



Oregon COASTAL NOTES

Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association

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Your Monthly News & Updates



Legislature Adjourns, Looking Forward to the June Membership Meeting

The 79th Oregon Legislative Assembly adjourned March 3, 2016. This short, one-month session was full of contention producing successes and failures. However, what is considered a success or a failure varies widely. Hot button issues included minimum wage, affordable housing, clean energy,

lodging tax, corporate taxes, PERS reform, firearms background checks, and adjustments to the marijuana system. All and all, the 2016 session was fast-paced (with a fair amount of waiting thrown in) and substantive. If there was ever any doubt, we now know there is no such thing as a housekeeping session in the Oregon Legislature. Each of these issues will have some impact on the coast and will continue to do so moving forward. In 2017 many of these issues and others such as land use planning and emergency management will be back for further discussion and OCZMA staff will continue to help us stay up to date on the important issues and provide us with an opportunity to weigh in.

Please mark your calendars for the next OCZMA Membership Meeting, Friday, June 10, 2016 in Newport! A draft agenda and registration information will be available in the coming month.

- Tim Josi, OCZMA Chair and Tillamook County Commissioner

OCZMA Annual Membership Meeting - June 10

OCZMA will hold its annual membership meeting on June 10, 2016 in Newport, Oregon at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Agenda and meeting materials will be distributed in the next month.



[Please click here to RSVP for the June 10 meeting.](#)

Decimated Fish Populations Could Double Across the World by 2050 with Industry Reform

In 2000, the West Coast fishery for groundfish, such as rockfish and sole, was declared a federal economic disaster. Years of overfishing and declined productivity had led to record-low harvests for some fish and market gluts for others. By all accounts, the industry was dead in the water. [Read more...](#)



BOEM publishes proposed rule governing negotiated agreements for sand, gravel and shell resources on the Outer Continental Shelf

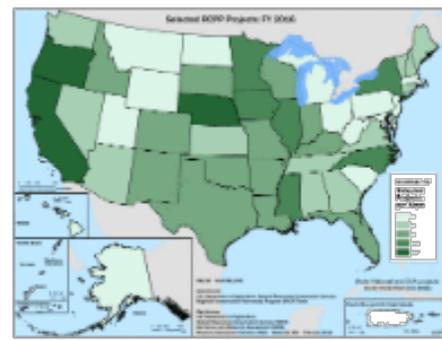
The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released proposed regulations that would provide additional clarity and certainty for its Marine Minerals Program regarding negotiated, non-competitive leases for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) resources such as sand, gravel and shell. [Read more...](#)



USDA Announces \$260 Million Available for Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability

of up to \$260 million for partner proposals to improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. The funding is being made available through USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) innovative Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and applicants must be able to match the federal award with private or local funds. [Read more...](#)



Secretary Jewell Announces Milestone for Commercial Wind Energy Development Offshore New York

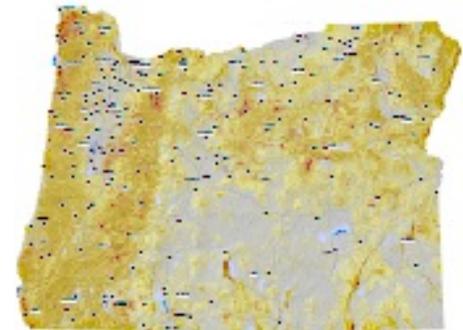
As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan to create American jobs, develop domestic clean energy sources and cut carbon pollution, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Director Abigail Ross Hopper announced a major step in spurring wind energy development in federal waters offshore New York. [Read more...](#)



New Map Looks at Oregon's Likely Landslide Areas

A new landslide susceptibility map of Oregon helps identify regions of the state that may be at risk for future landslides.

"Oregon is prone to landslides," says Bill Burns, engineering geologist for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). "This map points us toward priority areas for future in-depth mapping and study of our landslide hazards, and helps Oregonians better understand the potential hazard in their own communities." [Read more...](#)



Catching the Next Wave: A Decade of Investment in Wave Energy Technology May Finally Deliver

There are no devices in the water and no watts have flowed ashore. After a decade of renewable energy revolution in the United States - since 2006, electricity generated from solar increased 2,823 percent and wind is up 618 percent - wave energy remains a no-show. [Read more...](#)



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03/25/16: [Tillamook County Deemed Highest Landslide Susceptibility Area in State](#)

03/25/16: [Creamery provides temporary reprieve for biodigester](#)

03/24/16: [Tough choices for timber counties as funds shrink](#)

03/23/16: [2015 Census estimates: Oregon population growth nearly hits pre-recession rate](#)

03/22/16: [Oregons road fund fix includes higher fees](#)
03/22/16: [Housing Task Force asks for community Input](#)
03/21/16: [BOEM Initiates Review of Proposal for Wind Energy Development Project Offshore](#)
03/16/16: [U.S. Highway 101 has slumped near Manzanita, but its not going to cave in](#)
03/15/16: [Northwest Oregon economic development organization honors Sen. Betsy Johnson](#)
03/12/16: [Pelican Brewing expands with new bottling facility, Cannon Beach pub and brewery](#)
03/05/16: [This Adorable, Ghostlike Octopus May Be A New Species](#)
03/02/16: [New Internet Hoax About Impending Oregon Coast Quake Goes Viral](#)
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02/24/16: [New Map Looks at Likely Landslide Areas in Oregon](#)
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