

# BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting

BOEM's Offshore Wind Energy  
Leasing and Planning Process

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# BOEM Oregon Task Force Meetings

## September 2019:

- Discussed planning approach
- Result: BOEM and DLCD drafted data gathering and engagement plan

## June 2020:

- Discussed draft plan
- Result: BOEM and State of Oregon committed to offshore wind energy planning; finalized plan

## October 2021:

- Discussed the outcome of BOEM's and DLCD's data gathering and engagement
- Result: Finalized summary report

Data Gathering and Engagement  
Summary Report  
Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Planning

January 2022

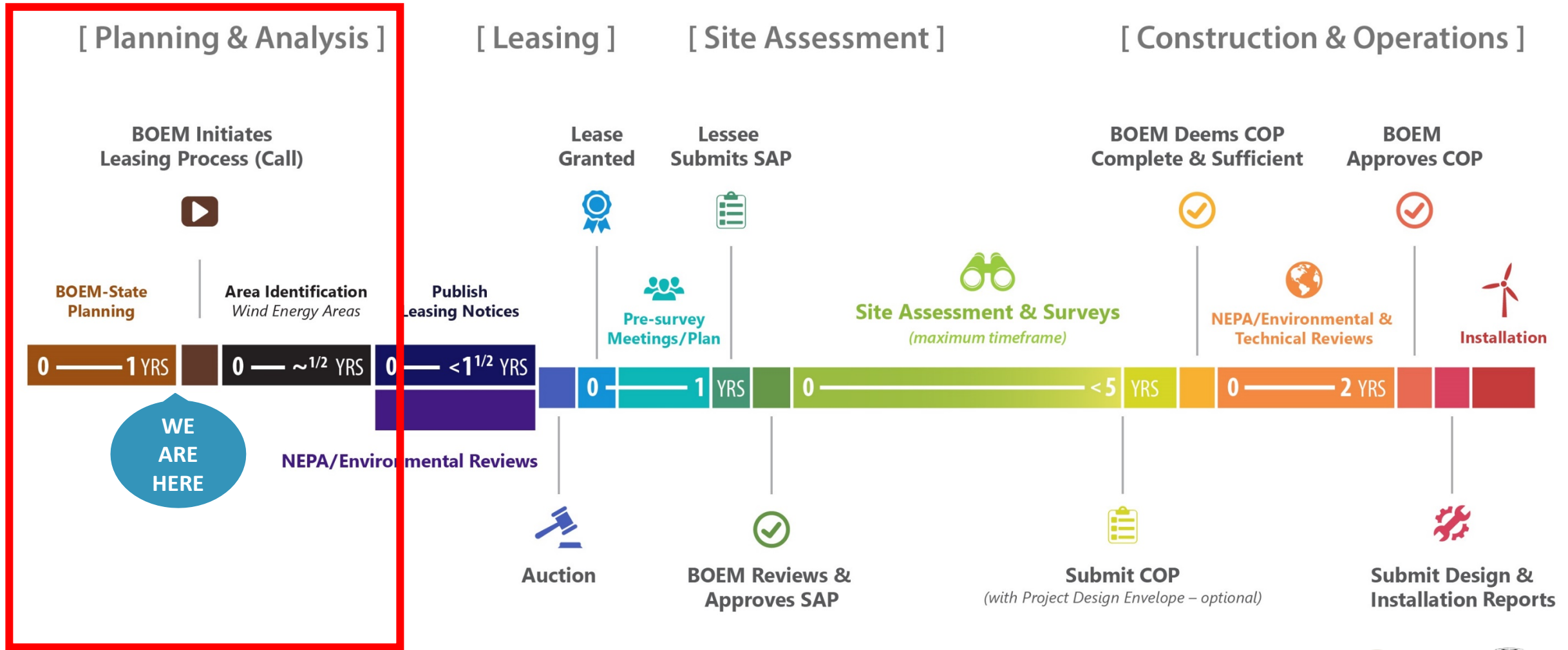


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# BOEM Offshore Wind Energy Authorization Process



# Renewable Energy Process: Calls, Wind Energy Areas and Lease Areas

## Call for Information and Nominations (Call)

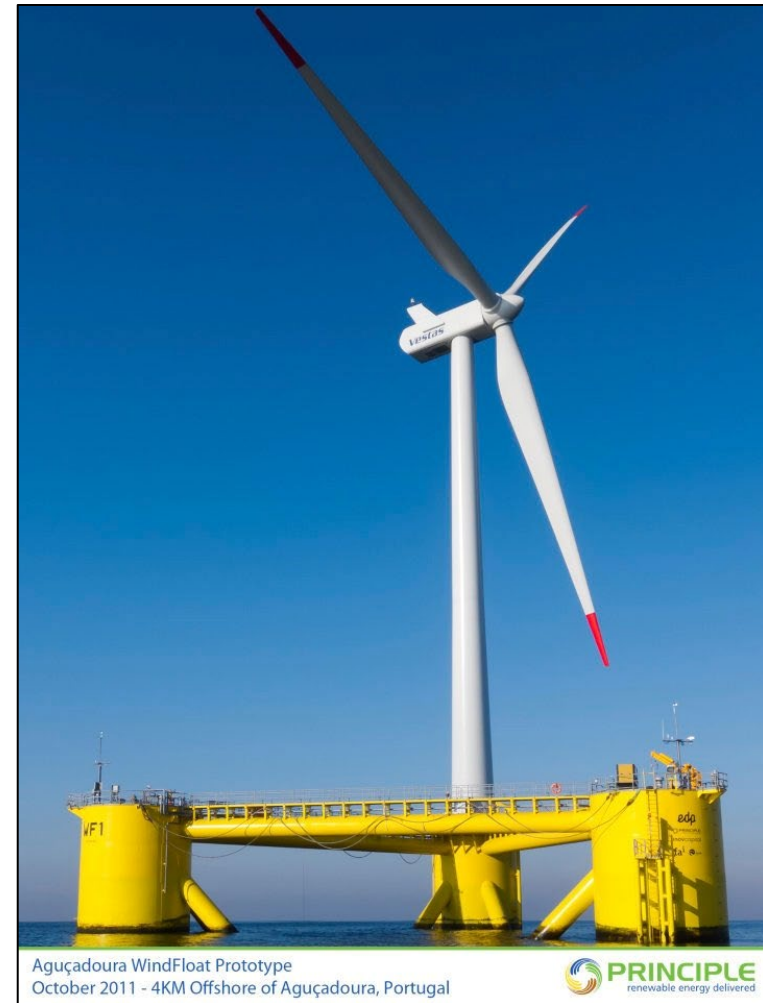
- Calls for formal public comment about the area, uses and concerns
- Requests nominations of interest for development

