

# OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

# *Navigating the Future*

## *Management Plan Review*



## Scoping Meetings

### What are scoping meetings?

To kick-off Management Plan Review, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) are holding a series of public brainstorming meetings (called “scoping” meetings) to get thoughts and ideas from the public on sanctuary management priorities. The information gathered at these meetings will help define the range of issues that will be addressed in the sanctuary’s revised management plan.

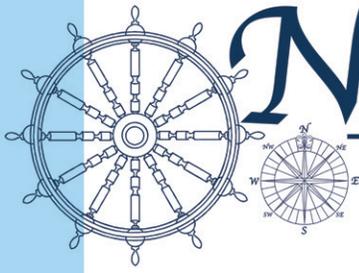
### Where will the meetings be held?

Date	City	Time	Location
Sep. 29, 2008	Port Angeles, WA	6 – 9 PM	Peninsula College Longhouse South Campus
Sep. 30, 2008	Neah Bay, WA	6 – 9 PM	Makah Marina Conference Center Makah Reservation, Bayview Ave.
Oct. 01, 2008	La Push, WA	6 – 9 PM	A-Ka-Lat Center Quileute Reservation, La Push Road
Oct. 02, 2008	Ocean Shores, WA	6 – 9 PM	Ocean Shores Convention Center 120 W Chance a La Mer NW
Oct. 03, 2008	Westport, WA	6 – 9 PM	Westport Maritime Museum 2201 Westhaven Drive
Oct. 04, 2008	Olympia, WA	2 – 5 PM	Governor Hotel, Washington Room 621 S. Capitol Way
Oct. 05, 2008	Seattle, WA	7 - 10 PM	Seattle Aquarium, Pier 59 1483 Alaskan Way

### What kind of comments are we looking for?

Scoping meetings are opportunities to give comments directly to the ONMS and OCNMS leadership on the sanctuary’s administration and its management of natural and cultural resources. We encourage the public to participate and welcome any comments related to the sanctuary. In particular, we are interested in hearing the public’s view on:

- What should be the sanctuary’s management priorities for the next five to ten years;
- Effectiveness of the existing management plan in protecting sanctuary resources;
- Sanctuary resource management programs, activities and needs, including but not limited to resource protection programs, research and monitoring programs, education, volunteer, and outreach programs;



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- Implementation of regulations and permits;
- Adequacy of existing sanctuary boundaries to protect sanctuary resources;
- Adequacy of the sanctuary's existing operational and administrative framework (staffing, offices, vessels, etc.).

### **What can I expect at the scoping meetings?**

Scoping meetings provide a forum to voice your thoughts on what should be addressed in an updated sanctuary management plan. They are not decision-making meetings. At the beginning of each scoping meeting, sanctuary staff will provide participants with background on the sanctuary and answer questions. Following this introduction, we will break up into discussion groups consisting of 10 to 12 people. A sanctuary staff member will serve as group facilitator and will guide the discussion to ensure everyone has the opportunity to speak. Each group will also have a recorder who will summarize all comments; these comments will all become part of the public record.

### **How can you provide input?**

The ONMS and OCNMS encourage the public to participate in one of the seven scoping meetings held in communities throughout western Washington. Each meeting is equally important. During the meetings, participants may comment on any issue related to the management of the sanctuary. Those unable to attend the scoping meetings in person can mail, e-mail or fax written comments directly to the management plan review team:

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The public comment period remains open until November 14, 2008.

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