

# Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Mapping Tool (OROWindMap)

## Introductory Webinar

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# Agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Overview</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Overview of Offshore Wind Energy Planning in Oregon</b>
<b>10:25 am</b>	<b>OROWindMap Tool Exploration and Data Catalog</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:25 am</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

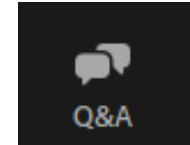


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# Overview of Offshore Wind Energy Planning in Oregon

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BOEM Pacific Regional Office



# Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)



**Mission: Manage the development of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) energy and mineral resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.**

## **Jurisdiction on the U.S. West Coast**

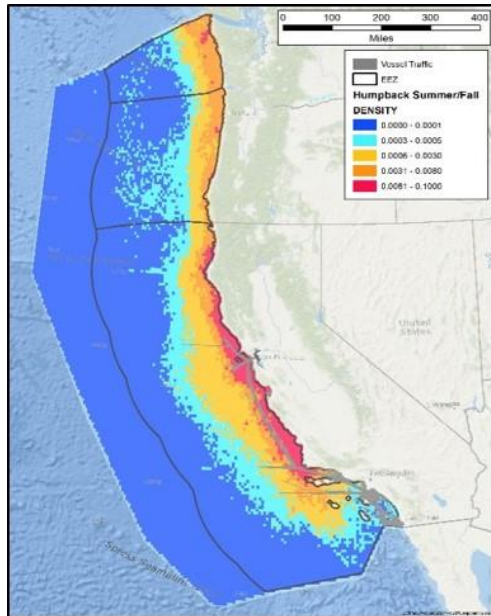
Federal waters from 3 to 200 nautical miles  
(i.e., the OCS)

Excludes National Marine Sanctuaries

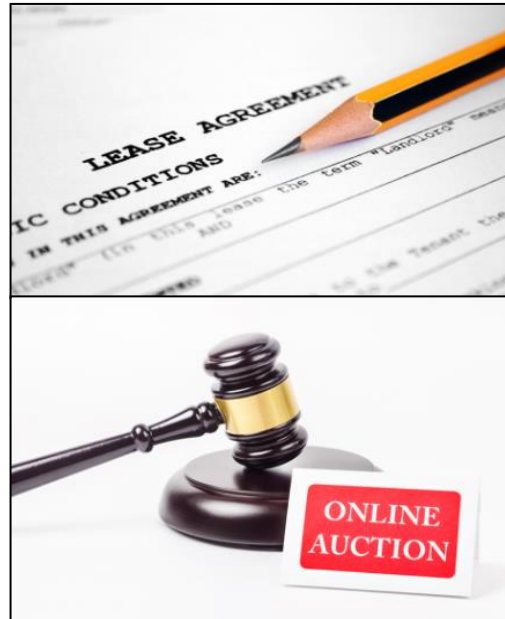
# OCS Renewable Energy Authorization Process

Multi-year Process

Planning  
& Analysis



Leasing



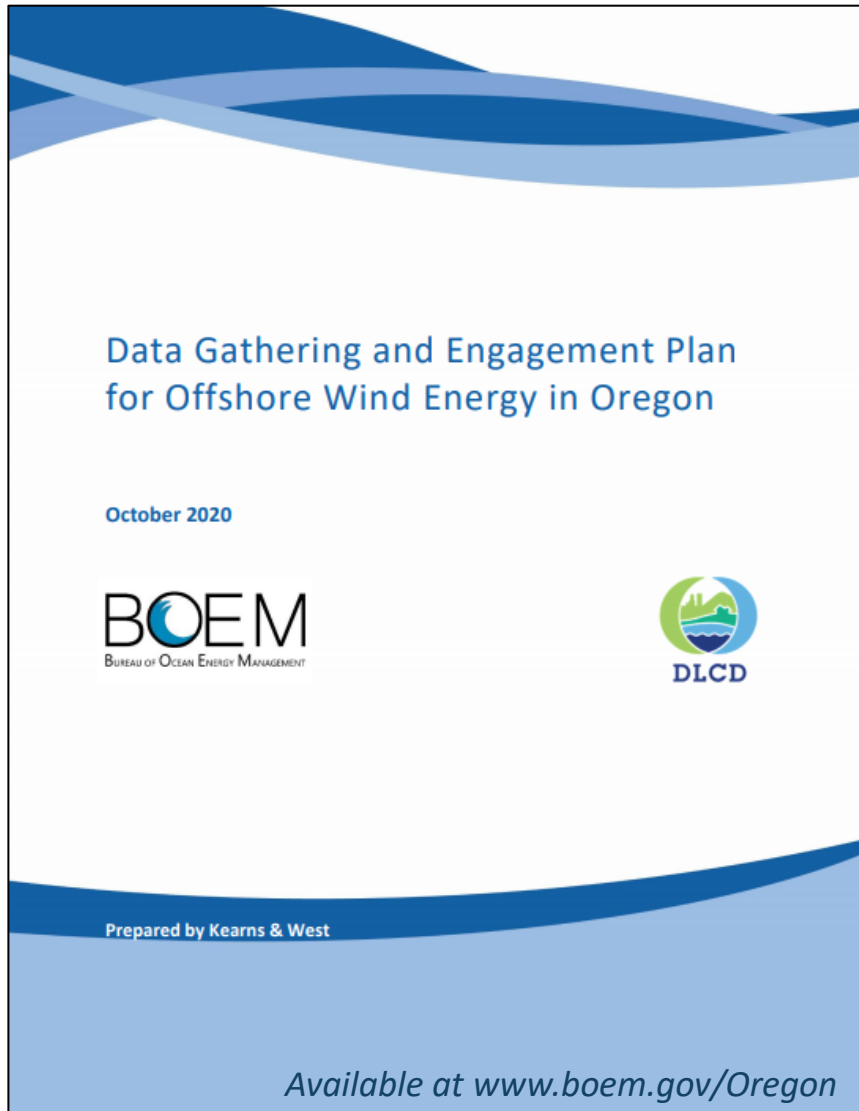
Site Assessment



Construction  
& Operations



# BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force



**Provides coordination with governmental bodies and input into BOEM's renewable energy leasing process**

**September 2019 meeting: discussed planning approach**

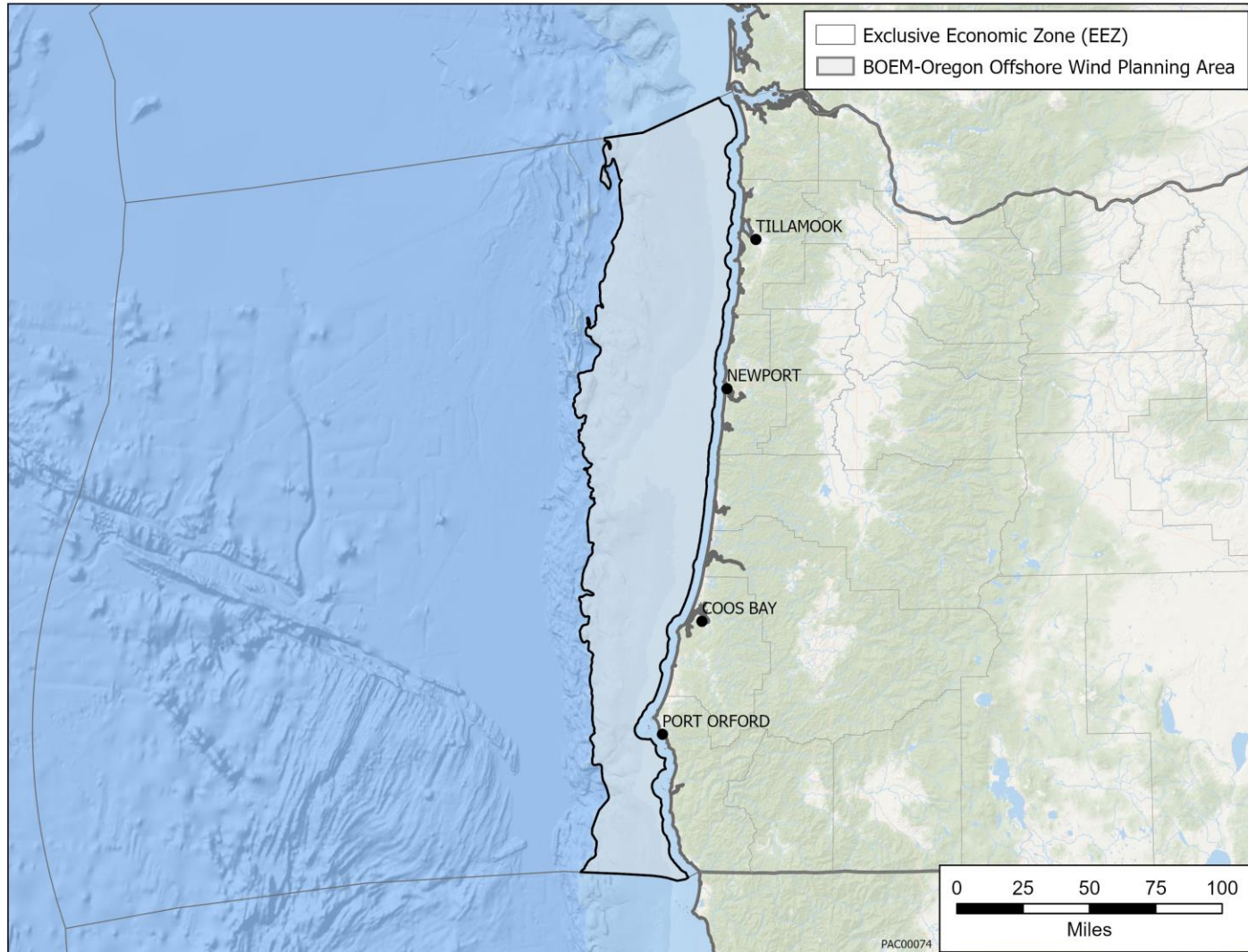
Result: BOEM and DLCD drafted data gathering and engagement plan

**June 2020 meeting: discussed draft plan**

Result: BOEM and the State of Oregon committed to offshore wind energy planning

**October 2020: BOEM and DLCD finalized "Data Gathering and Engagement Plan for Offshore Wind Energy in Oregon"**

# Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Planning: Data Gathering



**Fall 2020 – Fall 2021**

**Oregon Offshore Wind Mapping Tool (OROWindMap)**

**Potential Area for Leasing:**

Federal waters offshore Oregon

Water depths less than  
1,300 m (4,625 ft)

Average wind speed at least  
7 m/s (13.6 knots)

**Planning Area: State and federal waters, and onshore with pertinent data and information**



# Datasets 101

Frank Pendleton, GIS Specialist  
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# Wind Speed Data

National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
(NREL)

Subset of NREL Wind ToolKit

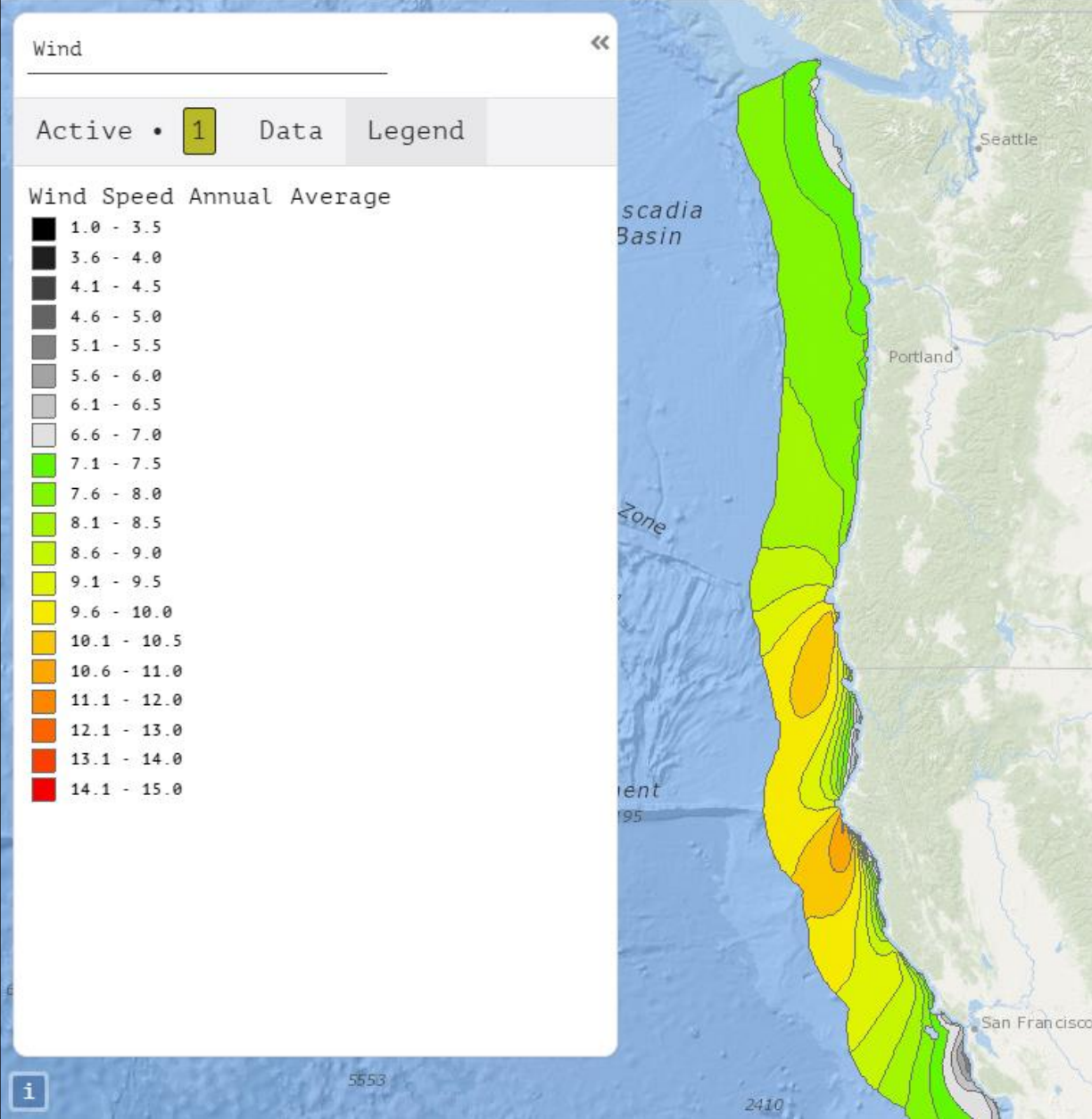
Available at NREL Wind Prospector

[maps.nrel.gov/wind-prospector](https://maps.nrel.gov/wind-prospector)



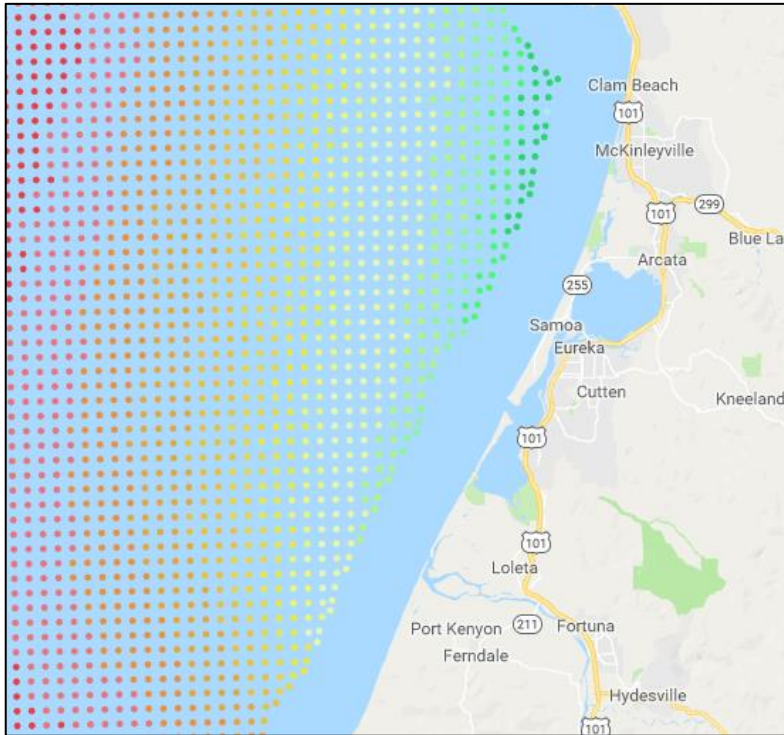
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Supporting the Offshore Wind Planning Process in Oregon