## Wind Energy Area (WEA)

- An area within a Call Area identified by BOEM for environmental review
- Basis for a lease area(s)

## Lease Area

- Areas BOEM would offer for lease during a Lease Sale





# Call Area Considerations

## Guiding Principles

- Establish Call Areas of sufficient size and flexibility for further refinement
- Focus on highest potential for commercial offshore wind energy viability
- Consider 3 gigawatts (GW) for near-term commercial development

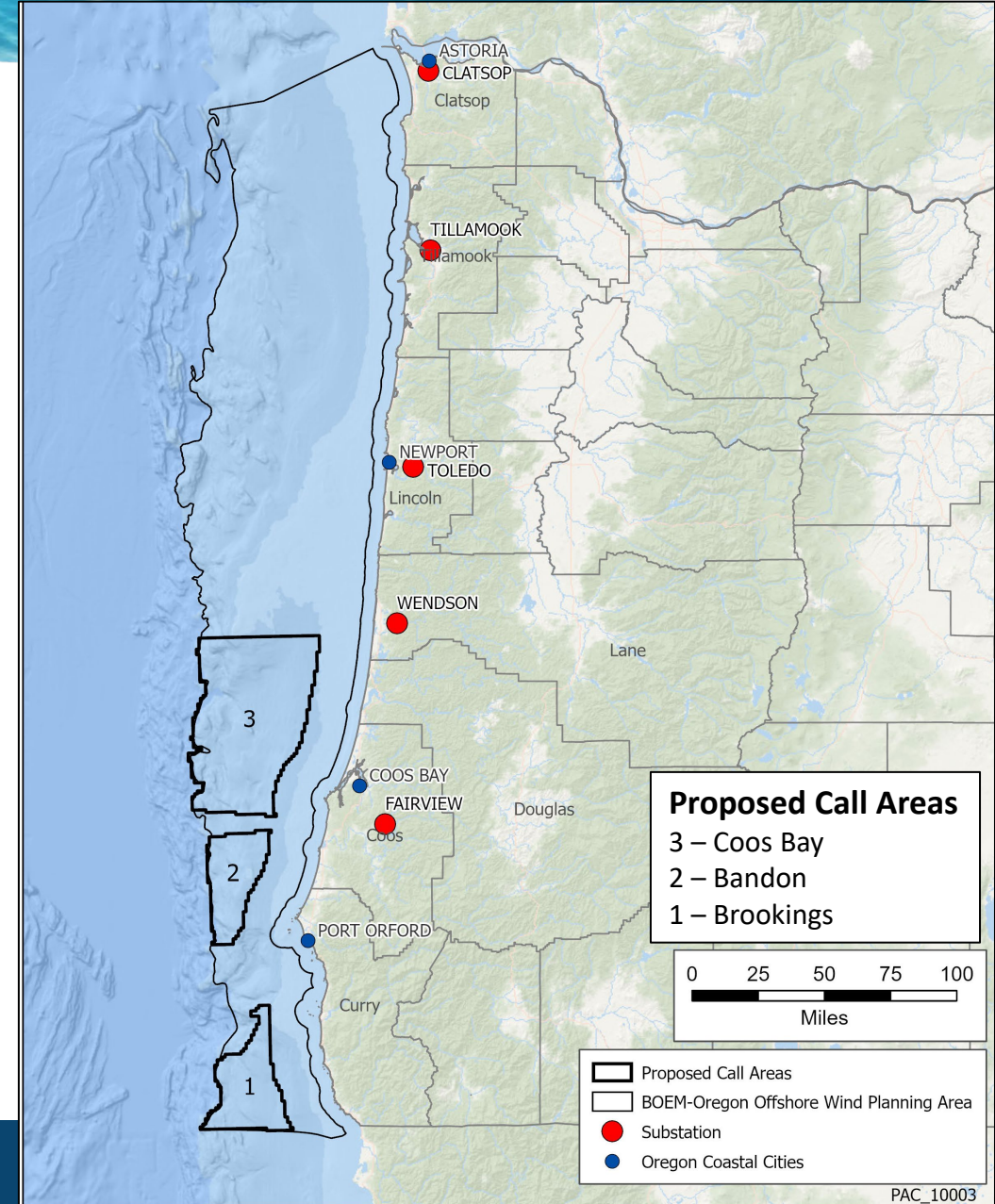
## Considerations

- Wind resource and Cost of Energy
- Transmission
- Depth and slope
- Existing submarine cables
- Marine mammals
- Sea turtles
- Marine birds
- Submerged landforms
- Tribal input
- Vessel traffic
- Fishing

# Proposed Call Areas and Capacity

Name	Approx. Offshore Wind Energy Capacity		Area		
	Megawatts	Gigawatts	Acres	Square miles	Square kilometers
Coos Bay	10,597	10.6	871,680	1,362	3,532
Bandon	2,881	2.9	237,440	371	960
Brookings	3,478	3.5	286,720	448	1,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,956</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,395,840</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>5,651</b>

