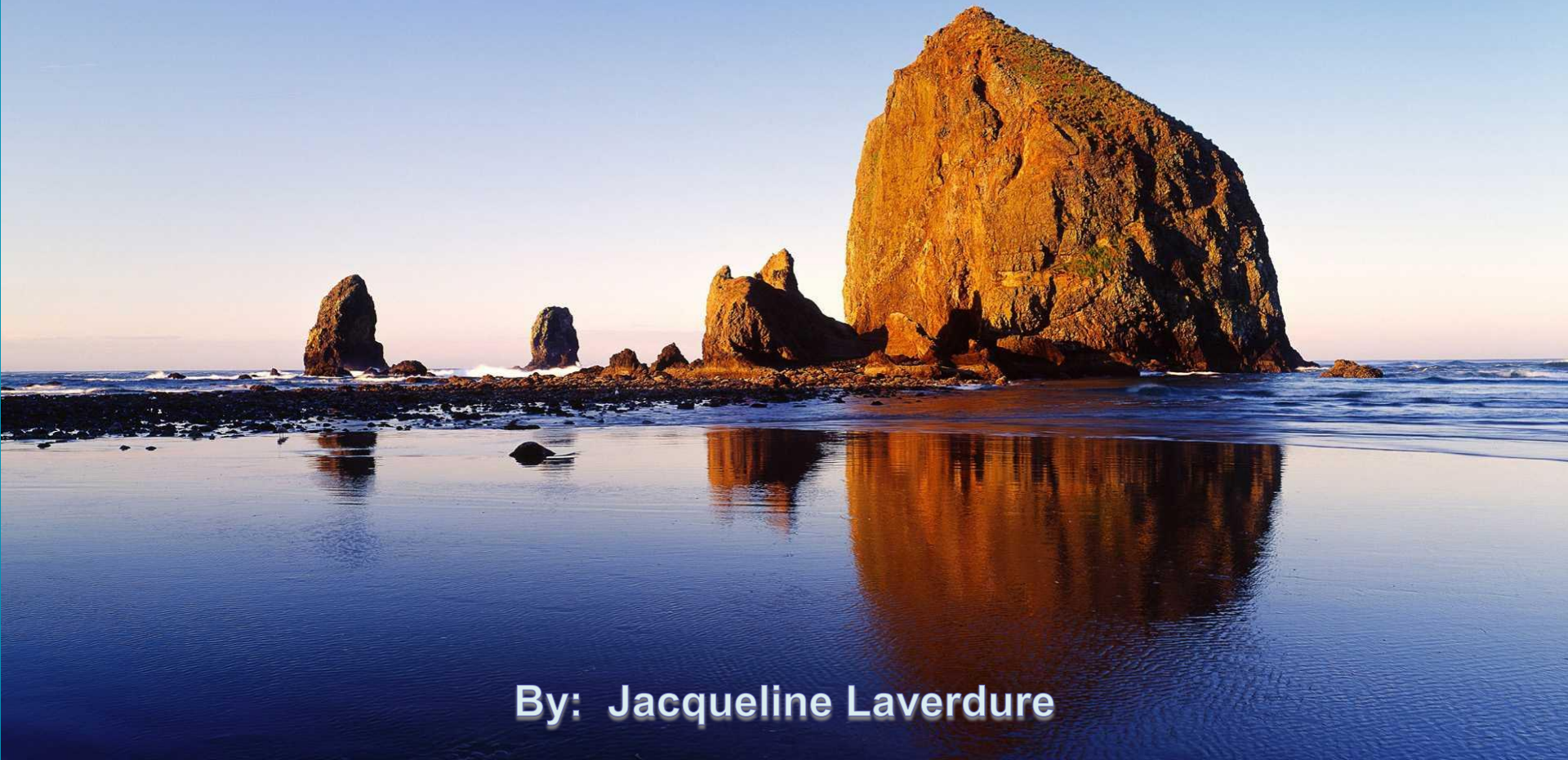




Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Long Range Interpretive Plan & Education Updates



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Long Range Interpretive Plan for Visitor Centers, Exhibits & Signage



Overview of Interpretation

List of resources for program success

Inventory of existing and potential facilities
and programs

Opportunities for program development

Overview of Interpretation

National Park Service Definition:

“In the National Park Service, other agencies and many zoos and aquaria around the world, Interpretation is the process of providing each visitor with an opportunity to personally connect with a place. Each individual may connect to the place in a different way... some may not connect immediately, but everyone should have an opportunity to explore how that special place is meaningful to them.

