Ocean Dumping: Shipping Scrap Metal in the Pacific Northwest
Transit Area

ROV Survey Area & Sidescan Survey Area

OCNMS

Transit Area

VANCOUVER

WASHINGTON
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

AREA TO BE AVOIDED
OFF THE WASHINGTON COAST

Effective December 1, 2012
In order to reduce the risk of a marine casualty and resulting pollution and damage to the environment of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, all ships and barges that carry oil or hazardous materials in bulk as cargo or cargo residue, and all ships 400 gross tons and above solely in transit shall avoid the area bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

1. 48°23.30N 124°38.20W
2. 48°24.17N 124°38.20W
3. 48°26.15N 124°44.86W
4. 48°26.15N 124°52.80W
5. 48°24.87N 124°55.71W
6. 47°51.70N 125°18.50W
7. 47°07.70N 124°47.30W
8. 47°07.70N 124°11.00W

The ATBA off of Washington State’s northern coast was established in 1994 by the International Maritime Organization at the request of the U.S. Government, to protect the newly established Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.
Operation Jalopy

D13 DP/DR

Sector Puget Sound (Lead)
Executive Leadership and Lead IO

Sector Columbia River (Support)

MSU Portland Executive Leadership (IO)
3 Phases
26Sep18-28Feb19

Notify Suspected Offenders
Departure & Arrival Photos
Enforcement Operation
Photos taken during the Operation
Outcomes

• Letters and personal meetings raised awareness on dumping liability in Portland, Puget Sound and Canada.
• No observed or reported dumping during operation period.
• Schnitzer Steel Seattle hired a Intl Safety Mgmt Project Manager to develop loading plans.
• Schnitzer Steel Seattle is verifying loading plans with Canadian Supplier.
Follow-on Efforts

- Monitor potential scrap metal dumping in conjunction with partner agencies.
- Copies of letters in facility files will ensure USCG facility inspectors remind terminal operators of proper loading.
- Re-engage as necessary based on future performance.
Questions?