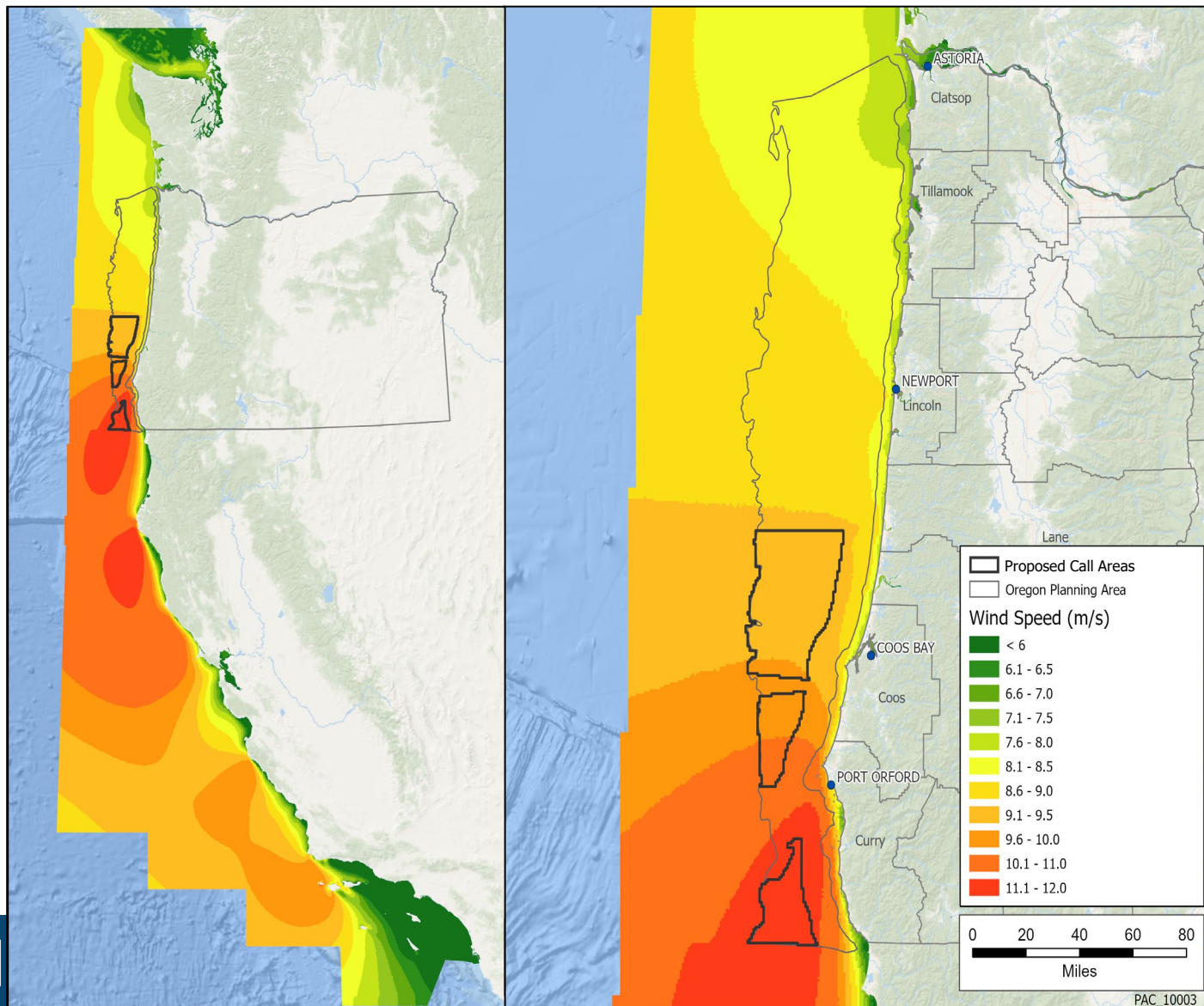
**Power density of 3 MW/km<sup>2</sup> (7.8 MW/mi<sup>2</sup>) (NREL 2016)**