Interpretation Goals

- Collaborate with partners to develop interpretive facilities
- To create an ocean literate public
- To provide opportunities for community involvement in stewardship and citizen science activities



- To create strategic partners to develop interpretive facilities
- To develop collaborative interpretive exhibits and signs along the Olympic Coast

A Sanctuary of Life

The waters of Cape Flattery teem with life. As rich nutrients rise from the deep canyon just offshore, they mix with sunlight, producing blooms of plankton that sustain an intricate food chain. Feeding fish, shellfish, seabirds and whales can be seen in the turbulence below. These are "Usual and Accustomed" fishing areas of the Makah Tribe and part of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Together, these stewards protect these resources for future generations.



Interpretive Themes



- Sanctuary Awareness
- Physical and Biological
- Wildlife Disturbance
- Climate Change Impact
- Water Quality
- Sanctuary Programmatic

Interpretive Audiences

- Local Communities
- Resource Management, Education and Interpretation Partners
- Scientists and Academics
- Sanctuary Visitors
- Offsite Audiences



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Interpretation Resources

- Olympic Coast Discovery Center
- Olympic National Park visitor centers
- Feiro Marine Life Center
- Ocean Shores Interpretive Center
- Makah Museum
- Seattle Aquarium



Opportunities for future programs, signs and exhibits

- Ocean Shores
- Pacific Beach
- Griffiths-Priddy State Park, Copalis
- Grays Harbor Seaport Historical Seaport Society
- Olympic National Park
- Quinault Indian Nation, Makah, Hoh and Quileute tribes
- Clallam Bay Visitor Center
- Feiro Marine Life Center
- Pacific Science Center, Seattle



Continue and expand existing programs as appropriate



- Olympic Coast Discovery Center
 - The Whale Trail
- Cooperative Interpretive programs

Questions about Long Range Interpretive Plan



2014 Education & Outreach Update





Approximately 1300 students from Clallam, Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties participated in *Ocean Science* and *NOW Science* activities in 2014!

Teacher Professional Development Workshops



55 teachers trained in 2014!

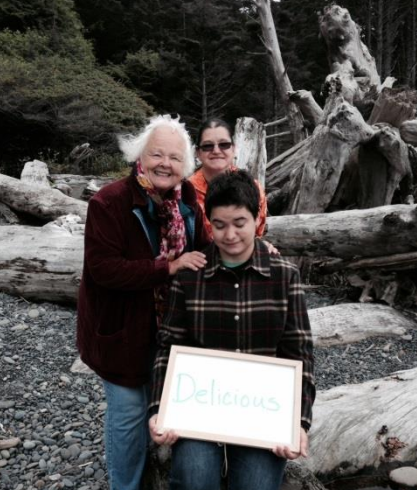
Summer Camps

- Junior Oceanographers
- ROV Explorers
- Makah
- Quileute



Summer Internships





20th Anniversary
Get Into Your Sanctuary Day
ONP Ocean Stewards
Voluntourism
Social Media



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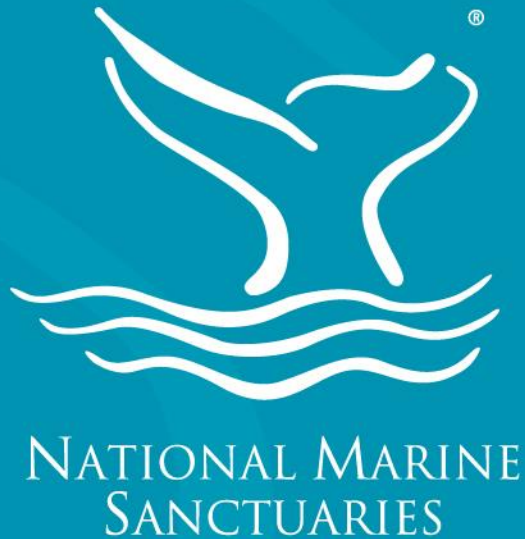
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