# Wind Speed Data

## NREL Wind Prospector



Select and Query Data | Analysis & Downloads | NREL Wind Prospector

Data Layers | Legend | Query

- County & State Borders
- Environmental Concern
- Infrastructure
- Land Ownership
- Regions & Study Areas
- Site Analysis
- Topography**
  - Hillshade
  - Land Cover
  - Slope (< 20%)
  - Hydrology
- Wind Resource**
  - Land-Based Wind Speed 100m
  - Land-Based Wind Speed 80m
  - Offshore Wind Speed 90m
  - Wind Power Class (Exclusions Applied)
  - Wind Power Class (No Exclusions)
  - Wind Toolkit
  - Eastern Wind Dataset
  - Western Wind Dataset
  - NDBC Verification Points
  - Potential Wind Capacity
- Pacific Monthly Offshore Wind Speed**
  - Wind Speed - Annual
  - Wind Speed - January
  - Wind Speed - February
  - Wind Speed - March
  - Wind Speed - April
  - Wind Speed - May
  - Wind Speed - June
  - Wind Speed - July
  - Wind Speed - August
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  - USVI
  - Philippines

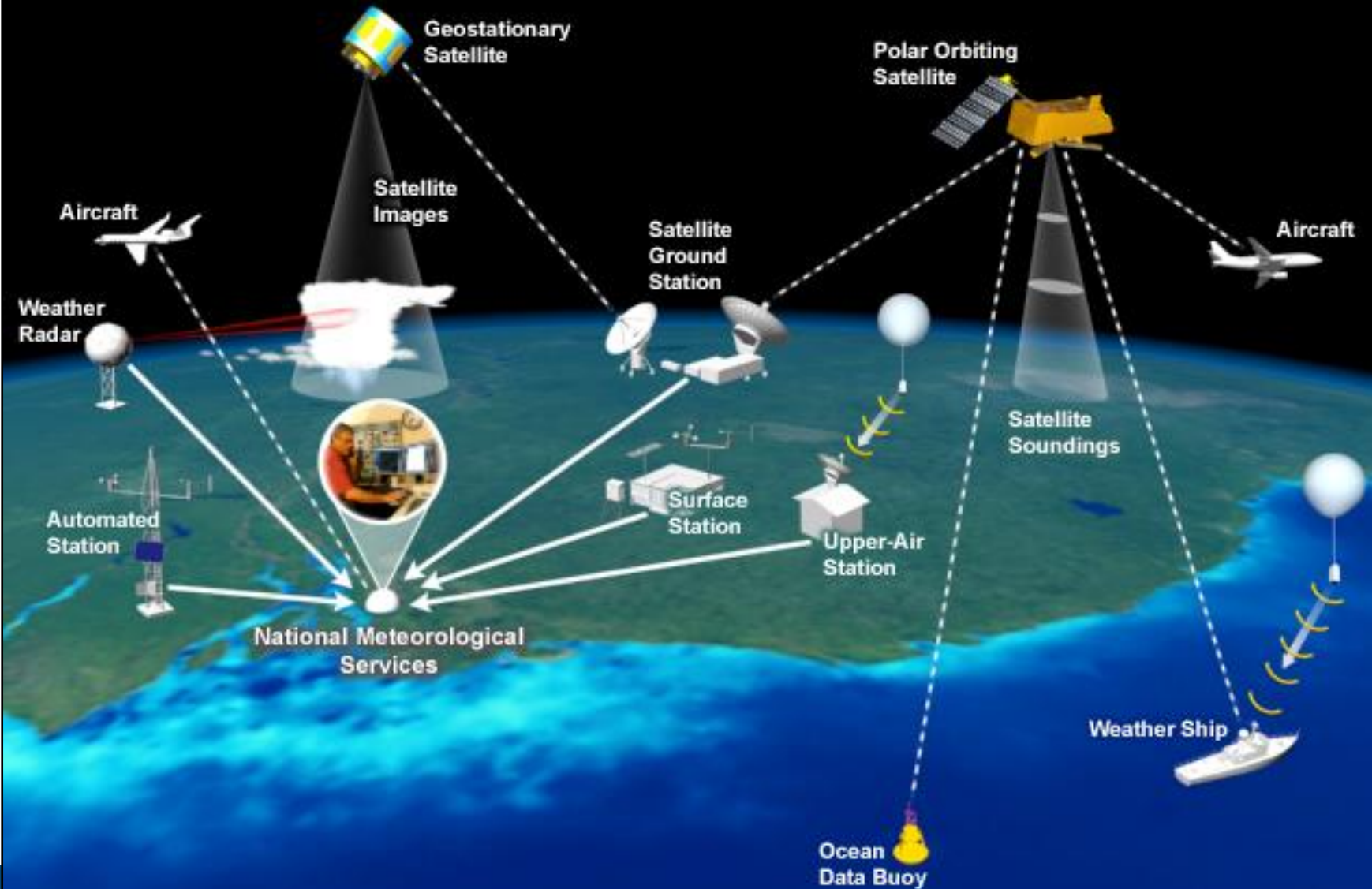
# Wind Speed Data

Many Data Sources

Modeled to Provide Consistent Dataset for USA

WIND Toolkit

## WMO Global Observing System



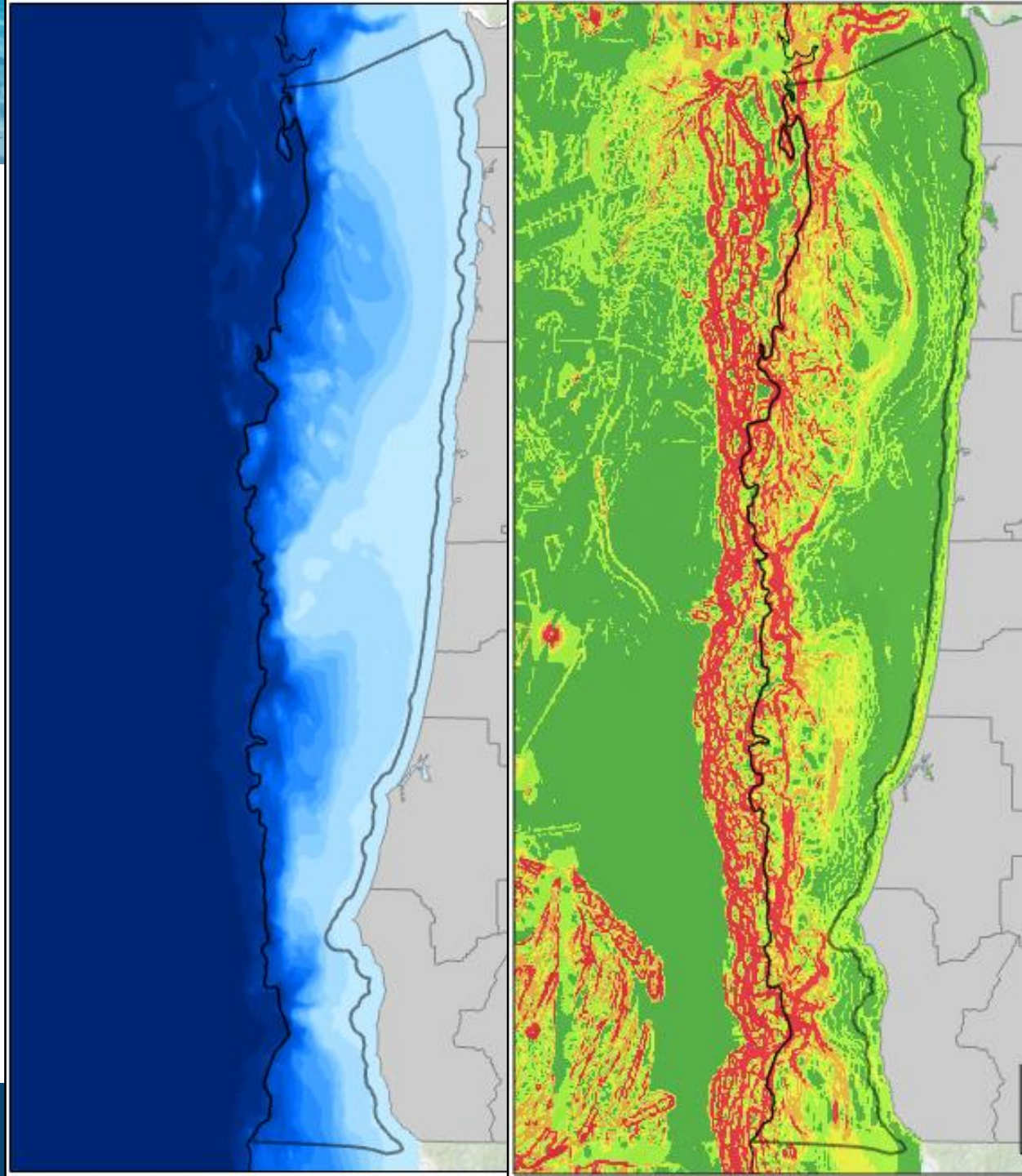
# Depth & Slope

Bathymetry Data from NOAA

Slope Derived from Bathymetry

Both Vital to Offshore Wind  
Energy Planning

<https://maps.ngdc.noaa.gov/viewers/bathymetry/>



Electric Substations and  
Transmission Lines

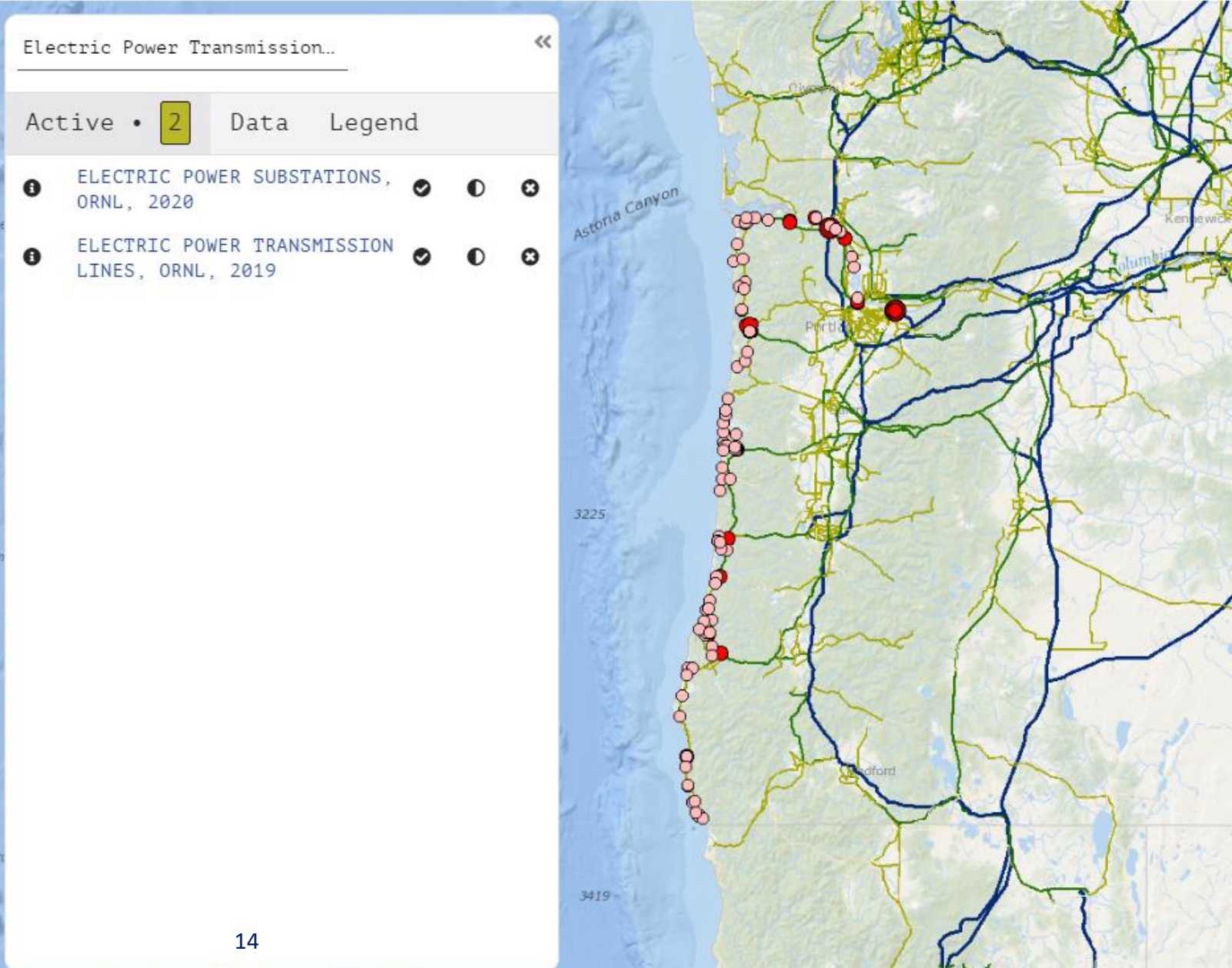
Homeland Infrastructure  
Foundation Level Data  
(HIFLD)