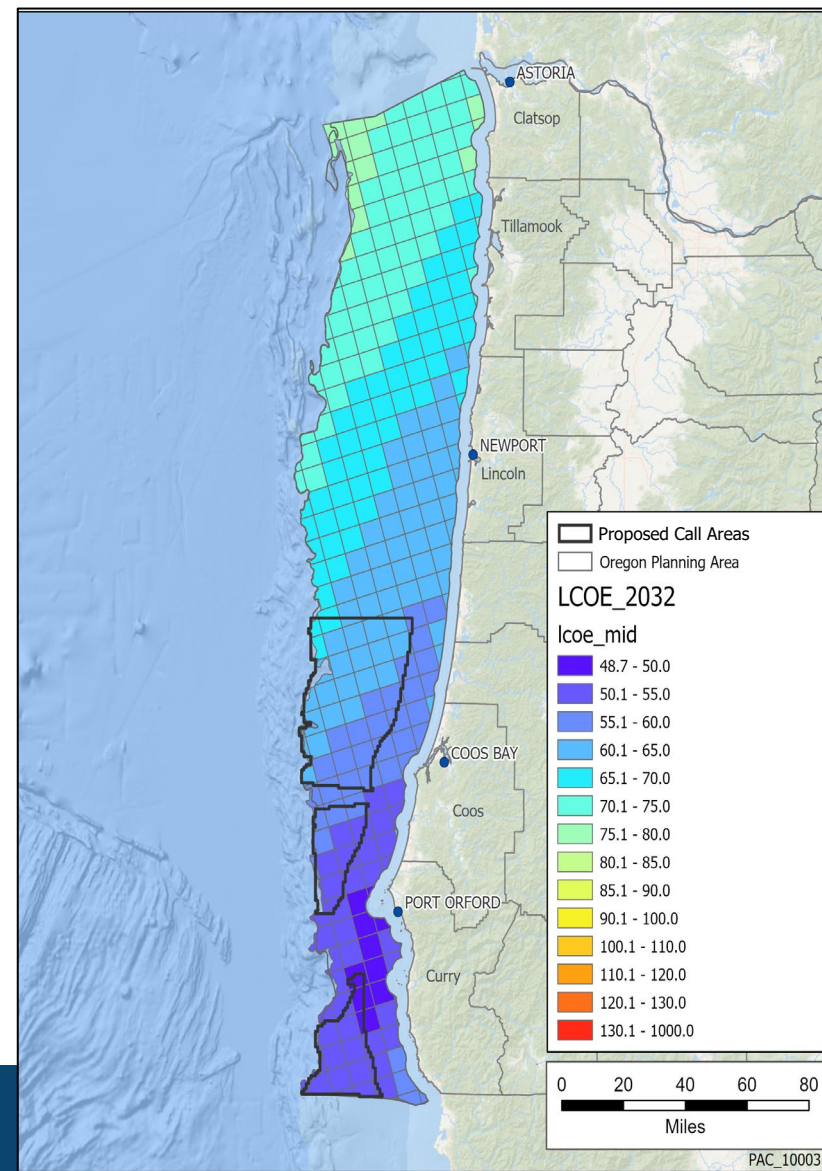


# Wind Resource and Cost of Energy

## Wind Resource



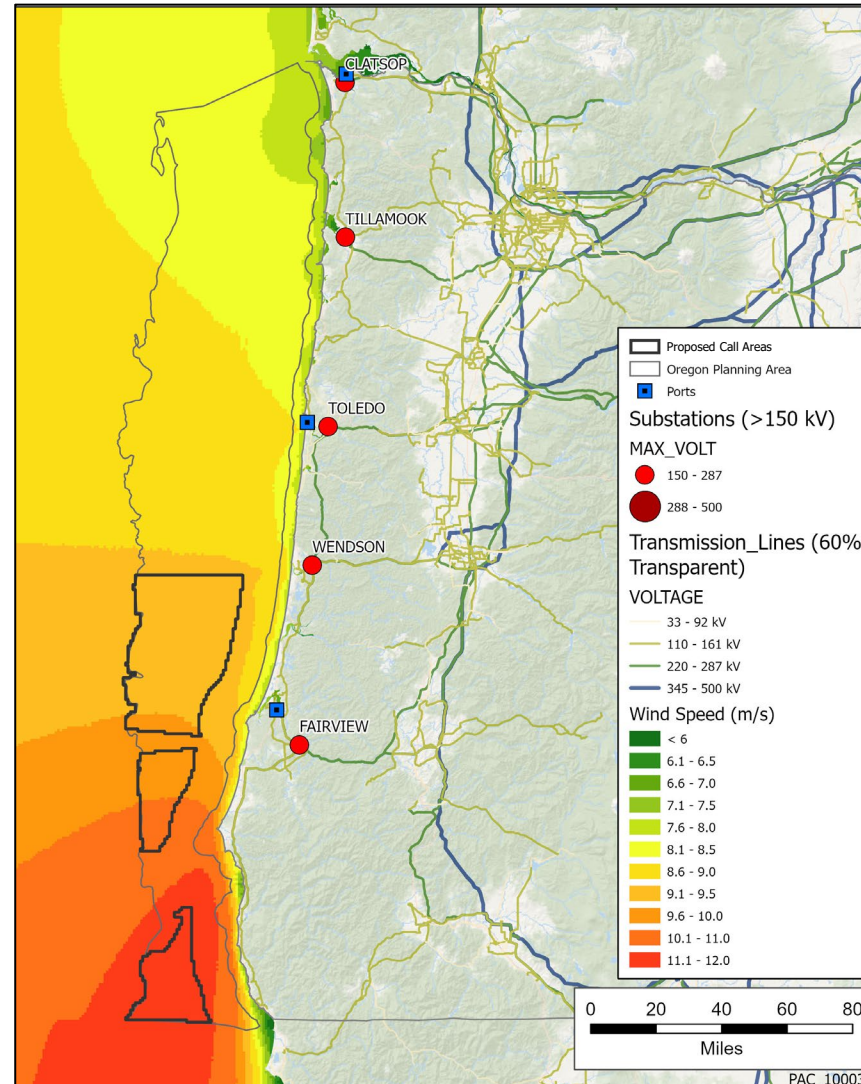
## Levelized Cost of Energy





# Transmission

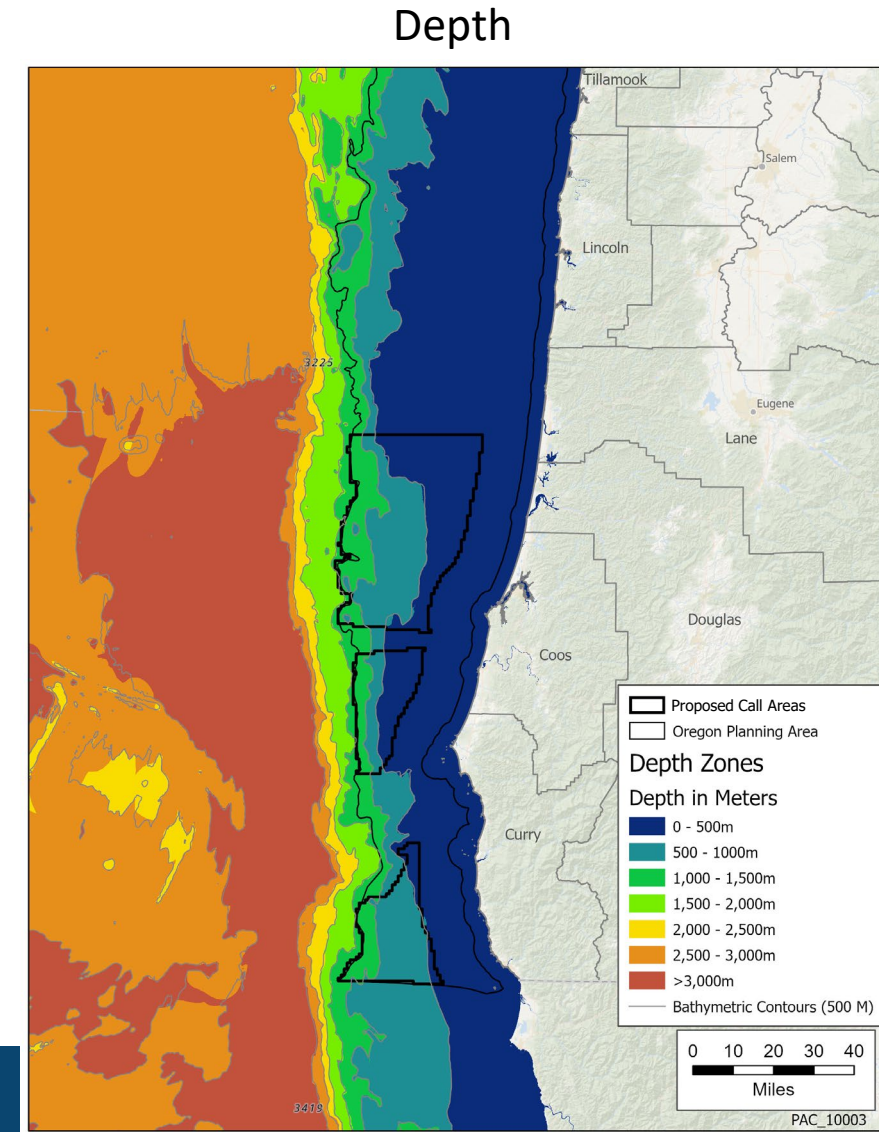
- 2,625 MW of offshore wind capacity could be integrated into Oregon's power system (NREL 2021)
  - Without major upgrades to the trans-coastal transmission or significant curtailment of offshore wind generation
  - Distributed amongst five coastal substations
- **Proposed Call Areas close to two of five interconnection points**



Offshore Wind Point of Interconnection (POI)	Max Capacity (MW)
Clatsop	361
Tillamook	553
Toledo	156
Wendson	613
Fairview	941
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,625</b>

