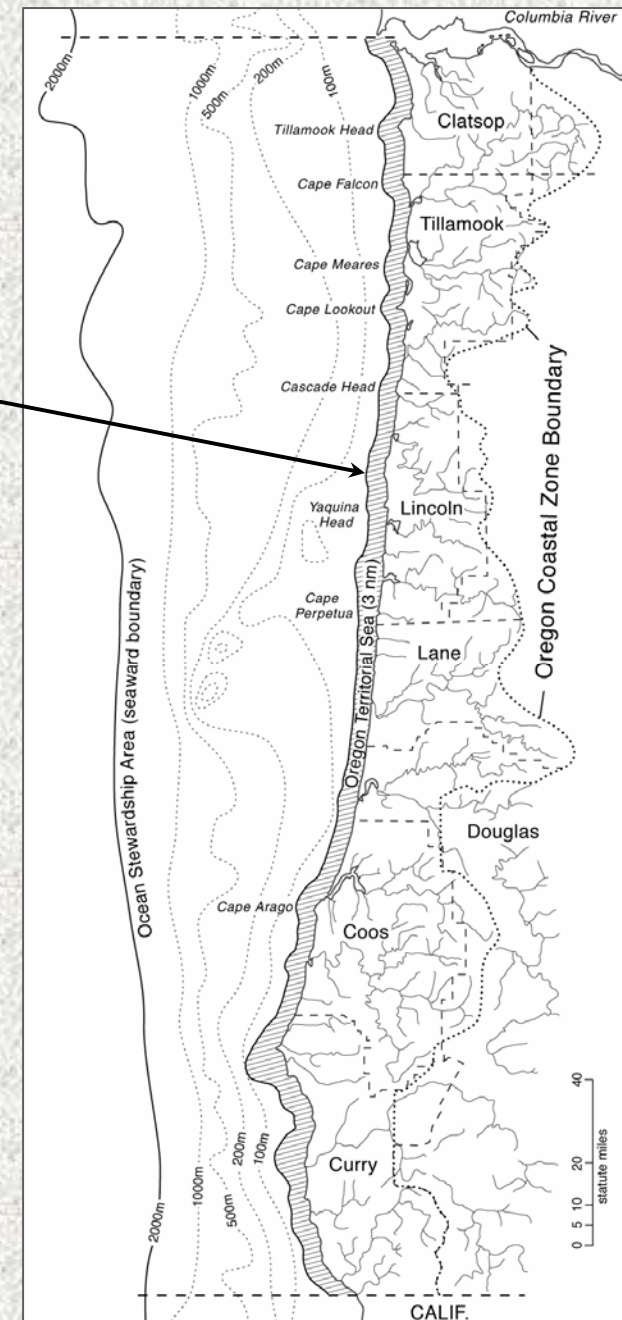
OPAC's Marine Reserve Recommendation

August 16, 2002: A Summary

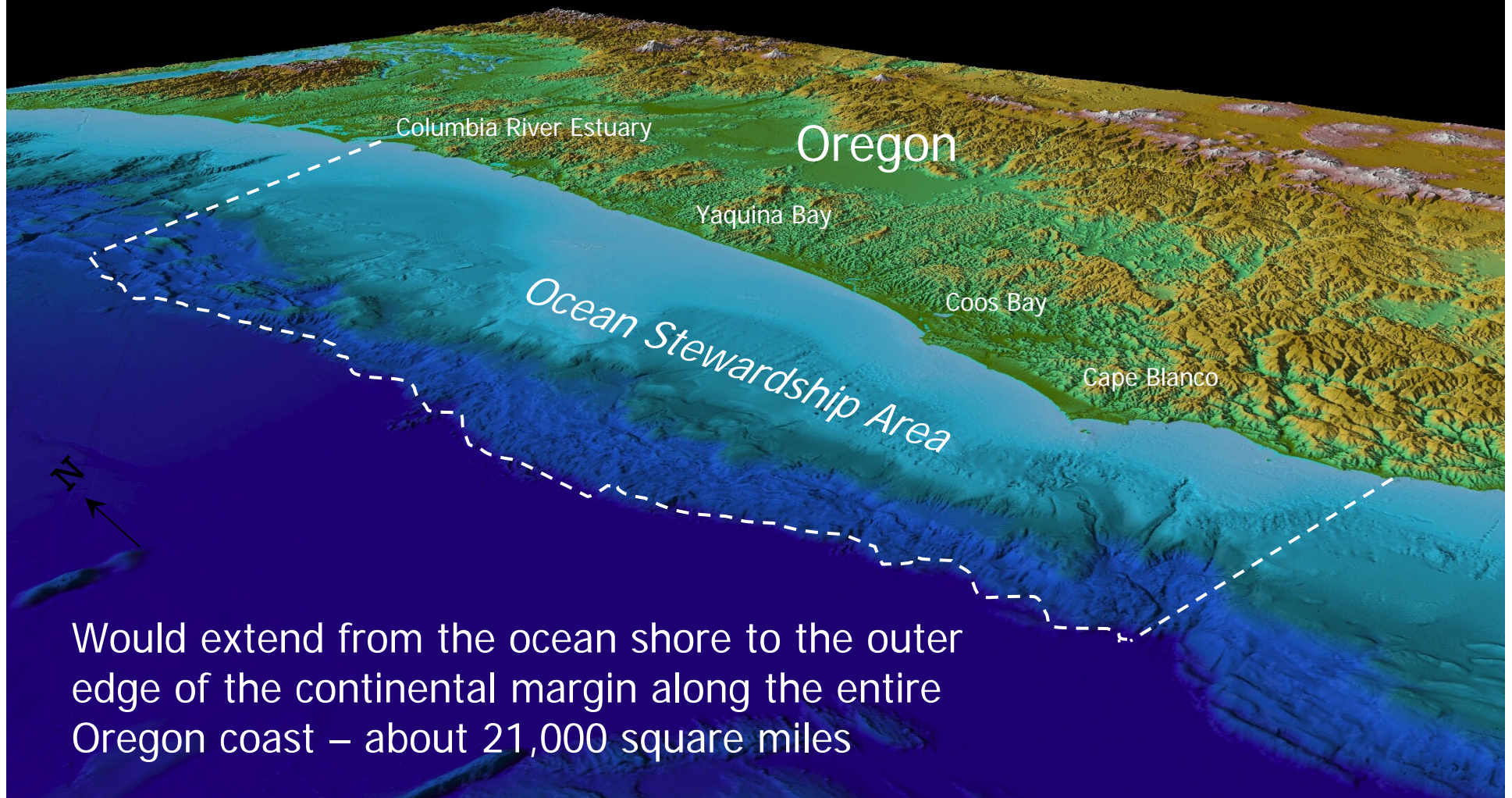
- Recommended a "limited system" of marine research reserves to "test their effectiveness in meeting marine resource conservation objectives"
- Process to be conducted in two phases:
 - Phase I – Planning phase of 2-3 years with local involvement
 - Phase II – Designation phase
- Recognition that funding will be a key consideration in success or failure
- No fisheries-specific recommendation was made
- Available at:
<http://www.oregonocean.org/resources.shtml>

Marine Reserve Planning Progress

- 3- NM Territorial Sea
- OPAC process just underway
- Marine Reserve Working Group
- Science panel to be formed
- Public process to be initiated
- Build on lessons learned elsewhere
- Focus on “research reserves”



Governor's Proposed Oregon Coast National Marine Sanctuary



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Governor's Goal:

To secure the long-term health and stewardship of Oregon's ocean ecosystems, resources, and ocean-related economy

- Consistent with the findings of the two national ocean commissions on the need for regional, ecosystem-based approach
- We have limited state jurisdiction and capacity to address the size and complexity of the marine ecosystem and diversity of its uses
- New state-federal partnerships and ecosystem-based management are needed to achieve long-term ocean stewardship

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Benefits foreseen by the Governor:

- Greater influence over federal ocean activities
- Increased ecosystem and fisheries resource protection in federal waters
- More integrated management offshore through a single, multiple-use plan
- Increased capacity and funding for research, long-term ocean monitoring, and education
- Boost for coastal economies

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OPAC's Role – Preliminary Scoping

- Explain the proposal and gather input
- Assess whether a NMS is the best way to meet the governor's goals for Oregon's ocean ecosystem. If not, what is a preferable alternative?
- Identify key issues to address in the designation process and future management planning
- Provide recommendations to the Governor by January 2007
- *PRESENT - Status Report Request – Findings and Implications*