Dept of Defense

Dept of Homeland Security

National Geospatial  
Intelligence Agency

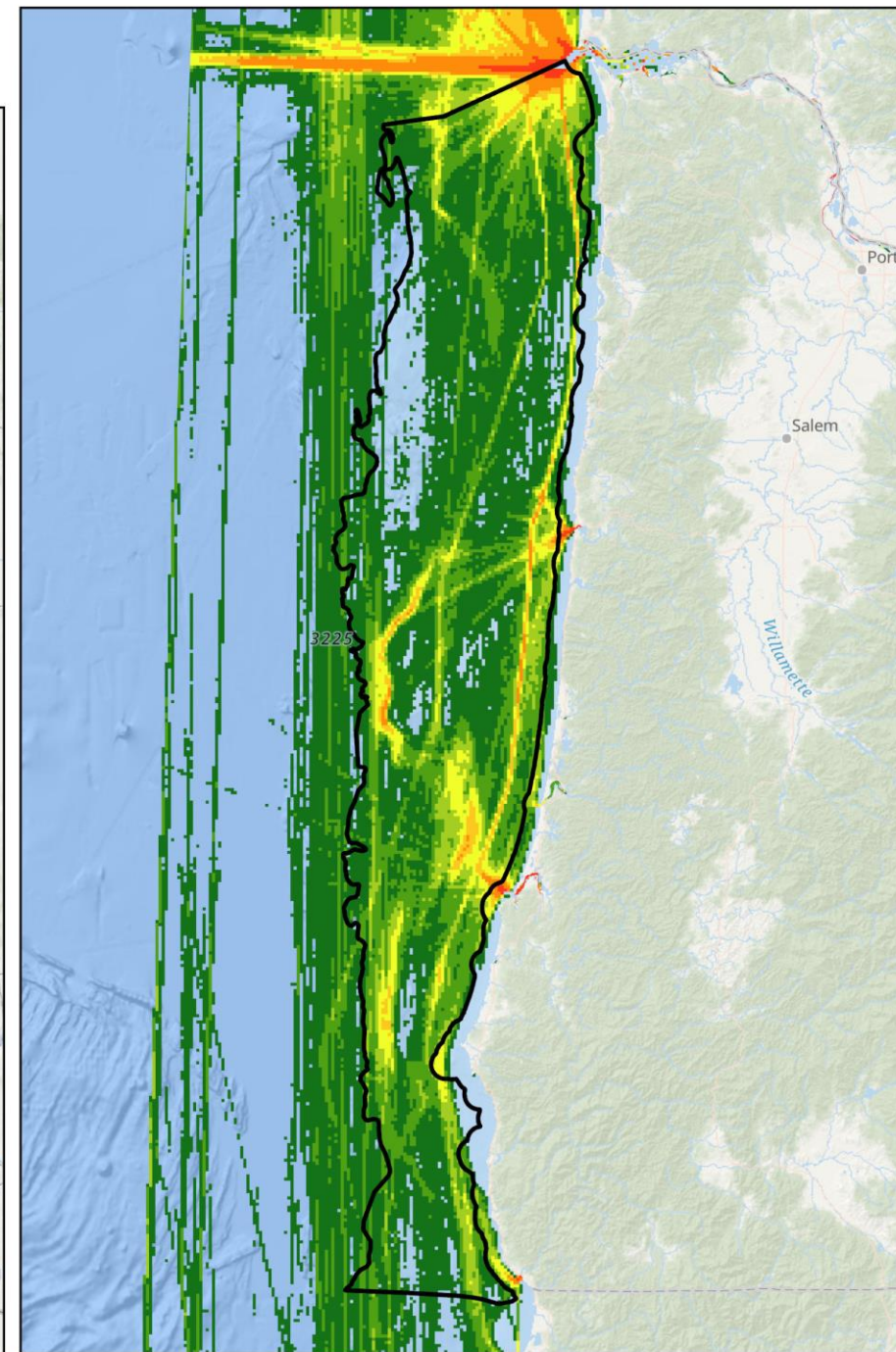
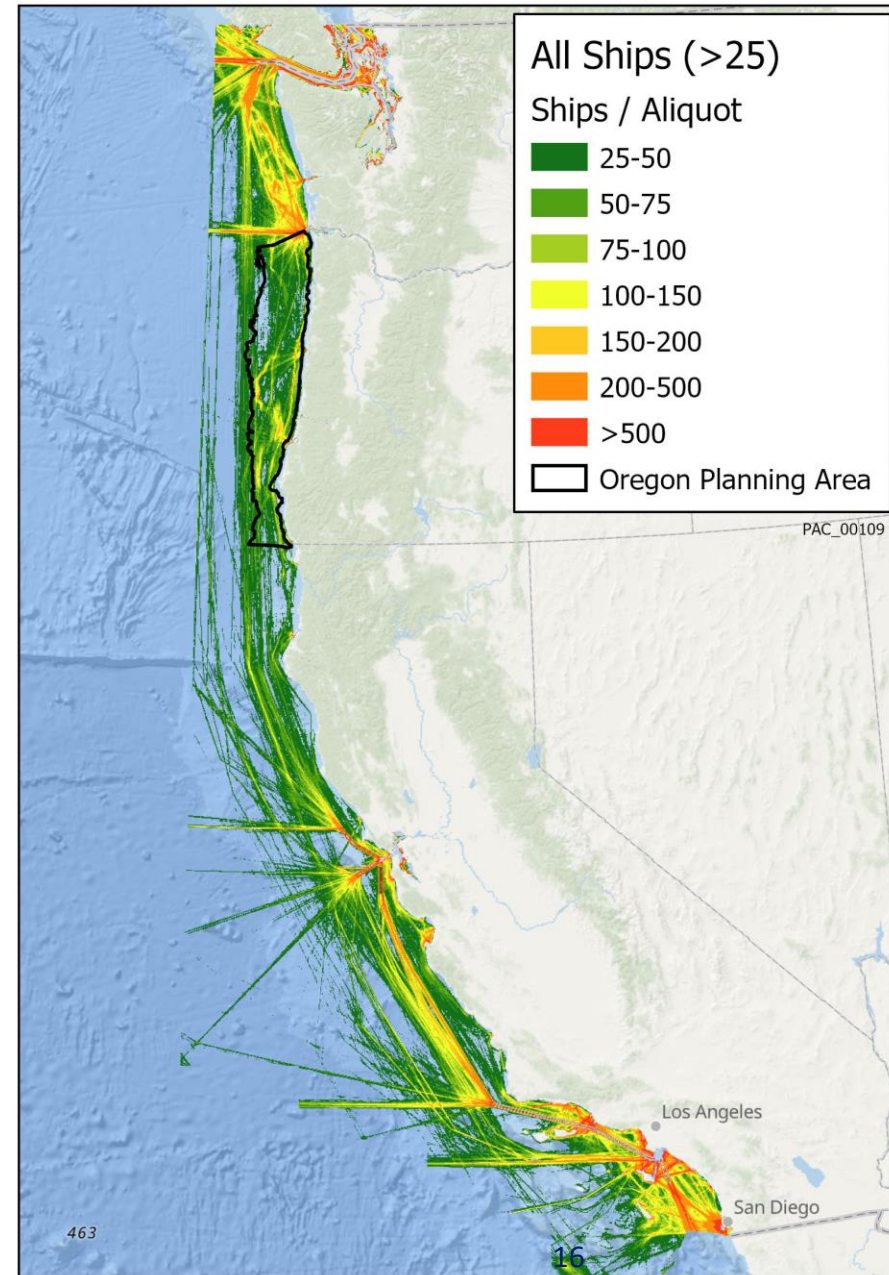
Dept of the Interior



# Vessel Traffic: Satellite Tracking

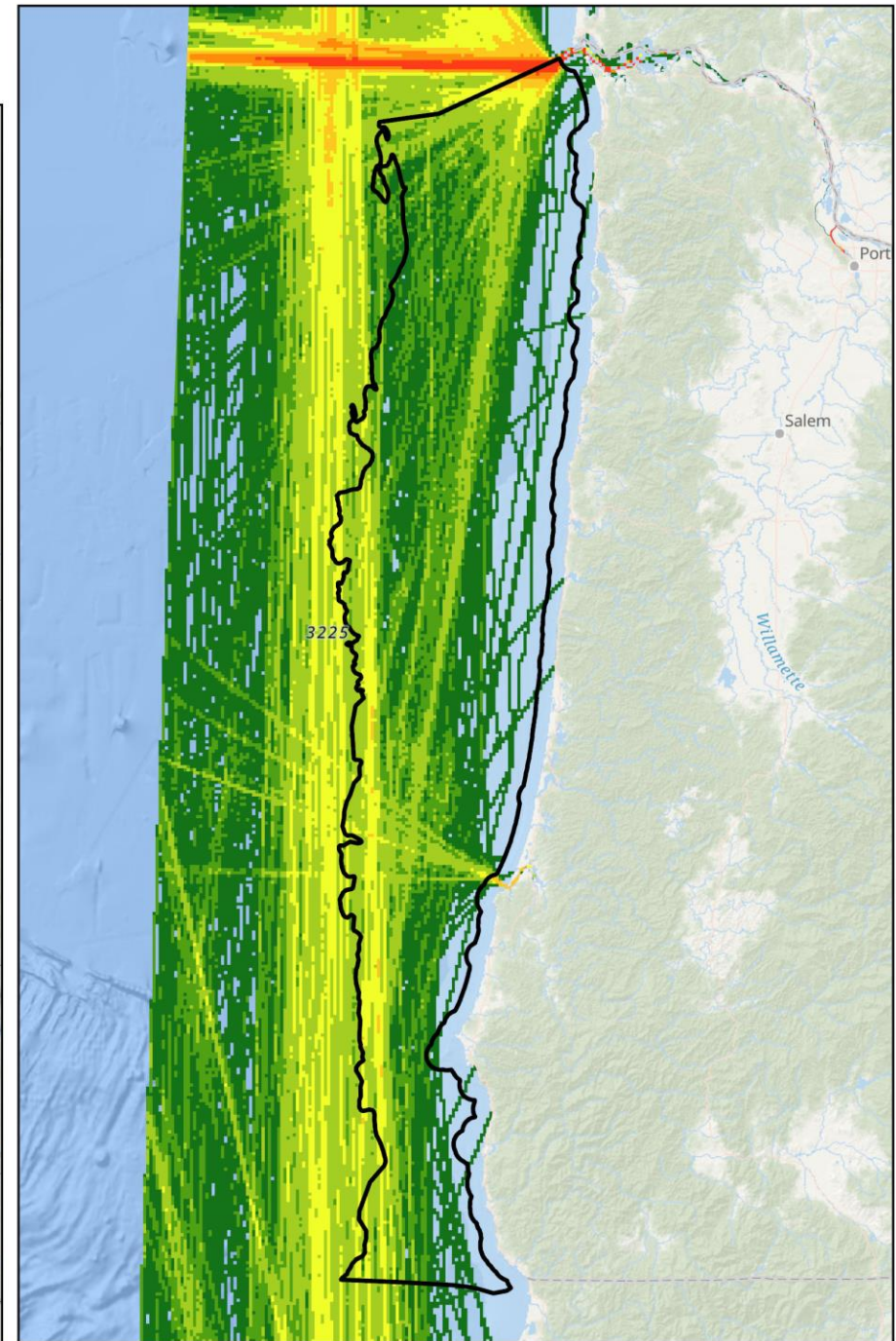
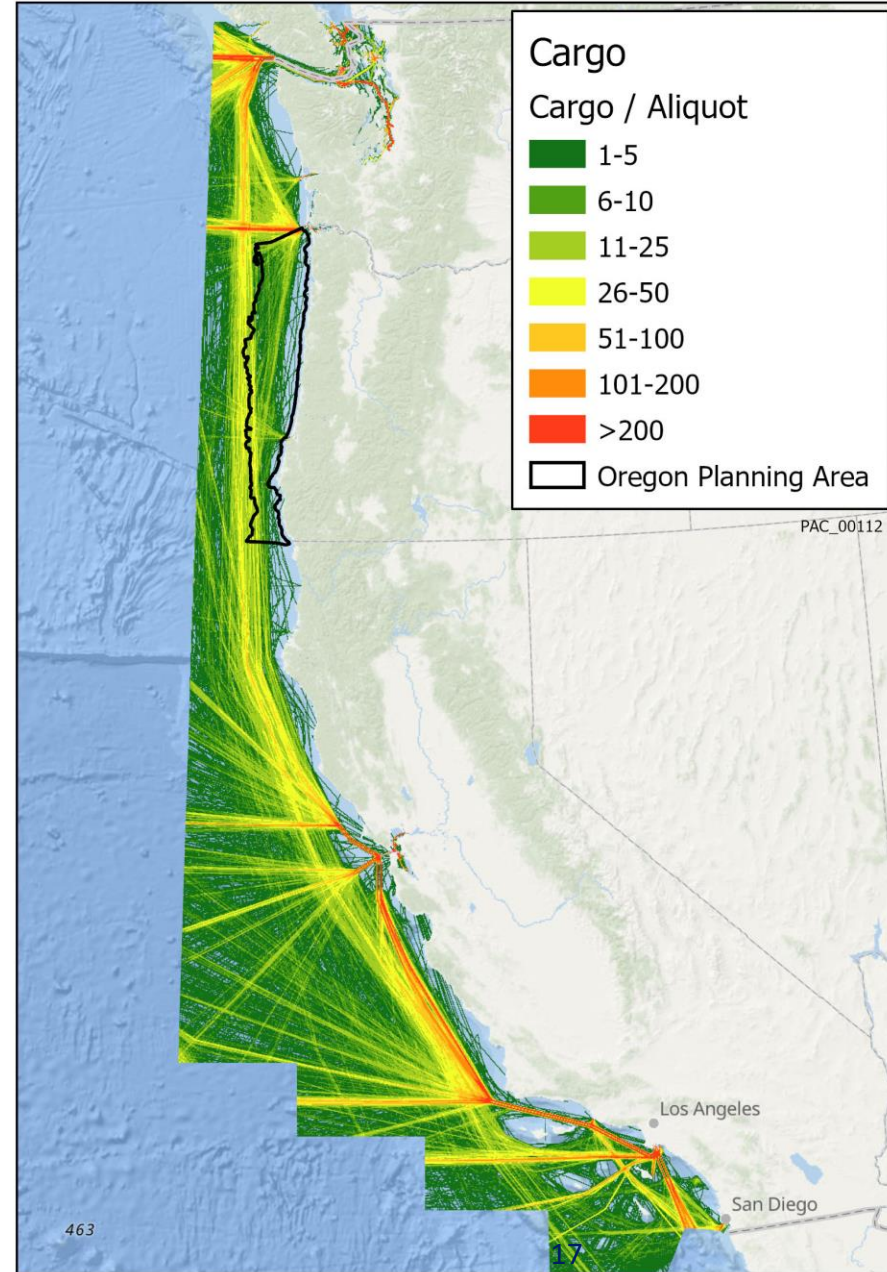
	Automatic Identification System (AIS)	Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
<b>Purpose</b>	Collision avoidance	Fisheries management
<b>Source</b>	U.S. Coast Guard	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement
<b>Required Vessels</b>	> 300 gross tonnage (~ 65 feet)	Federally managed fishery
<b>Years</b>	2009-2020 (2017 shown)	2010-2018
<b>Confidential?</b>	N/A. Data available at <a href="https://marinecadastre.gov/ais/">https://marinecadastre.gov/ais/</a>	Non-disclosure Agreement At least 3 vessels in any block
<b>Analysis: Speeds</b>	All speeds	Fishing speed only (< 5 knots)