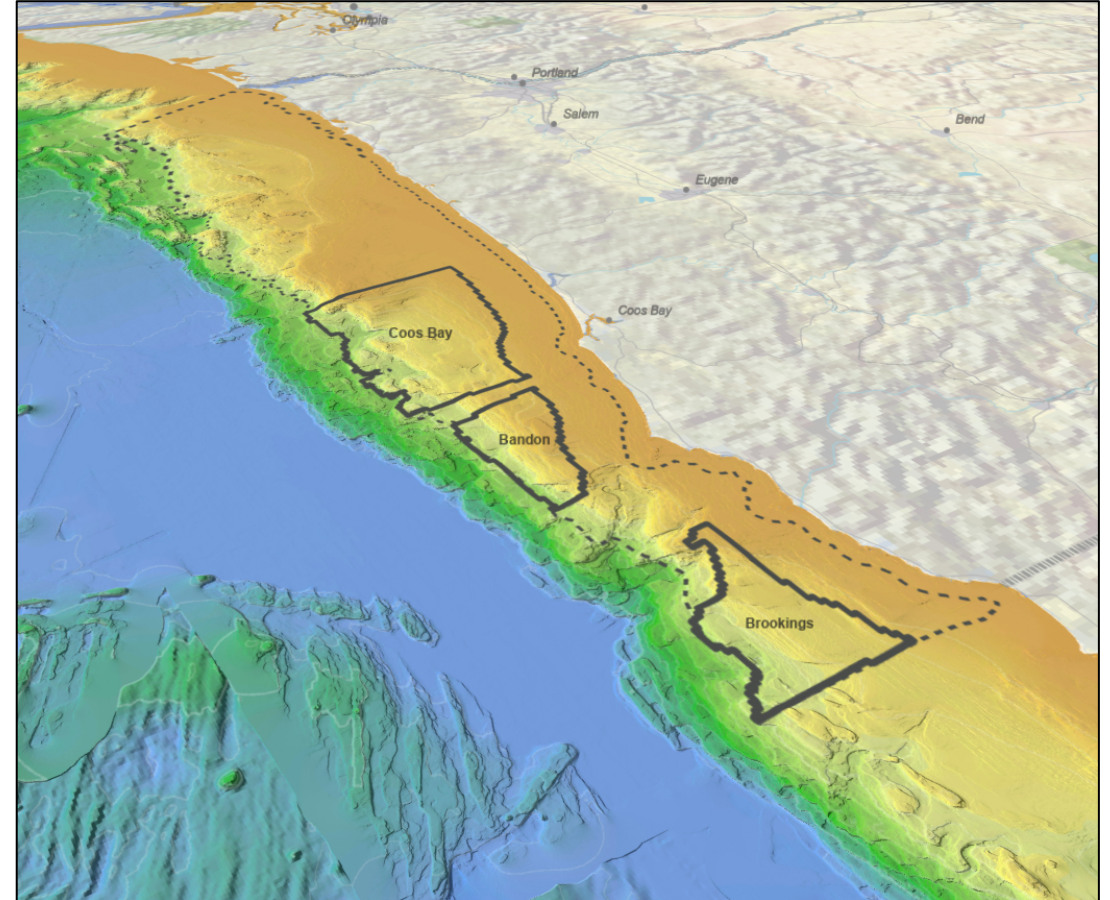
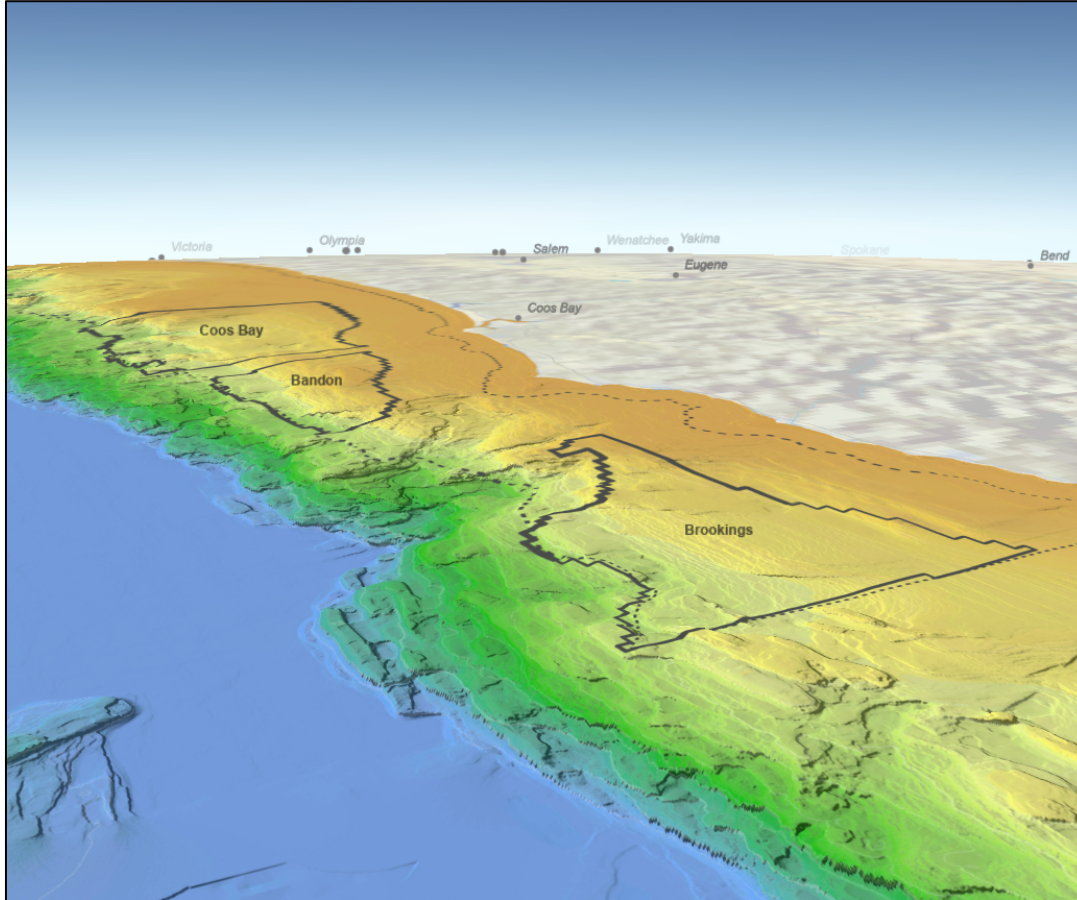
# West Boundary: 1,300 m Water Depth

- **Partial OCS Blocks include 1,300 m water depths**
  - Overall parameter used for outreach and engagement for data collection, developed with State and Task Force
  - Westward of continental slope water depths greater than 2,000 m
  - Future round of leasing may consider areas deeper than 1,300 m





