

WEST COAST GOVERNORS' AGREEMENT on OCEAN HEALTH

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Final West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

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I would say "Final Action Plan for the..."

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- Background on the West Coast Governors' Agreement, September 2006
- Final Action Plan, July 2008
 - Progress and Next Steps

Background

- The Oceans Act of 2000
- Three West Coast Governors signed an agreement on ocean health in September 2006
- Federal Commitment – CEQ March 2007
- The Agreement identified **7 priority areas** for the states to work together.

Website: <http://westcoastoceans.gov/>

Federal Support for the Action Plan

- Federal Working Group co-leads:

- Fred Piltz,
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Other Federal Agencies:

Department of Interior

- U.S. Geological Survey
- National Park Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of State

Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Department of Defense, U.S. Navy

Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission

State Leadership



| | California | Oregon | Washington |
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| Governor's Representative | Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Oceans, Resources Agency | Jessica Hamilton, Natural Resources Advisor, Governor's Natural Resources Office | Kathleen Drew, Governor's Executive Policy Advisor |
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Nice graphics!

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Seven Priority Areas

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1. Ensuring **clean coastal waters** and beaches
 2. **Protecting and restoring** healthy ocean and coastal **habitats**
 3. Promoting the effective implementation of **ecosystem-based management** of our ocean and coastal resources
 4. Reducing adverse **impacts of offshore development**
 5. Increasing **ocean awareness and literacy** among our citizens
 6. Expanding ocean and coastal **scientific information, research, and monitoring**
 7. Fostering **sustainable economic development** throughout our diverse coastal communities

Moving Forward

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- Progress on action items since November:
 - West Coast Estuaries Initiative first round grant funding awarded.
 - Planning for alternative energy workshops and harmful algal bloom meetings to occur this fall and winter.
 - Sea Grant regional research priority plan workshops completed.
 - Seafloor mapping workshops occurred in Oregon and Washington.
 - Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (IEAs) were initiated in Puget Sound with the state of Washington and foundations laid for one for the California Current.

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- Same here, seemed like a strange mix of caps/lowercase
- Why arent you mentioning the WC EBM Network?

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