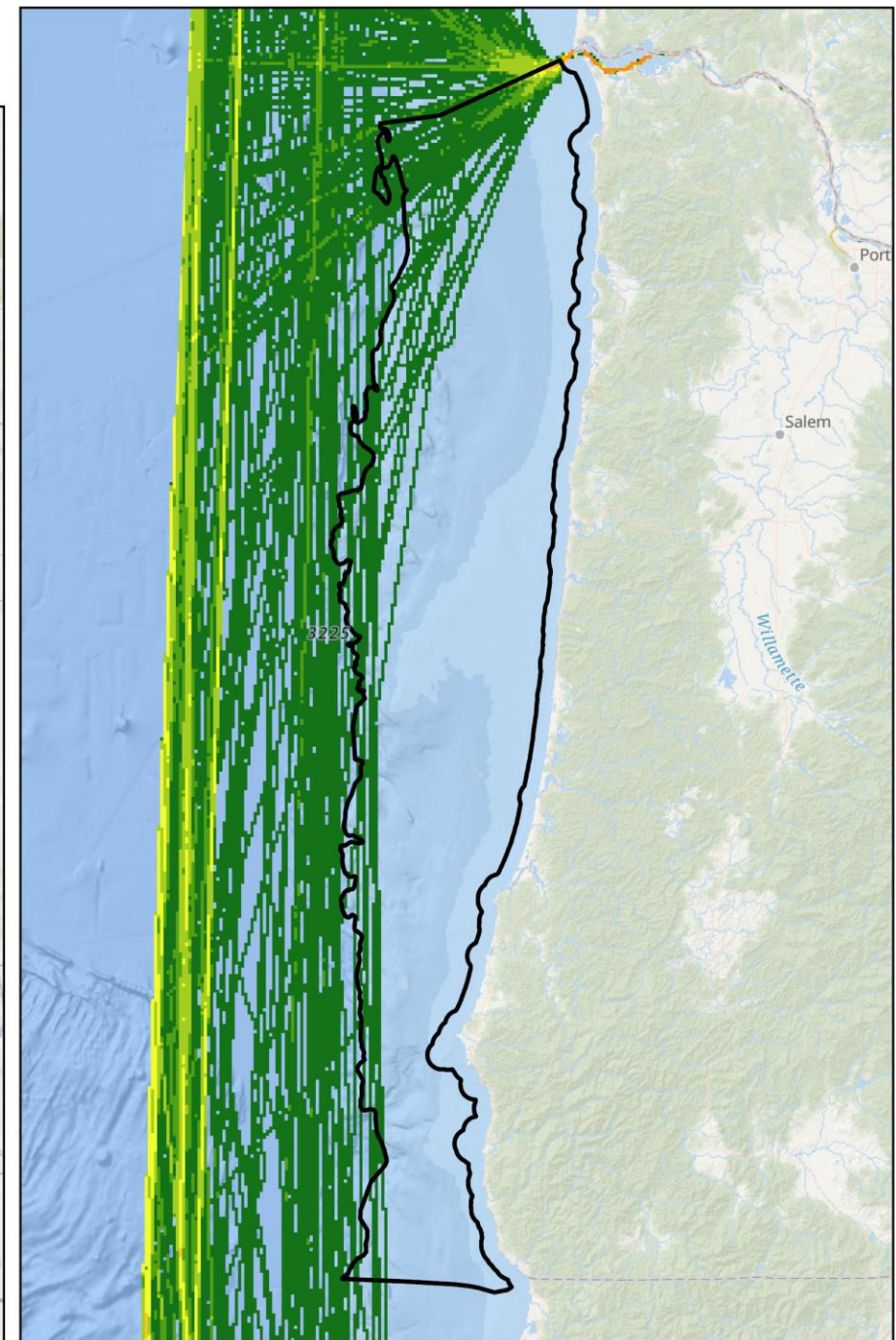
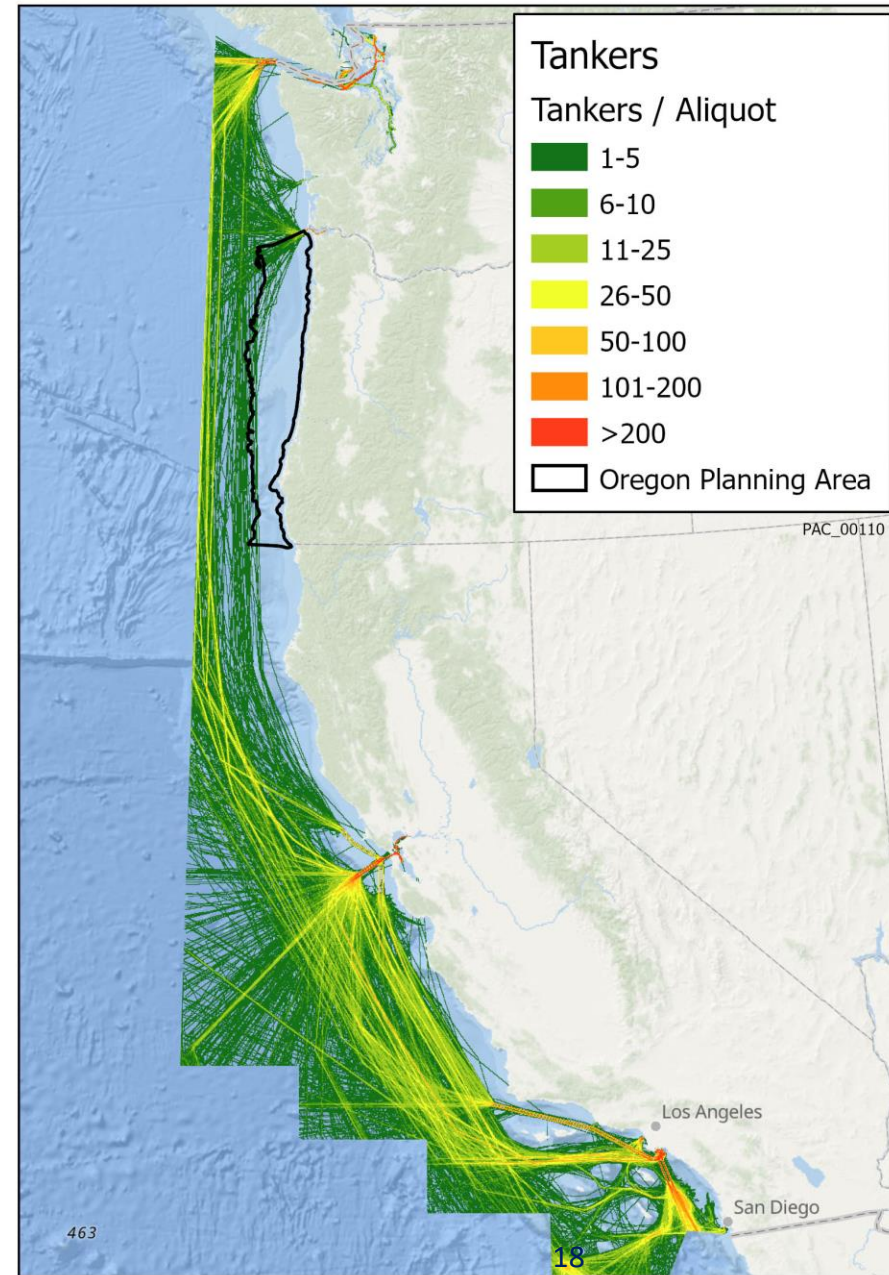


## 2017 AIS Vessel Traffic Cargo Ships

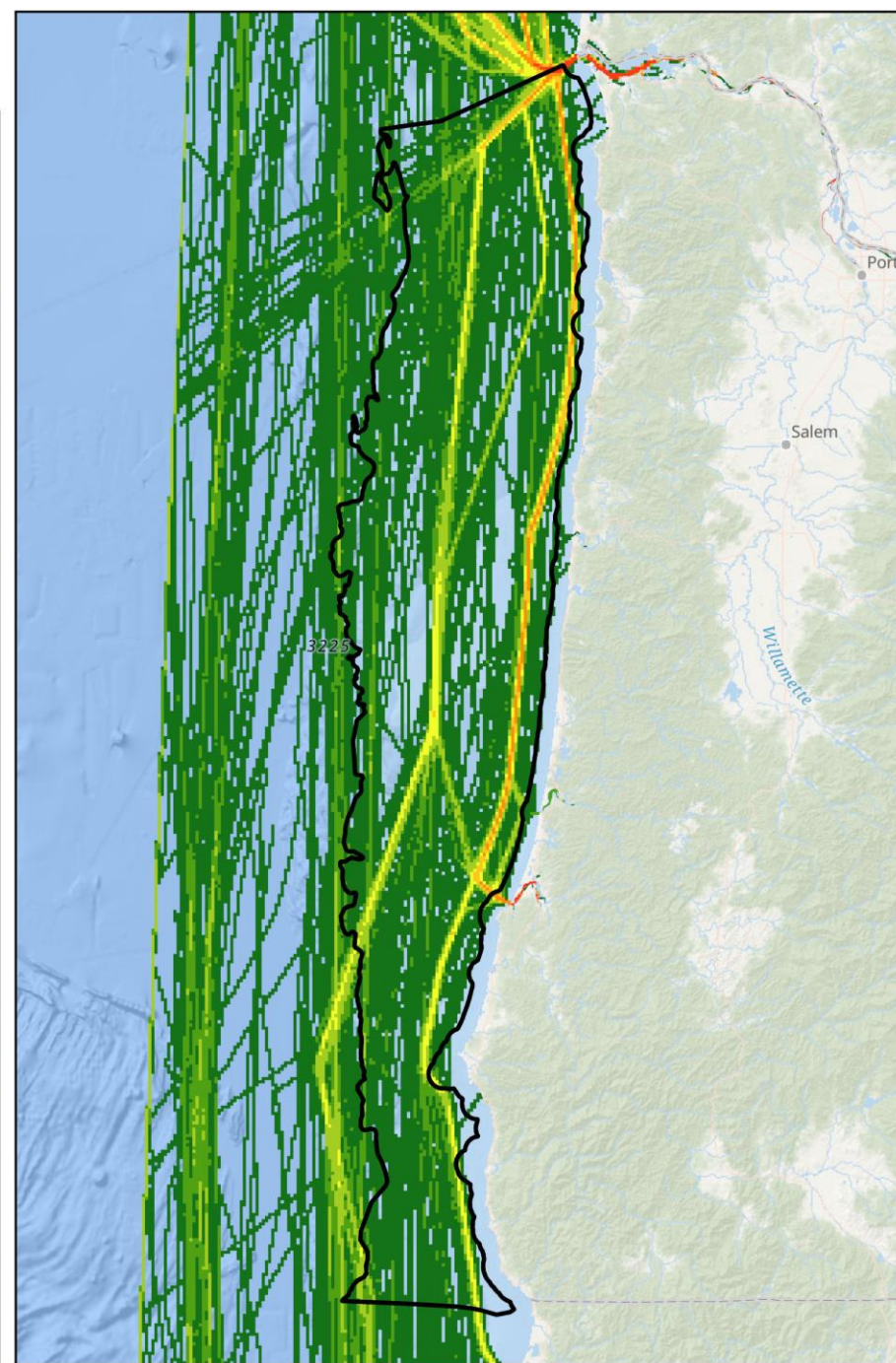
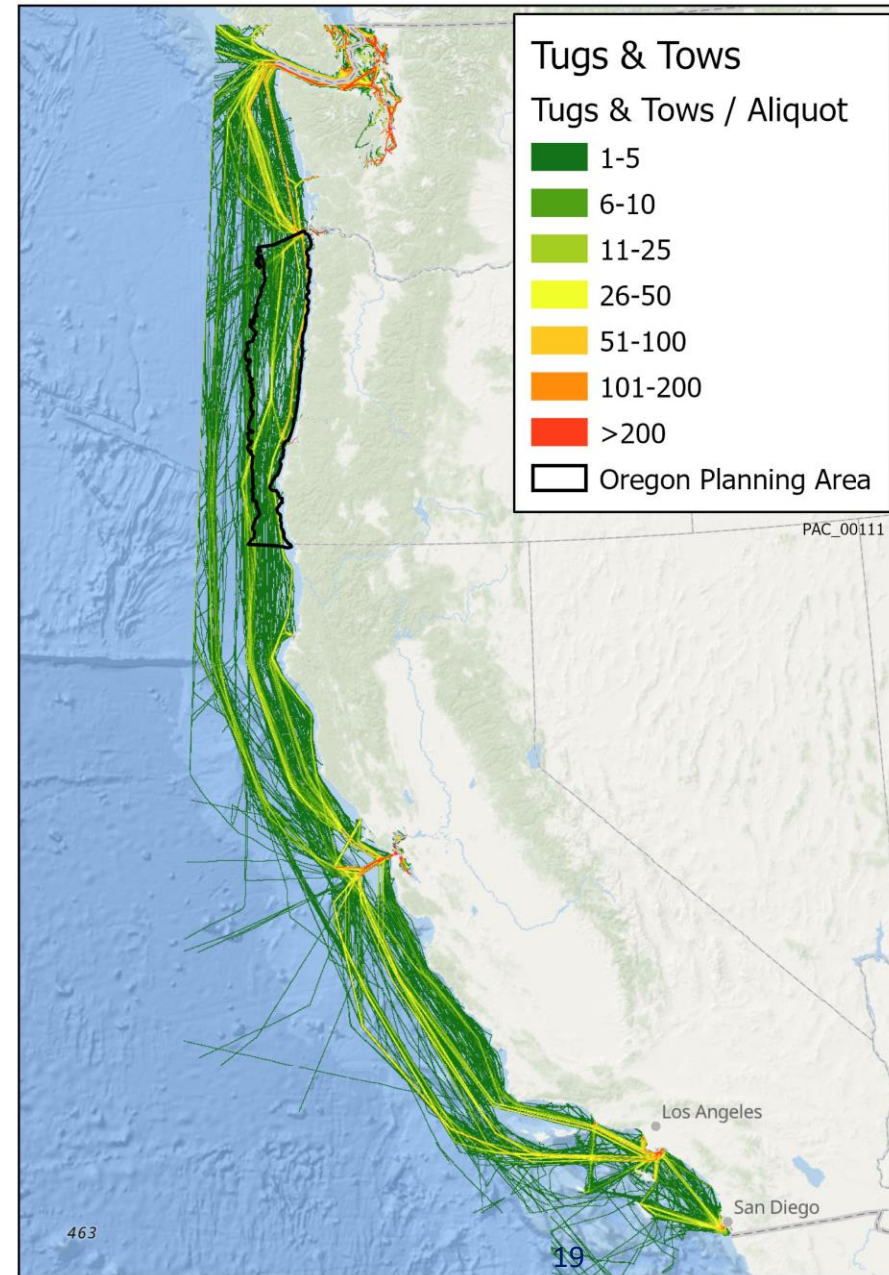


# AIS

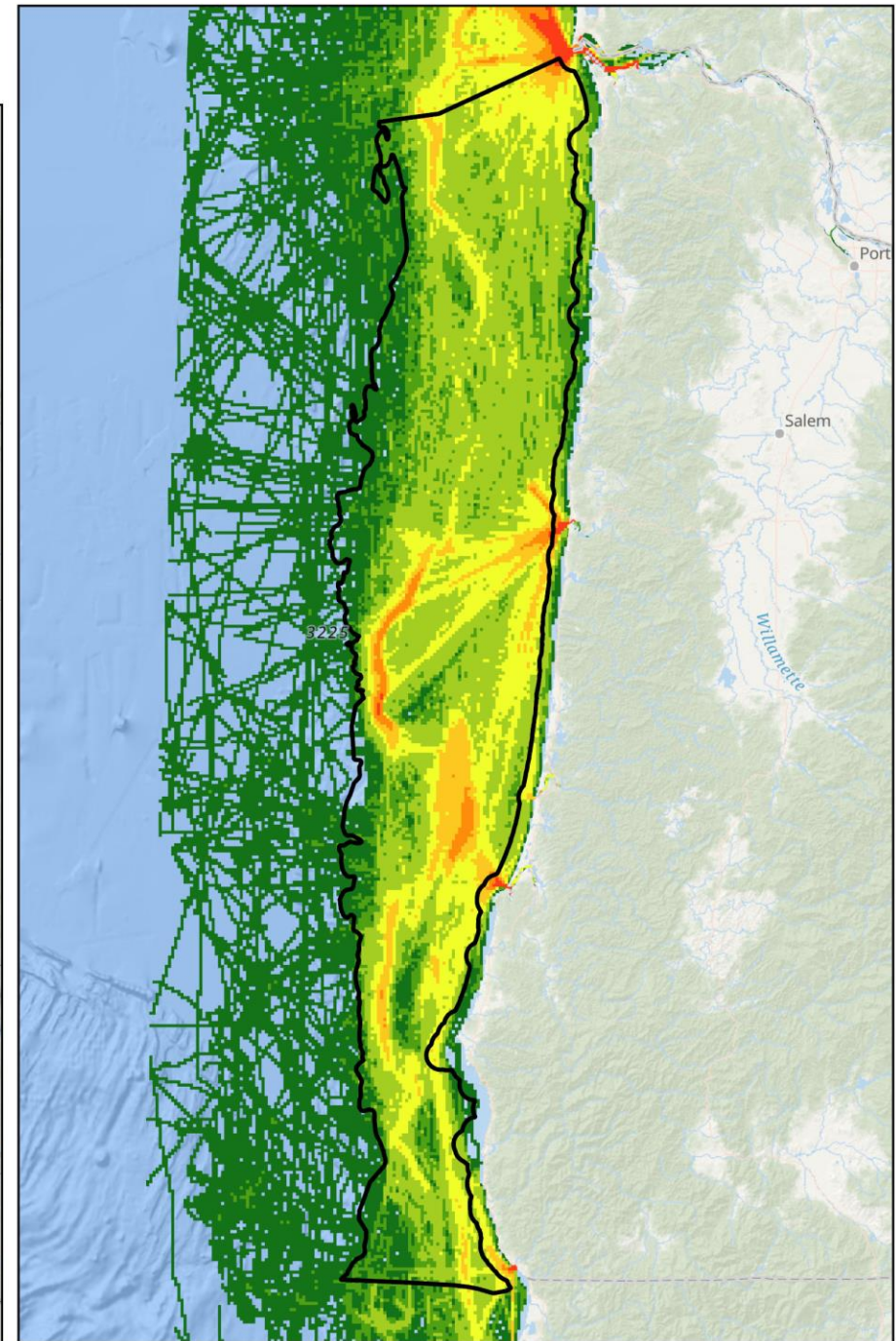
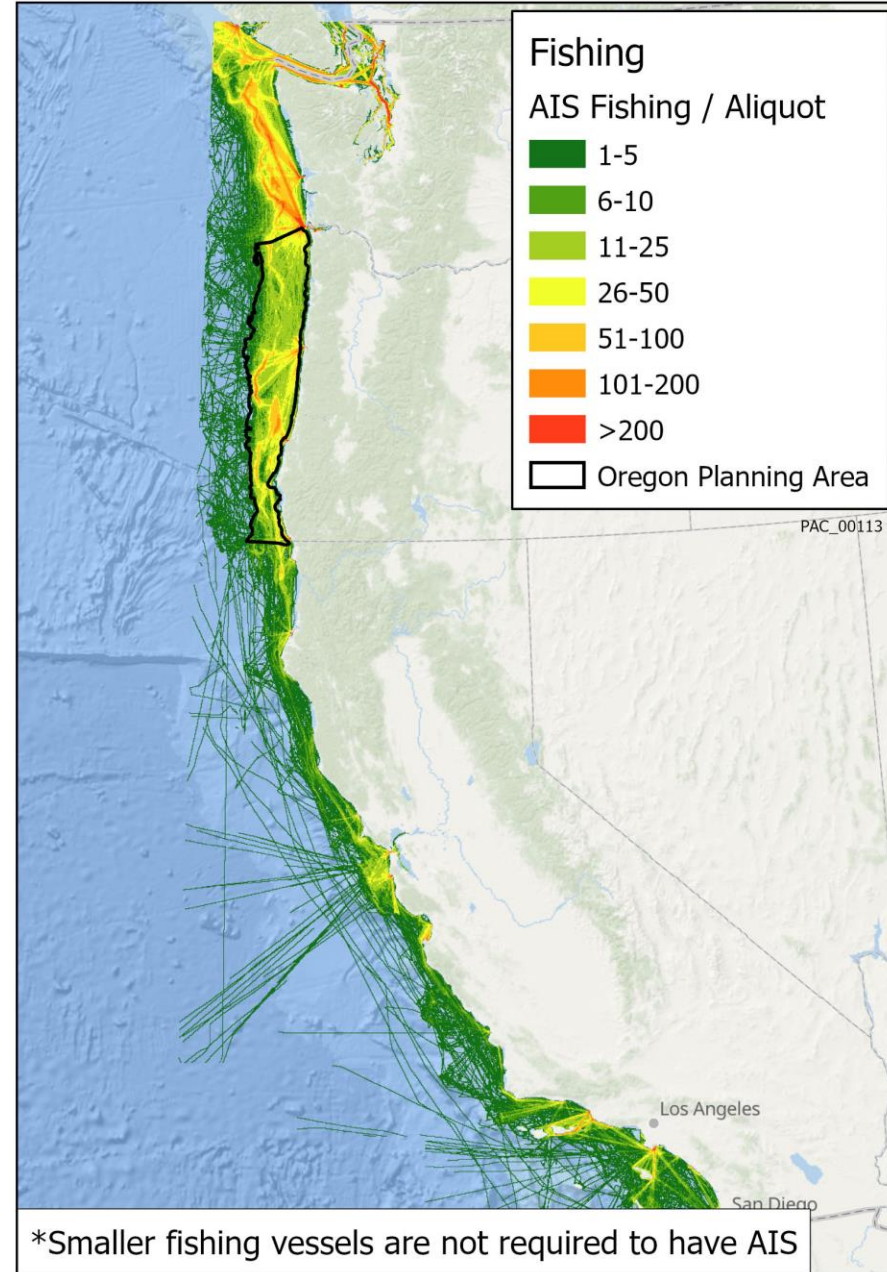
## 2017 AIS Vessel Traffic Tankers