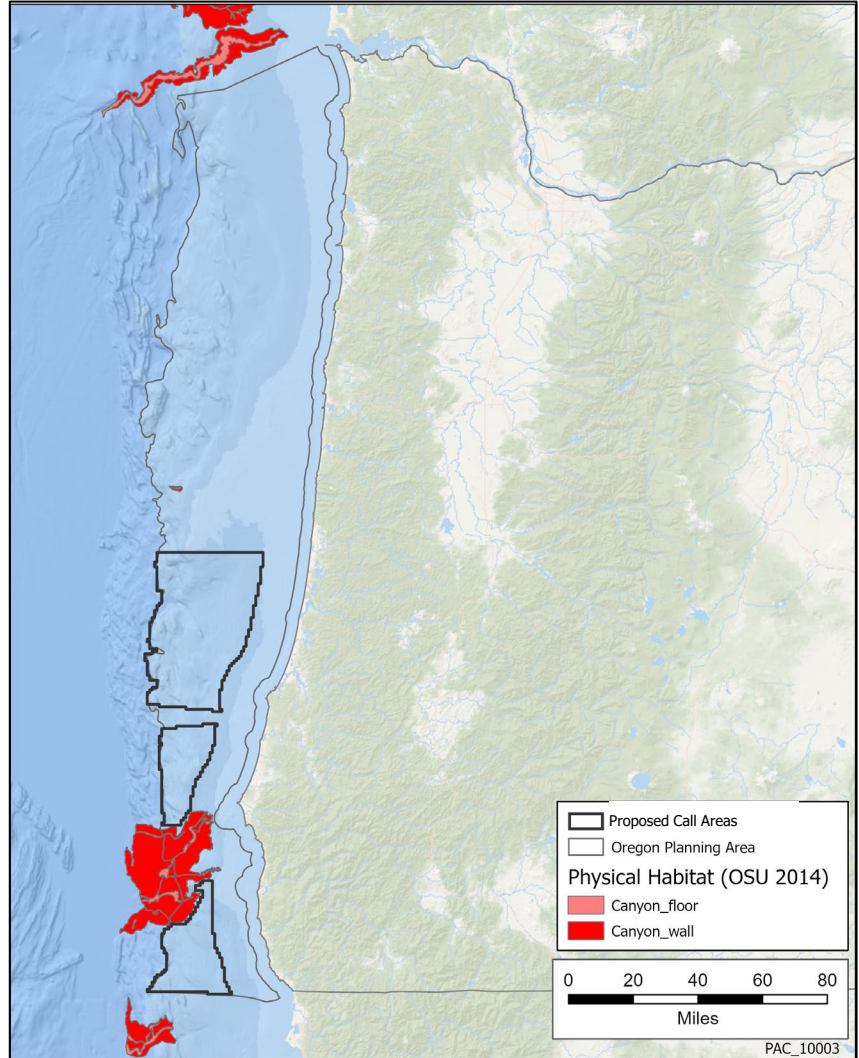
# 3D View of Water Depth



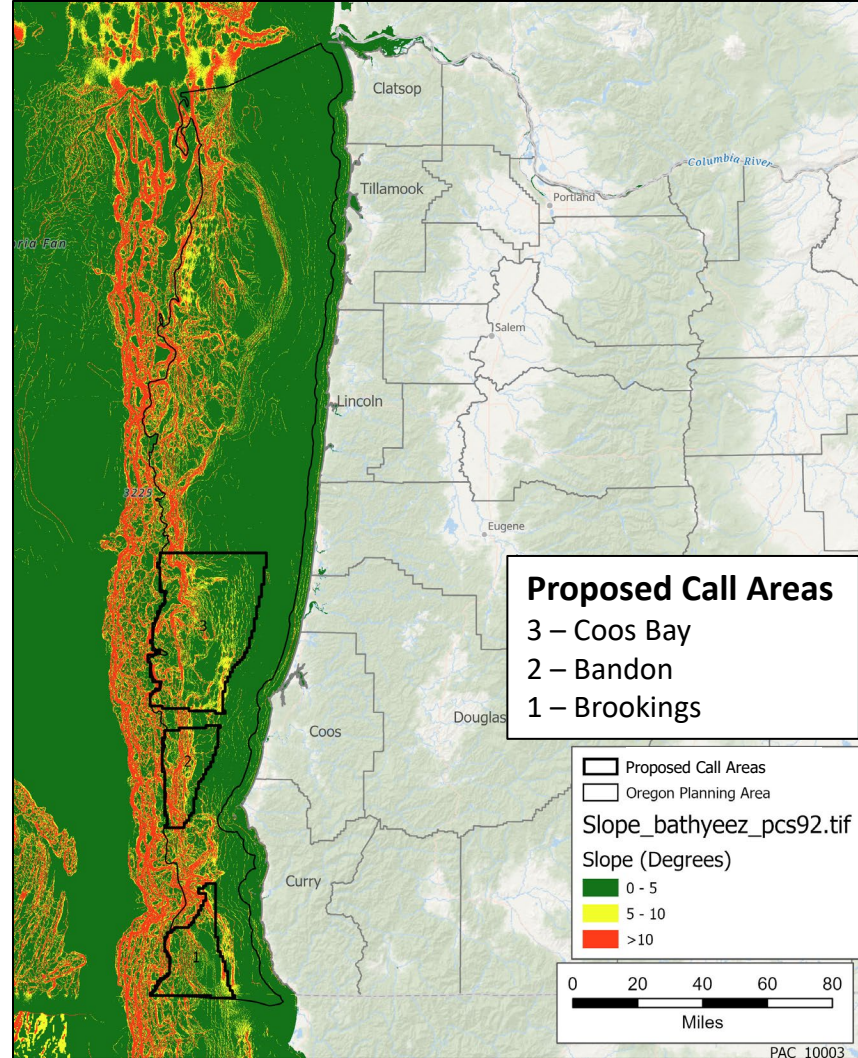


# Slope

## Rogue canyon system

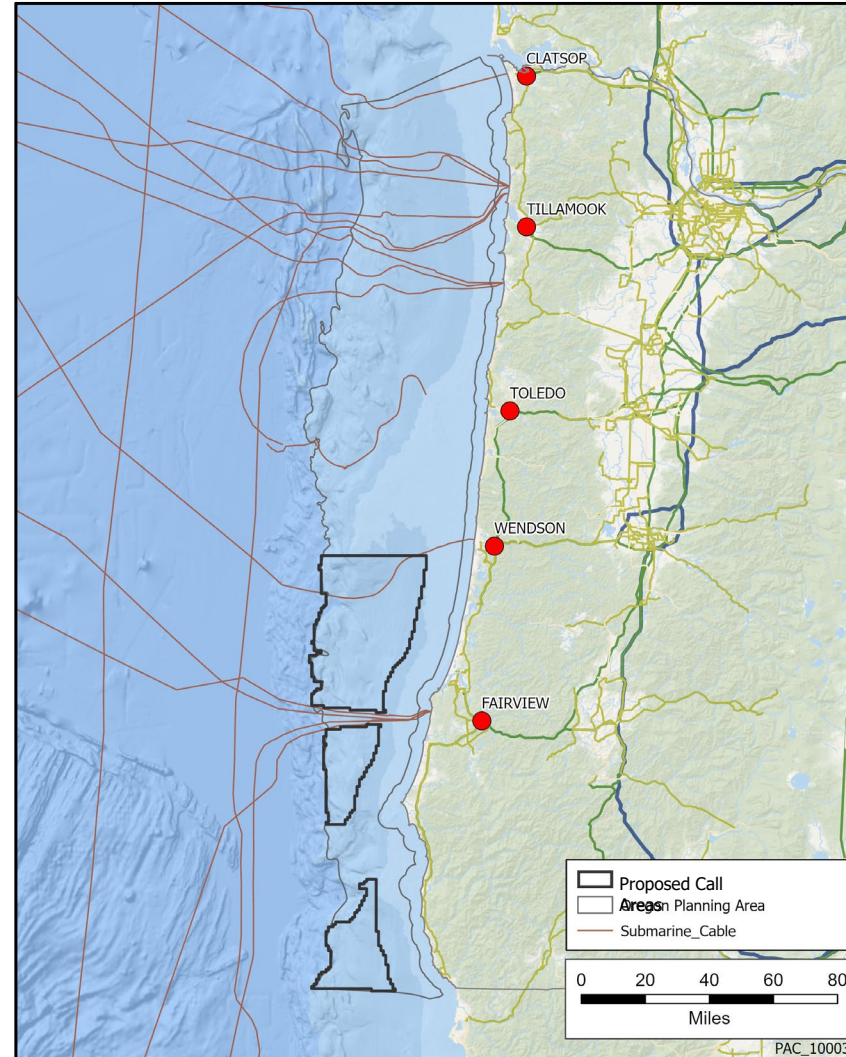


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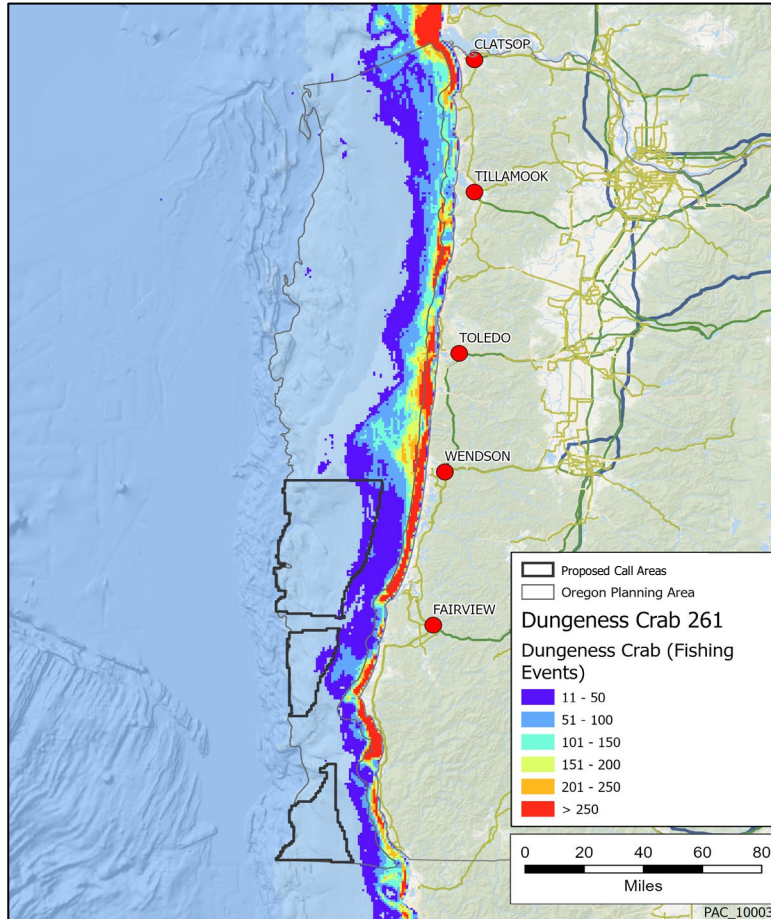