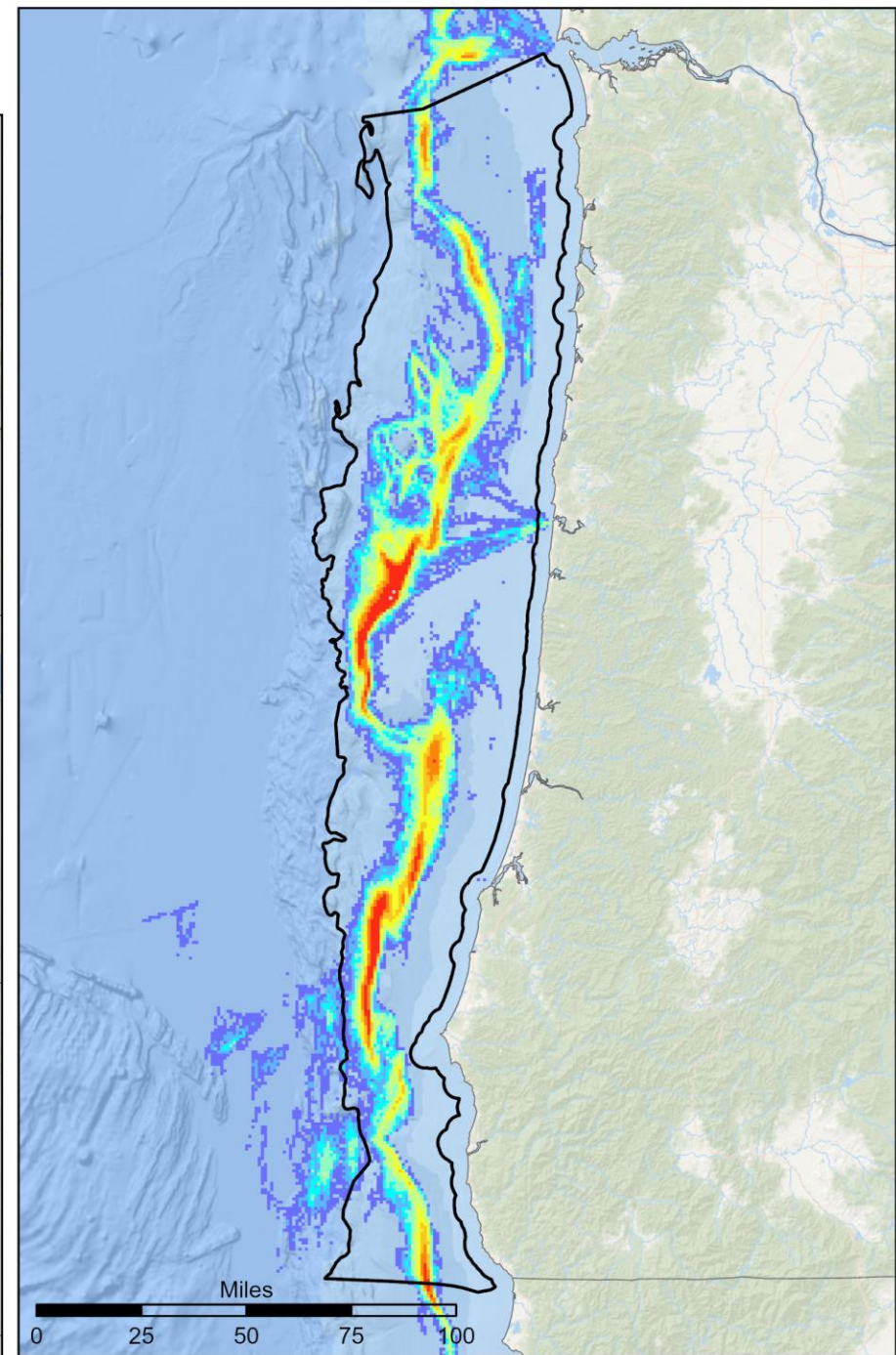
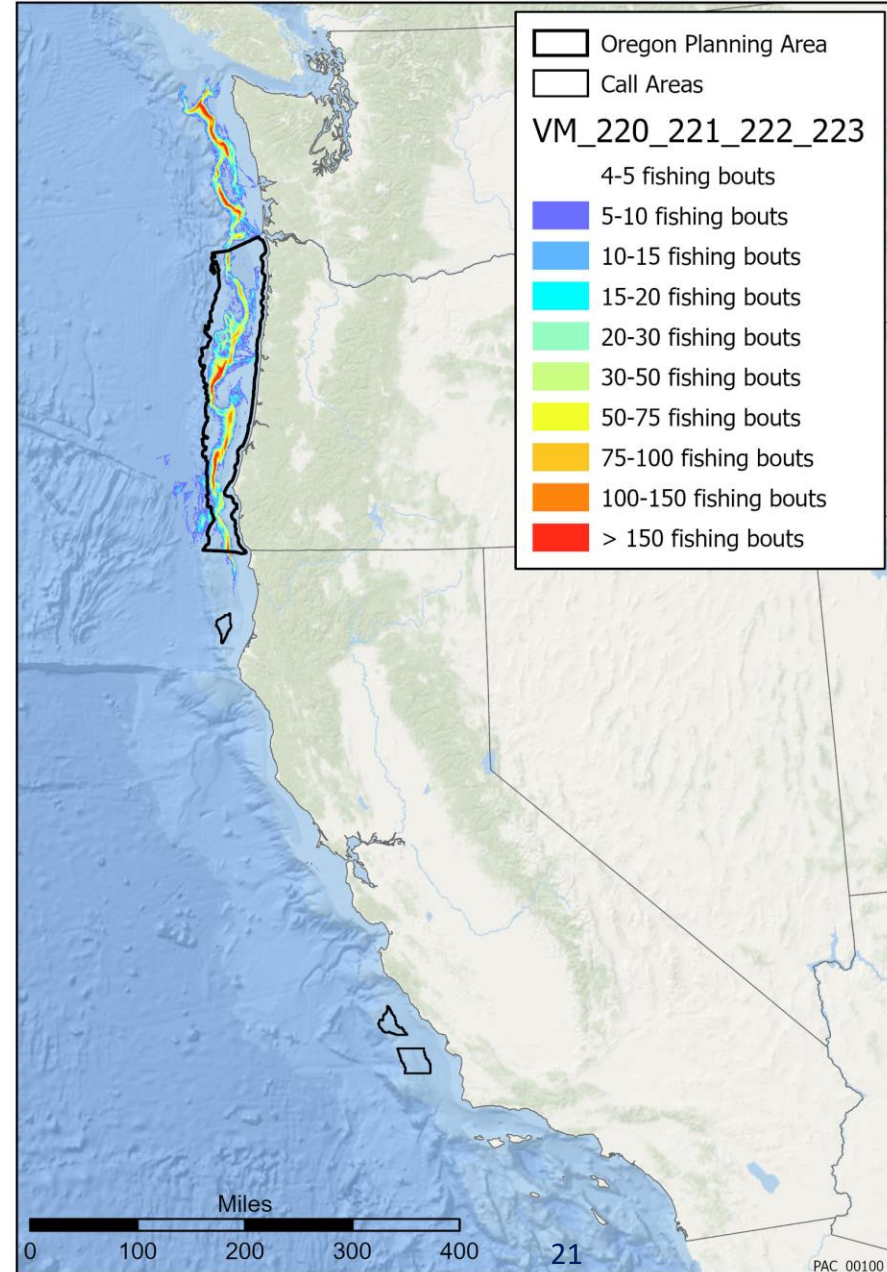
## 2017 AIS Vessel Traffic Tugs and Tows



## 2017 AIS Vessel Traffic AIS Fishing Vessels\*



## Midwater Trawl 220-223 2010-2018



# Fishing Effort in the 2002–17 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries



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## National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center

March 2020

### Input Data

Observers

WCGOP

A-SHOP

State Logbooks

Fish Tickets

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CATCH SHARES BOTTOM TRAML INTENSITY (DATA SLIDER)

2011 - 2015 2016 - 2017



NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-NWFSC-153

<https://doi.org/10.25823/177-5q25>

Fishing Effort in the  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Sector: Fisheries Management

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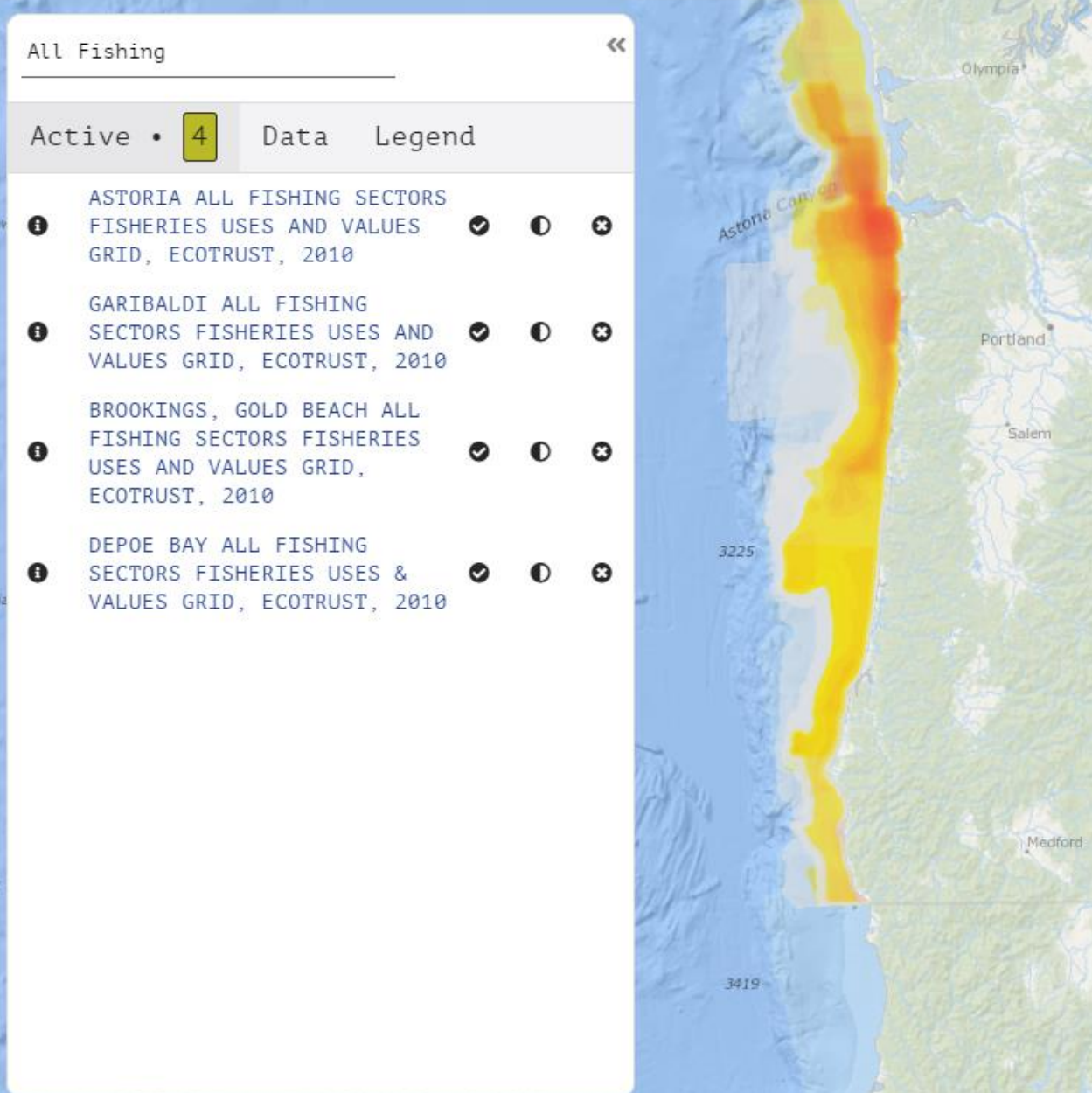
Territorial Sea Plan

Participatory mapping

Areas ranked by fishers

Data owned by fishers

By port



## Survey Type

Observers (Ships)  
Observers (Aerial)  
Aerial Photos

## Models

Habitat Maps





# Bird Data

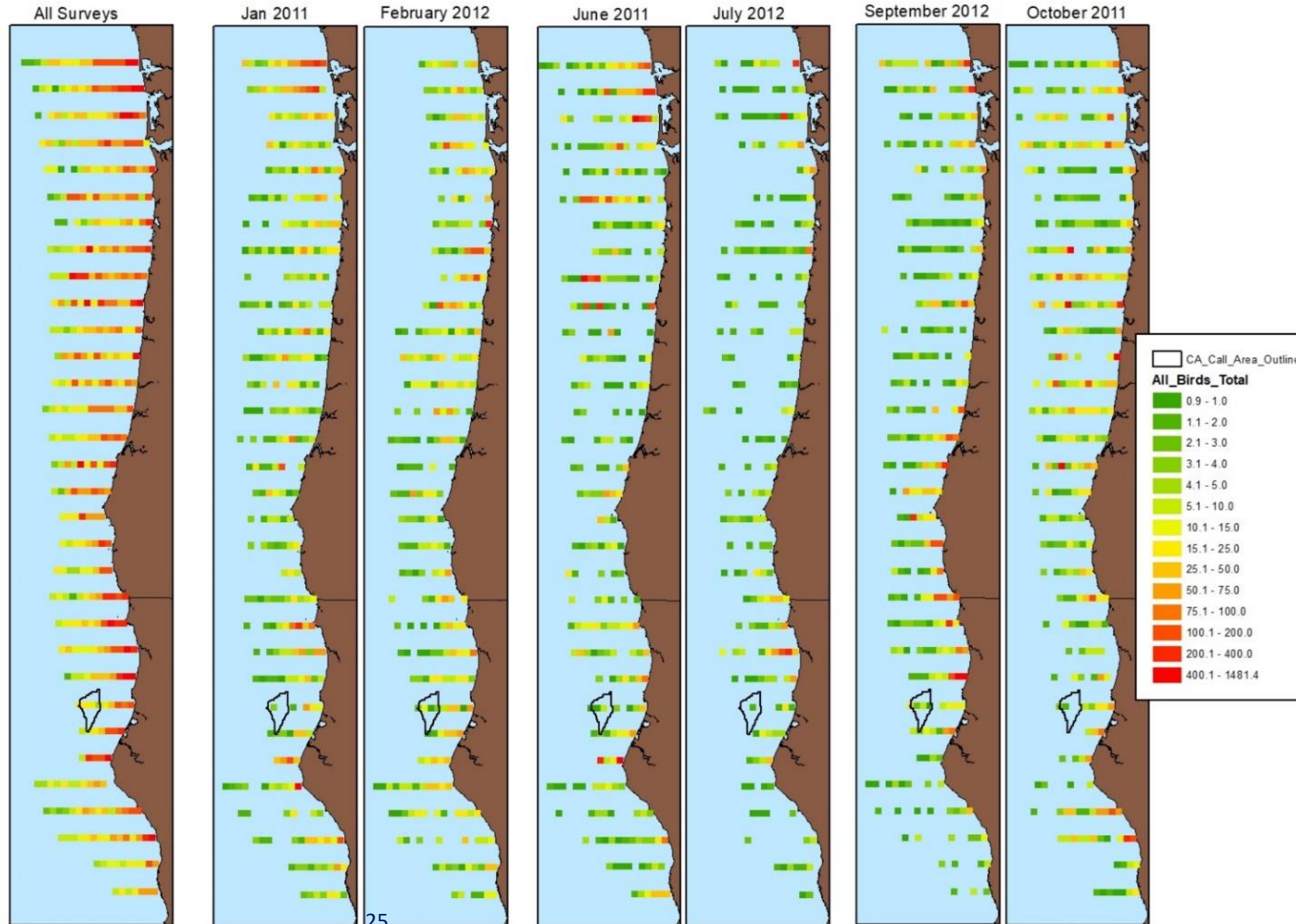
## Aerial Surveys

USGS, BOEM

2011 and 2012

6 Surveys

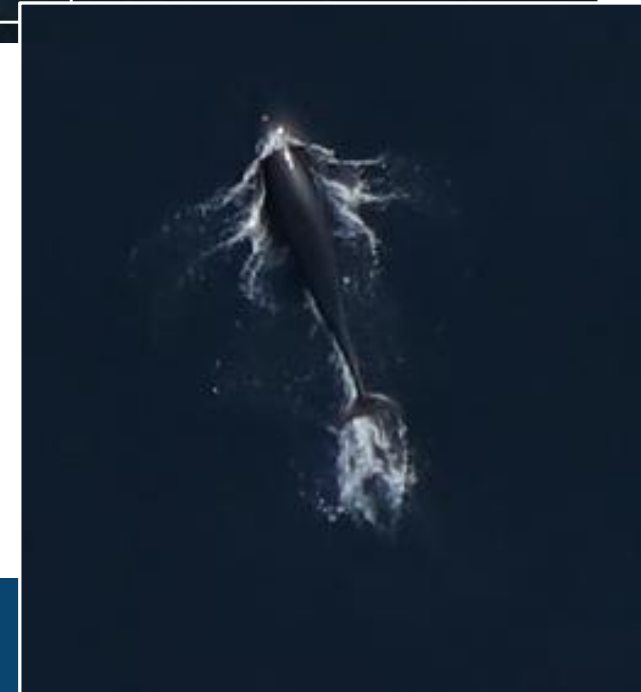
## PaCSEA Bird Survey Summary Data



# Bird Data

## Aerial Photos

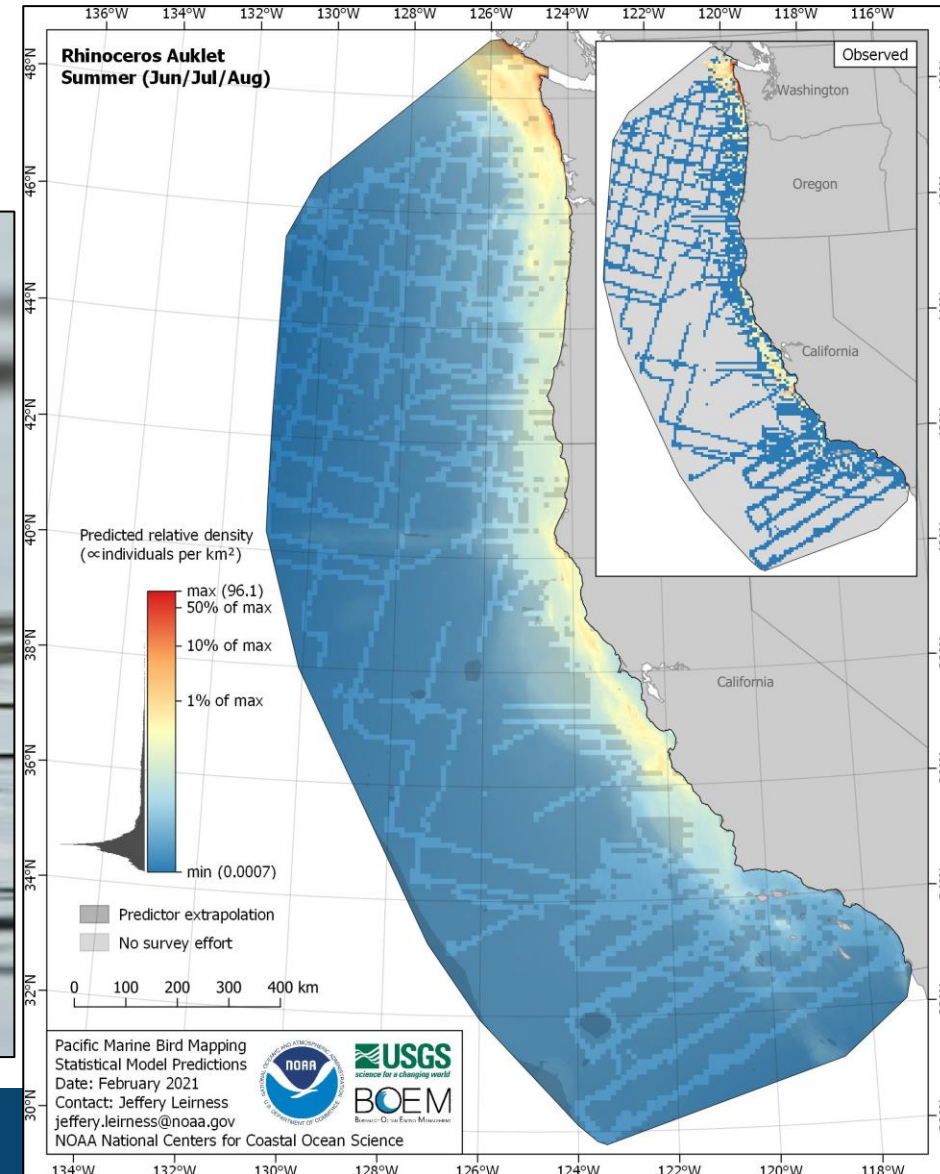
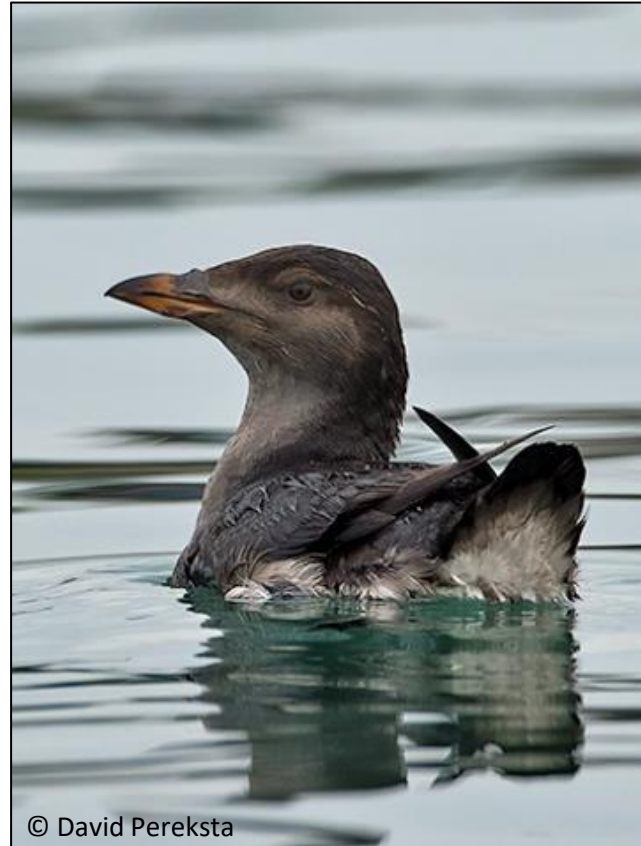
Fly High = Cover More Area  
Permanent Record  
Artificial Intelligence



# Data Synthesis and Predictive Modeling – Products

## Variables for Predictive Models

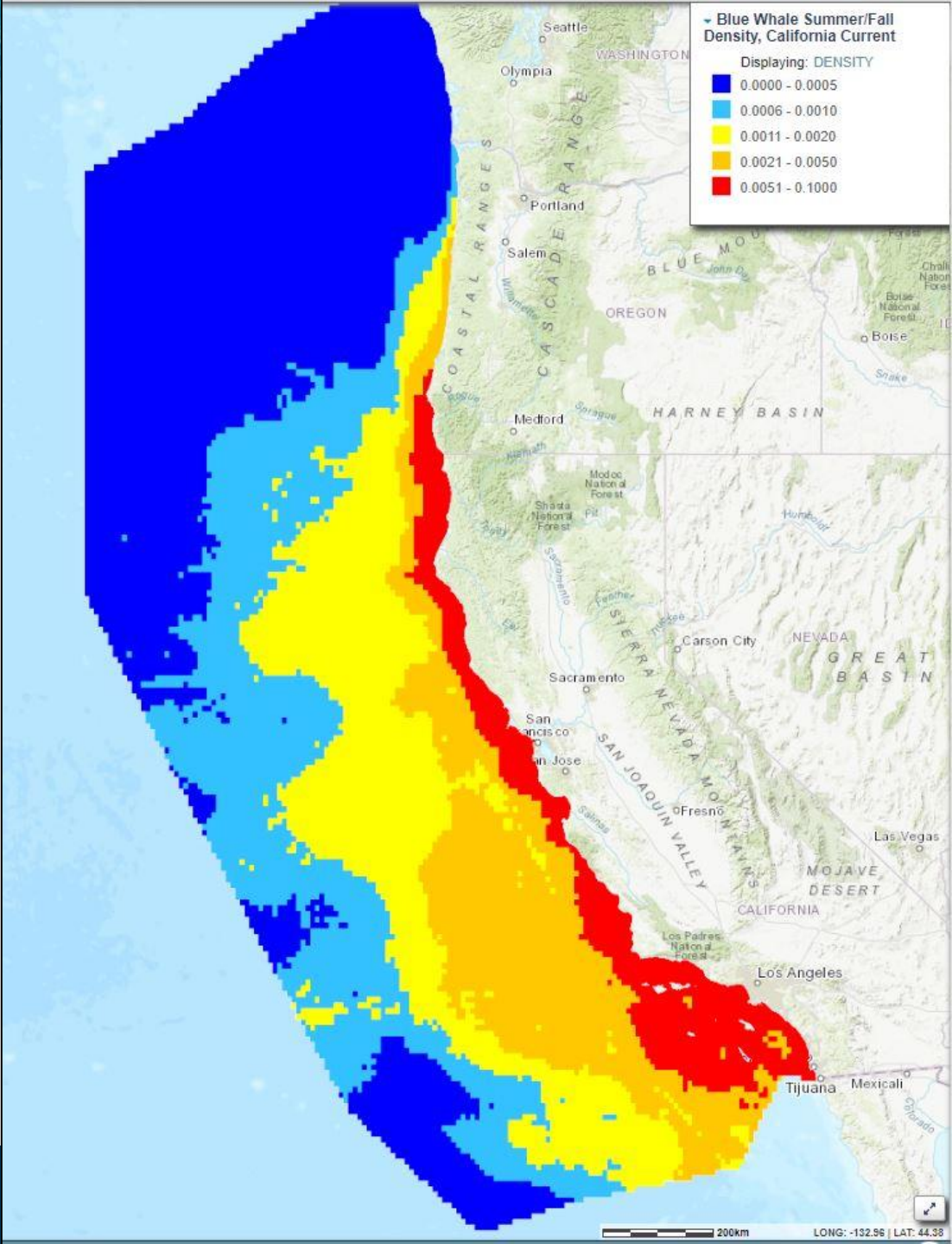
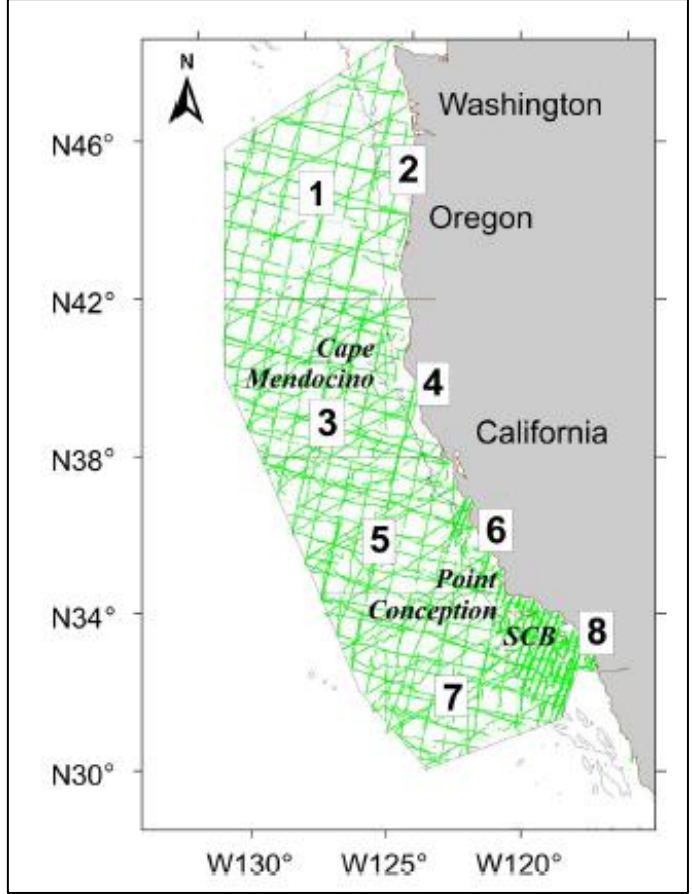
- Time of year
- Latitude
- Depth / Slope / Dist to Shore
- Currents
- Temperature / Salinity
- Chlorophyll
- Etc, etc, etc



# Marine Mammals

## Whales and Dolphins

NOAA NMFS  
Jul – Dec  
1991-2014  
(8 Surveys)



Becker EA, Carretta JV, Forney KA, et al. Performance evaluation of cetacean species distribution models developed using generalized additive models and boosted regression trees. *Ecol Evol.* 2020;00:1–28. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.6316>

# Oregon Ocean Data Catalog and Oregon Offshore Wind Mapping Tool (OROWindMap)

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# Offshore Wind Data Catalog Organizational Plan

## Oregon Data Catalogs

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## Federal Data Catalogs



## Curated Offshore Wind Catalog

### Coastal and Marine Data

Oregon Coastal Atlas



### Oregon Statewide GIS Data Catalog

Oregon Spatial Data Library



Oregon Ocean Information



Oregon Explorer (ORES A Project)



Marine Cadastre  
Ocean Reporting Tool  
Digital Coast  
NOAA Fisheries (FRAM)  
NREL Data Catalog  
Ocean Observing Initiative  
USGS  
...and many more



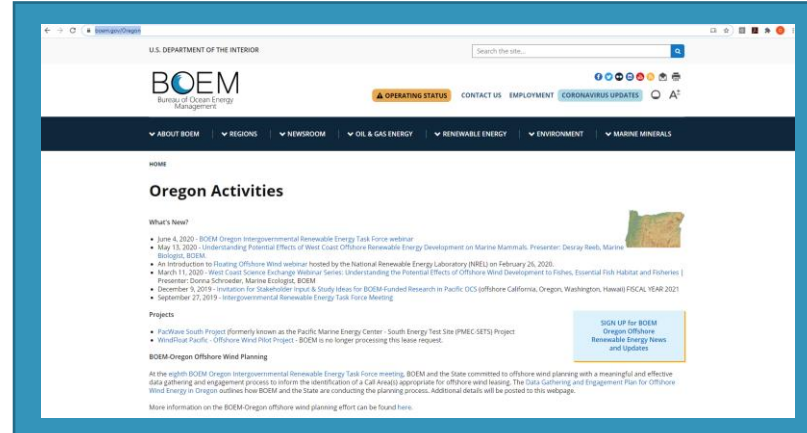
Offshore Wind Catalog  
(Combination of Records from Oregon and Federal Data Catalogs)

# Discover the OROWindMap Tool

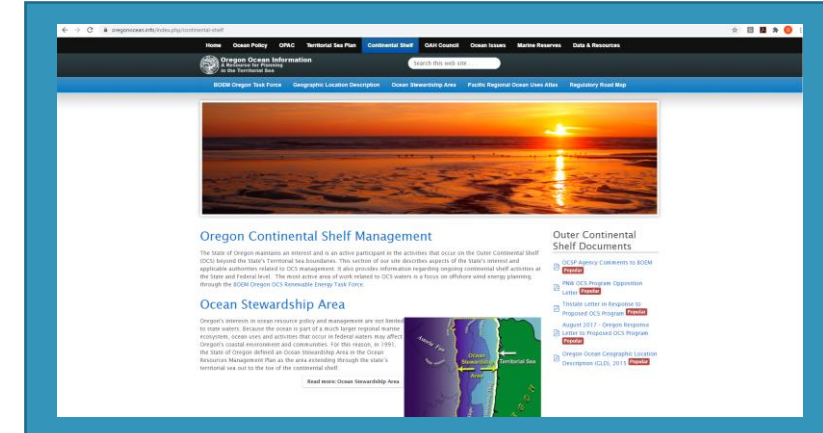
## Regional Ocean Data Portal Website



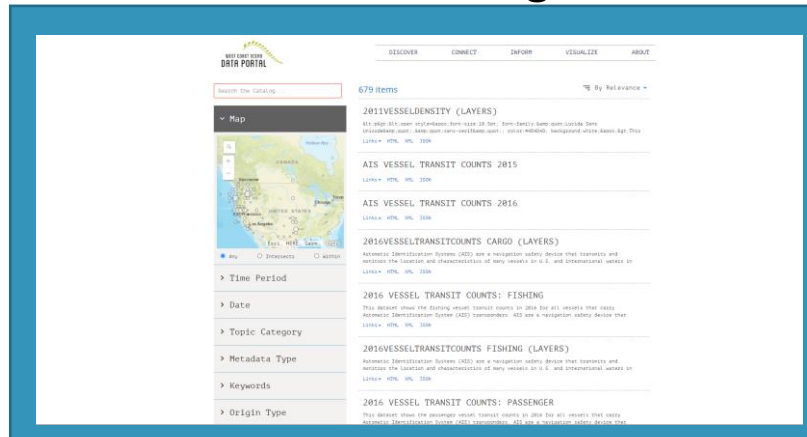
## BOEM Website



## Oregon Ocean Planning Website

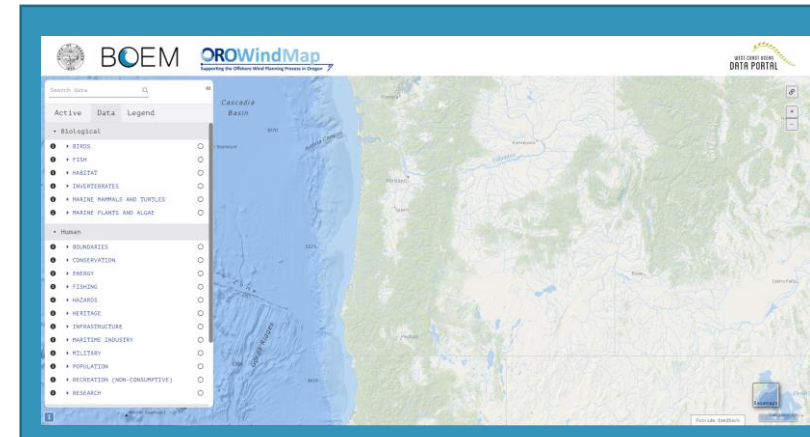


## Data Catalog



<https://portal.westcoastoceans.org/catalog/>

## Mapping Tool



<https://offshorewind.westcoastoceans.org/>

# Offshore Wind Planning Data Catalog (In Progress)

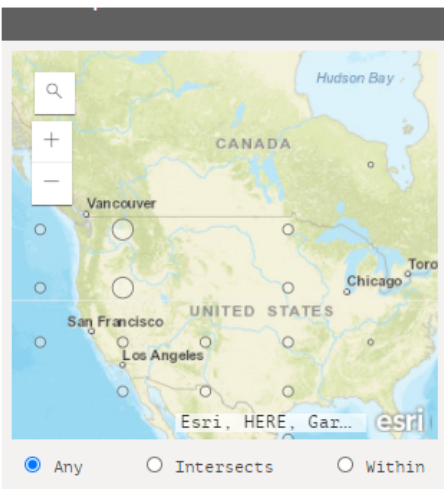


DISCOVER

INFORM

VISUALIZE

ABOUT



> Time Period

> Date

▼ Hierarchical Category

- ▶ Biological (285)
- ▼ Human (458)
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    - ▶ Fishing (141)
    - ▶ Maritime Industry (36)
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## AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS 2015

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## AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS 2016

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## 2016VESSELTRANSITCOUNTS CARGO (LAYERS)

Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) are a navigation safety device that transmits and monitors the location and characteristics of many vessels in U.S. and international waters in real-time.

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## 2016 VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS: FISHING

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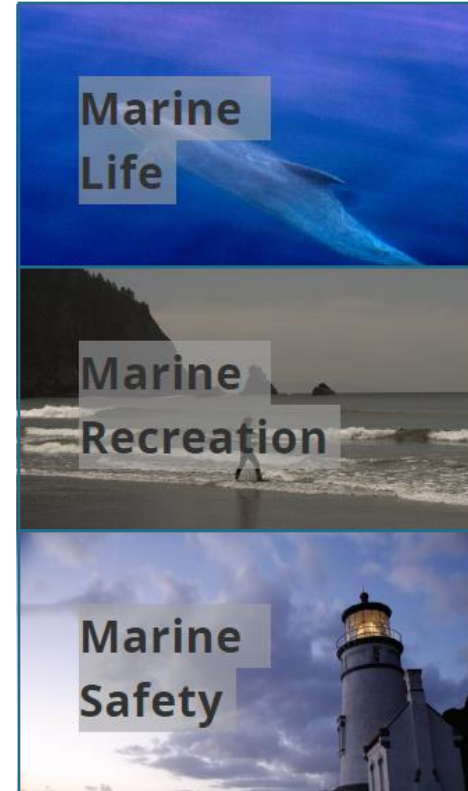
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## 2016VESSELTRANSITCOUNTS PASSENGER (LAYERS)



The West Coast Ocean Data Portal serves to connect data providers across the region of Washington, Oregon, and California. Information resources have been curated into marine related data themes for ease of browsing, to improve discoverability of timely and relevant data for decision making. Select a thematic tile below to browse the aggregated map resources.





Search data

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- Biological
  - BIRDS
  - FISH
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  - INVERTEBRATES
  - MARINE MAMMALS AND TURTLES
  - MARINE PLANTS AND ALGAE
- Human
  - BOUNDARIES
  - CONSERVATION
  - ENERGY
  - FISHING
  - HAZARDS
  - HERITAGE
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
  - MARITIME INDUSTRY
  - MILITARY
  - POPULATION
  - RECREATION (NON-CONSUMPTIVE)
  - RESEARCH



### Welcome to the Oregon Offshore Wind Mapping Tool

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the State of Oregon (the State), led by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), are committed to offshore wind energy planning with a data gathering process to inform potential leasing decisions. In partnership with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, BOEM and DLCD developed the Data Gathering and Engagement Plan for Offshore Wind Energy in Oregon, which outlines the activities BOEM and the State will conduct to gather information to inform the Task Force and offshore wind energy leasing decisions. For more information, visit <https://www.boem.gov/Oregon>

The DLCD, in partnership with BOEM, has developed Oregon Offshore Wind Mapping Tool (OROWindMap) within the West Coast Ocean Data Portal to provide public access to the best available data throughout the planning process. This planning tool accesses relevant datasets and provides visualization capabilities to inform the planning process for offshore wind energy leasing in federal waters offshore Oregon. The inclusion of new data sets will help inform the public, the State, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management during the planning process.

Click Agree to proceed to the tool.



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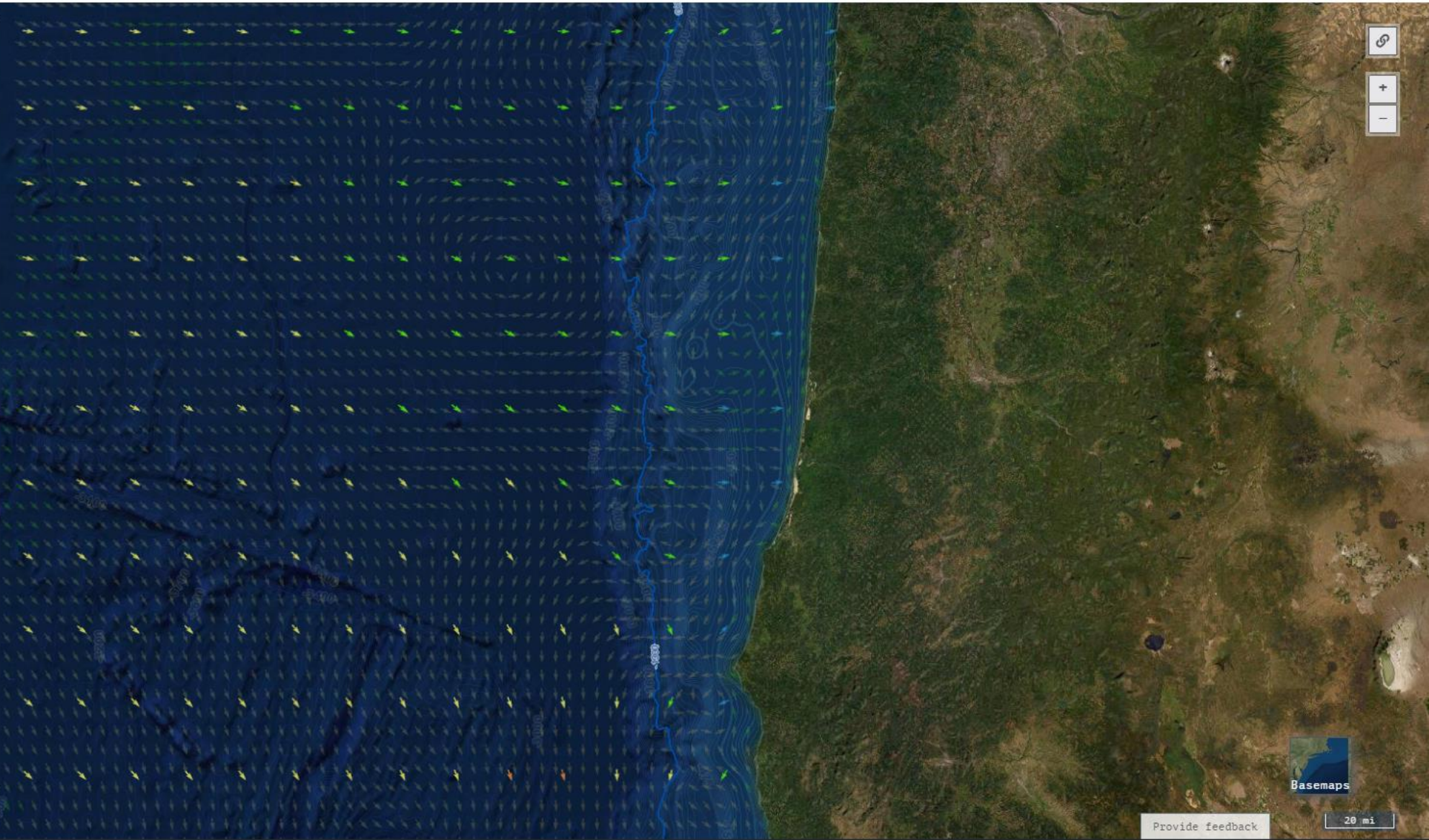




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- WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION
- CURRENT MAGNITUDE AND DIRECTION
- BATHYMETRIC CONTOURS



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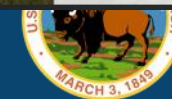
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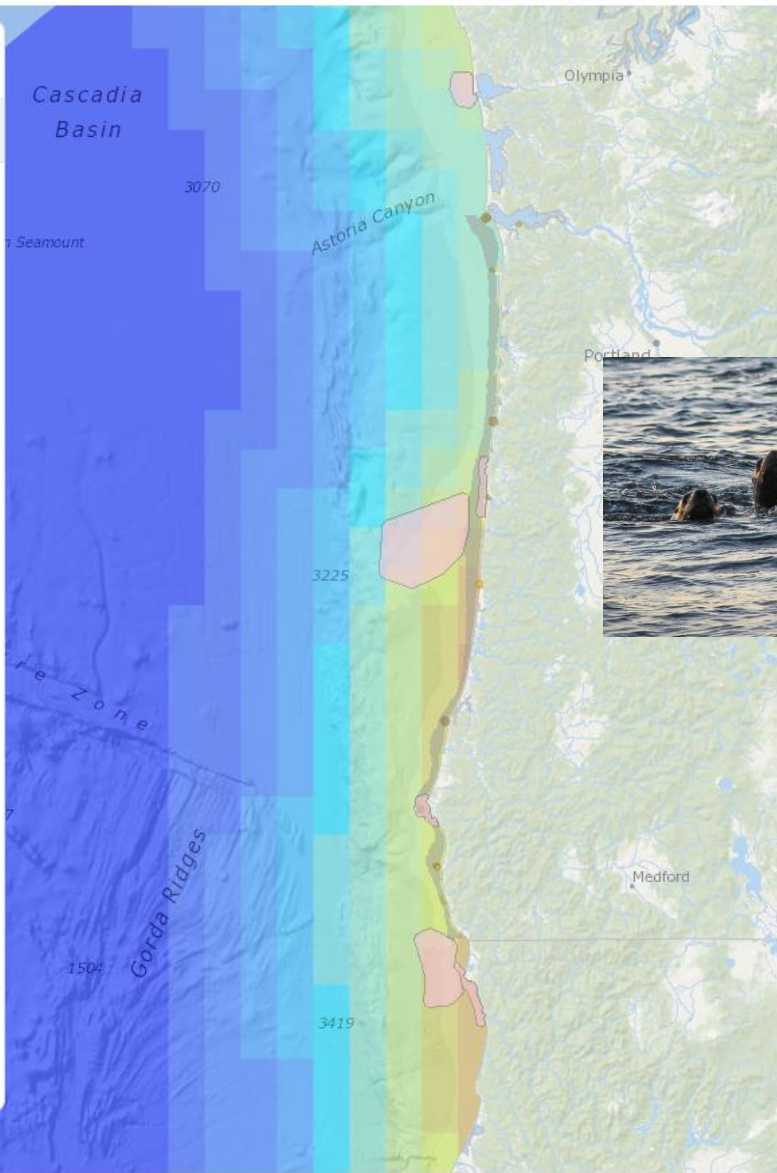




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- BIOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT AREAS FOR CETACEANS - FEEDING
- BIOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT AREAS FOR CETACEANS - MIGRATION
- BLUE WHALE SUMMER DENSITY
- CALIFORNIA SEA LION HAULOUT COUNTS (ODFW 2011)
- FIN WHALE SUMMER DENSITY
- GRAY WHALE MIGRATION CORRIDOR
- HUMPBACK WHALE SUMMER DENSITY
- NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEAL HAULOUTS (ODFW 2011)
- SPERM WHALE SUMMER DENSITY
- PACIFIC HARBOR SEAL HAULOUT COUNTS (ODFW 2011)
- STELLER SEA LION CRITICAL HABITAT
- STELLER SEA LION HAULOUT COUNTS (ODFW 2011)
- STELLER SEA LION HAULOUT USE (ODFW 2011)



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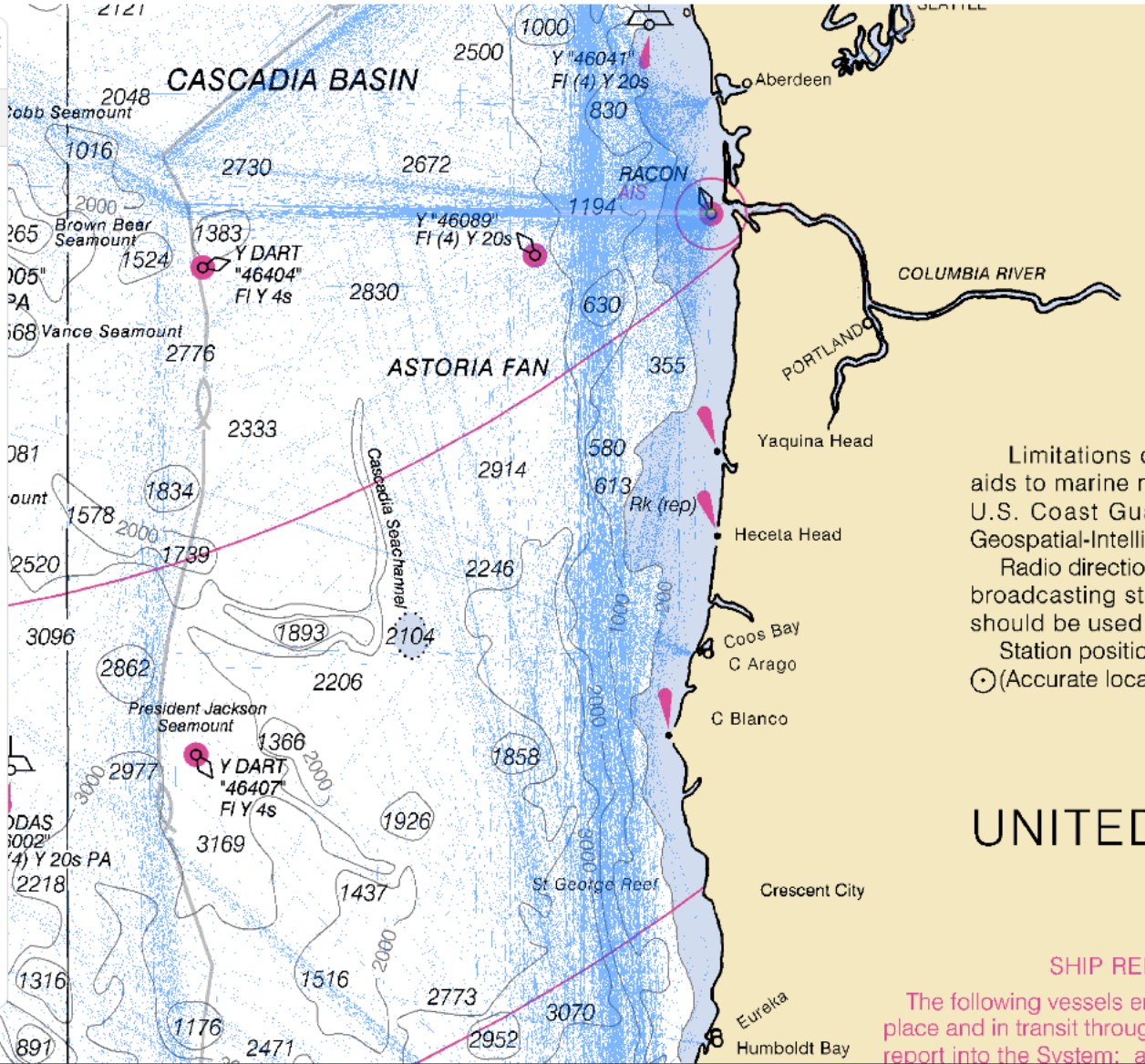


# Maritime Industry & Nautical Chart Basemaps

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- AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS: CARGO (DATA SLIDER)
  - 2016
  - 2017
- AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS: PASSENGER (DATA SLIDER)
  - 2016
  - 2017
- AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS: TANKER (DATA SLIDER)
  - 2016
  - 2017
- AIS VESSEL TRANSIT COUNTS: TUG AND TOW (DATA SLIDER)
  - 2016
  - 2017



**CAUTION**

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:  
 ○ (Accurate location)    ◦ (Approximate location)

## UNITED STATES

### NOTE F SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM

The following vessels entering or departing any U.S. port or place and in transit through the reporting area are required to report into the System: all vessels 300 gross tons or greater.

This map shows the West Coast of the United States from Oregon to California. It highlights several National Forests: St. Joe, Clearwater, Bitterroot Range, Nezperce, Salmon, Payette, Salmon, Challis, Boise, Idaho, Sawtooth, Snake, Humboldt, and Elko. It also shows the Salmon River Mountain range and the Snake River. A scale bar indicates 50 miles. A 'Provide feedback' button is visible at the bottom.

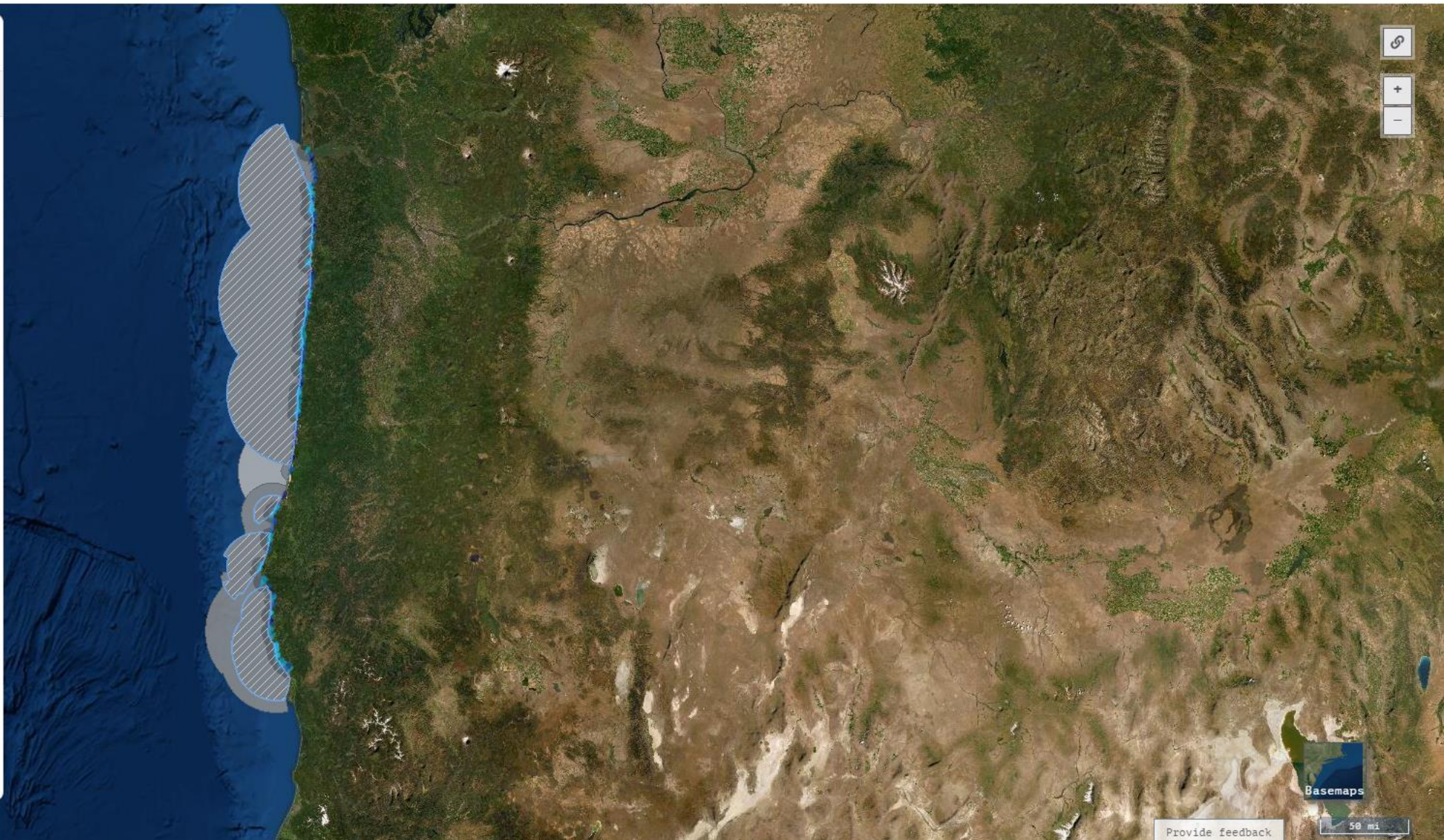




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- TSP VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SPECIAL AREA VIEWSHEDS ✓ ⓘ ✕
- TSP VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SCENIC QUALITY EVALUATIONS ✓ ⓘ ✕
- TSP VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SCENIC CLASS VALUE VIEWSHEDS ✓ ⓘ ✕
- TSP VISUAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, SPECIAL AREA VIEWPOINTS ✓ ⓘ ✕



# Portal Development Next Steps

## Data Catalog

- Data Library Pages (for browsing the catalog)
- Data Updates for:
  - Marine Birds Predictive Models (NOAA, USGS, BOEM)
  - Marine Mammals Predictive Models (NOAA)
  - West Coast Fisheries Closures (CSUN)
  - Planning Analysis layer (CSUN)

## Software Upgrades

- Area Calculation Tool
- Individual Logins
- User Groups

# Got Data?

## What?

Ocean Characteristics  
Biological, Physical, Human Use

## Where?

Oregon, West Coast

## Geospatial

Ideal, but not required  
Geospatial Service

## Metadata

How was it made?  
Where does it live?

[www.boem.gov/OROWindMapInfo](http://www.boem.gov/OROWindMapInfo)

## Data Sharing for Oregon Offshore Wind Planning

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the State of Oregon (the State), led by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), are committed to offshore wind energy planning with a data gathering process to inform potential leasing decisions. In partnership with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force), BOEM and DLCD developed the *Data Gathering and Engagement Plan for Offshore Wind Energy in Oregon*, which outlines the activities BOEM and the State will conduct to gather information to inform the Task Force and offshore wind energy leasing decisions. The plan can be found at: [www.boem.gov/Oregon](http://www.boem.gov/Oregon).

The DLCD, in partnership with BOEM, is developing a data catalog and map viewer within the West Coast Ocean Data Portal to provide public access to the best available data throughout the planning process. The Oregon Offshore Wind Mapping Tool (OROWindMap), which can be found at <https://offshorewind.westcoastcoceans.org>, has been developed to compile the collected data and information. This powerful planning tool accesses relevant datasets and provides visualization capabilities to inform the planning process for offshore wind energy leasing in federal waters offshore Oregon. The inclusion of new data sets will help inform the public, the State, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management during the planning process. Below are the criteria for inclusion of new data sets in OROWindMap.

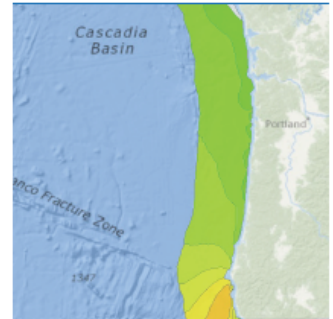
- ▶ Data sets depict coastal and ocean characteristics (e.g., biological, physical) or human uses that are relevant to planning for offshore wind energy development in federal waters offshore Oregon.
- ▶ Data sets include the State (and its Territorial Sea) or federal waters offshore Oregon; however, data that encompasses the entire West Coast are ideal.
- ▶ Data sets are geospatial, ideally in a GIS format, but may be in a tabular format with coordinates.
- ▶ Data sets include standards-compliant metadata. The basic information required for metadata is outlined below, and more information can be found at <http://wcodp.readthedocs.io/>.

If there is an information product that is relevant to this process but is not geospatial or tabular, please contact the West Coast Ocean Data Portal (WCODP) Administrator at [portal.westcoastcoceans@sccwrp.org](mailto:portal.westcoastcoceans@sccwrp.org).

Metadata help document the details of data sets, including who created it, when it was created, and why it was created. All data in OROWindMap have, at a minimum, the following metadata associated with them:

- Title
- Abstract / Description
- Use Limitations / Constraints
- Bounding Box Coordinates in Latitude/Longitude (decimal degrees)
- Keywords
- Date Published
- Contacts
  - Originator
  - Publisher
  - Distributor
- URLs for data download, web services, kml, web application, documentation

If the metadata meet the requirements of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) endorsed standards (<https://www.fgdc.gov/metadata/geospatial-metadata-standards>), then it will meet the WCODP requirements.





# Data Catalog Review Effort

## **The State and BOEM are seeking:**

Available data and information from research organizations, governmental bodies, environmental groups, OSW industry, and interested and affected parties.

## **A Data Review Working Group will be convened to gather and review data that identifies existing environmental information and uses to inform OSW planning in Oregon.**

Existing archives of data from TSP amendments and other ocean planning related processes will form the foundation of information to build on.

The purpose will be to identify new records for inclusion in the Data Catalog and Data Visualization Tool, and gaps to prioritize for future information gathering.

## **Virtual meetings likely**

## **Contact Andy Lanier or Frank Pendleton to participate**

# Meeting Participation Ground Rules

**Bring concerns and comments up for discussion during the Q&A**

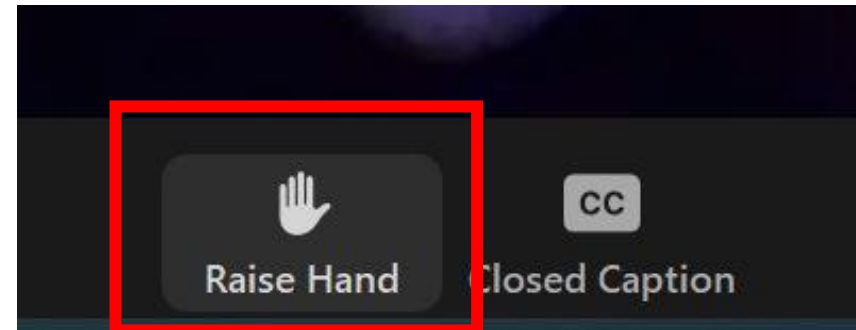
**Provide a balance of speaking time during Q&A**

**Listen and speak with respect**

**Use “Raise Your Hand” button to get in the queue; if joined by phone, press \*9 to raise hand**

When it is your turn to speak, the facilitator will call on you

Say your name and affiliation before speaking



# Discussion and Next Steps

Explore OROWindMap at [offshorewind.westcoastoceans.org](https://offshorewind.westcoastoceans.org)

Share relevant data (see [www.boem.gov/OROWindMapInfo](https://www.boem.gov/OROWindMapInfo))

**Stay informed and connected about Oregon offshore wind activities and any scheduled Task Force meetings**

Visit the BOEM Oregon webpage at [www.boem.gov/Oregon](https://www.boem.gov/Oregon)

Publicly available standing meetings

Save the date: BOEM Oregon Public Meetings, May 12 & 13, 2021

Sign up for announcements at [www.boem.gov/OregonUpdates](https://www.boem.gov/OregonUpdates)

**Let Whitney Hauer ([whitney.hauer@boem.gov](mailto:whitney.hauer@boem.gov)) and Andy Lanier ([andy.lanier@state.or.us](mailto:andy.lanier@state.or.us)) know if there are other organizations, groups, or members of the public that BOEM and DLCDC should engage with for offshore wind energy planning**

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