# Submarine Cables

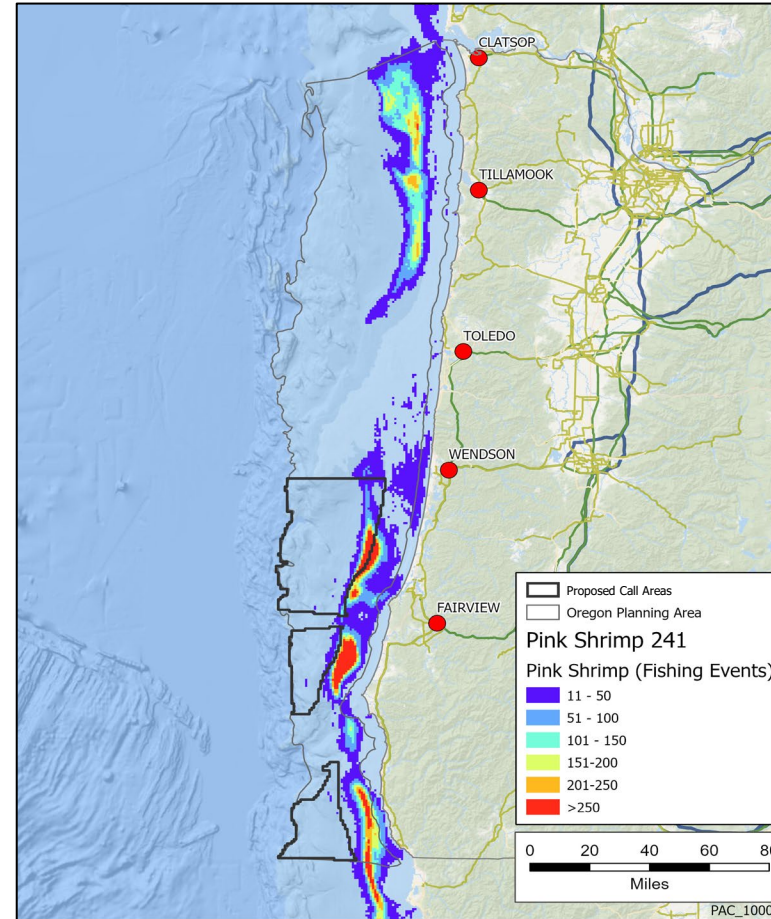


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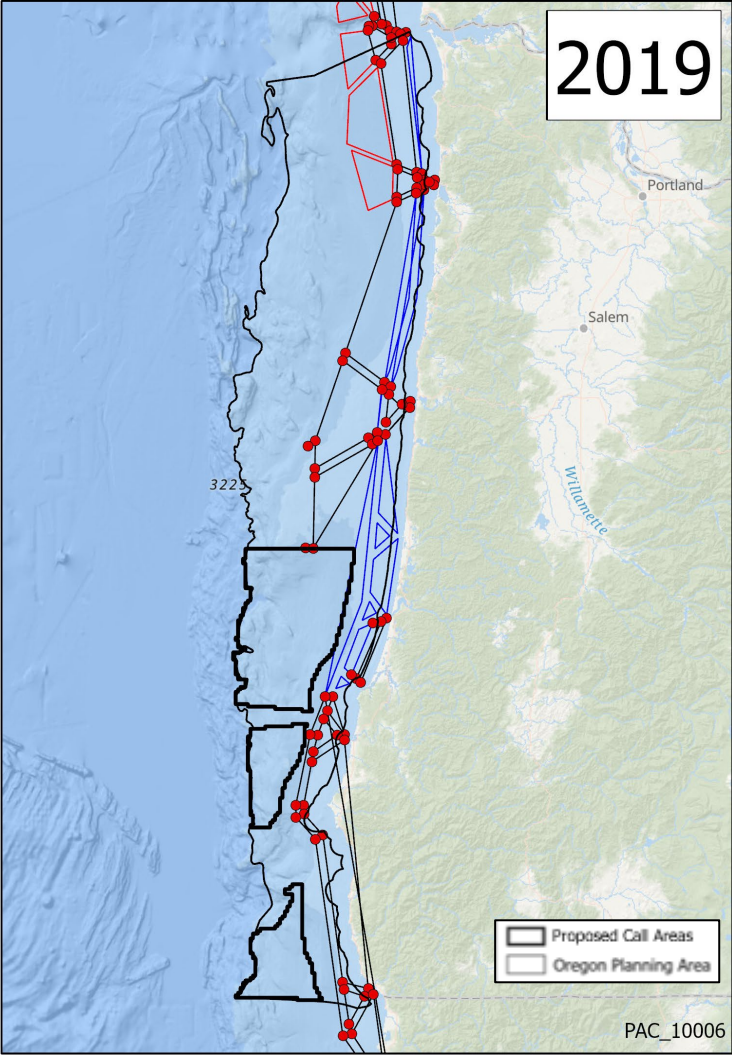
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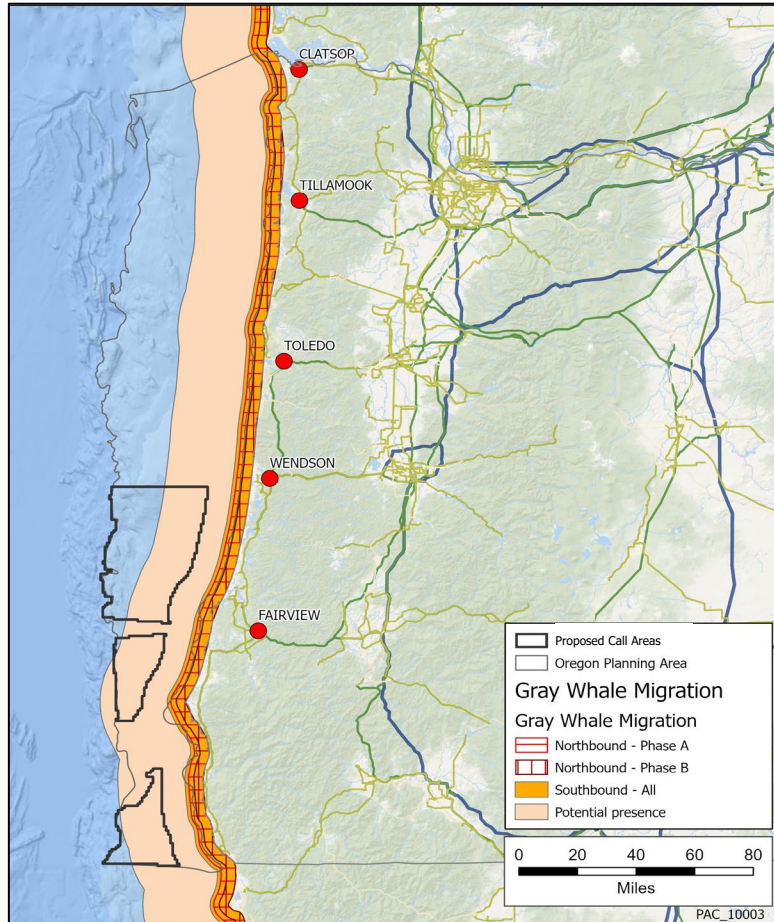
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Crabber/towboat lane agreement (2019)

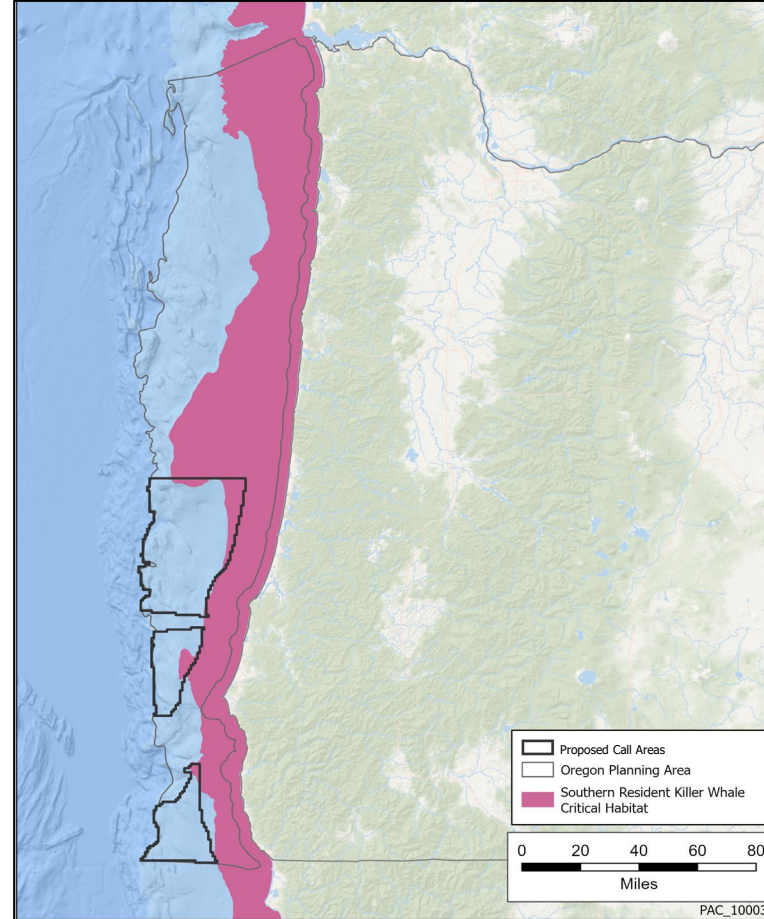


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## Gray Whale migratory corridor



## Southern Resident Killer Whale critical habitat

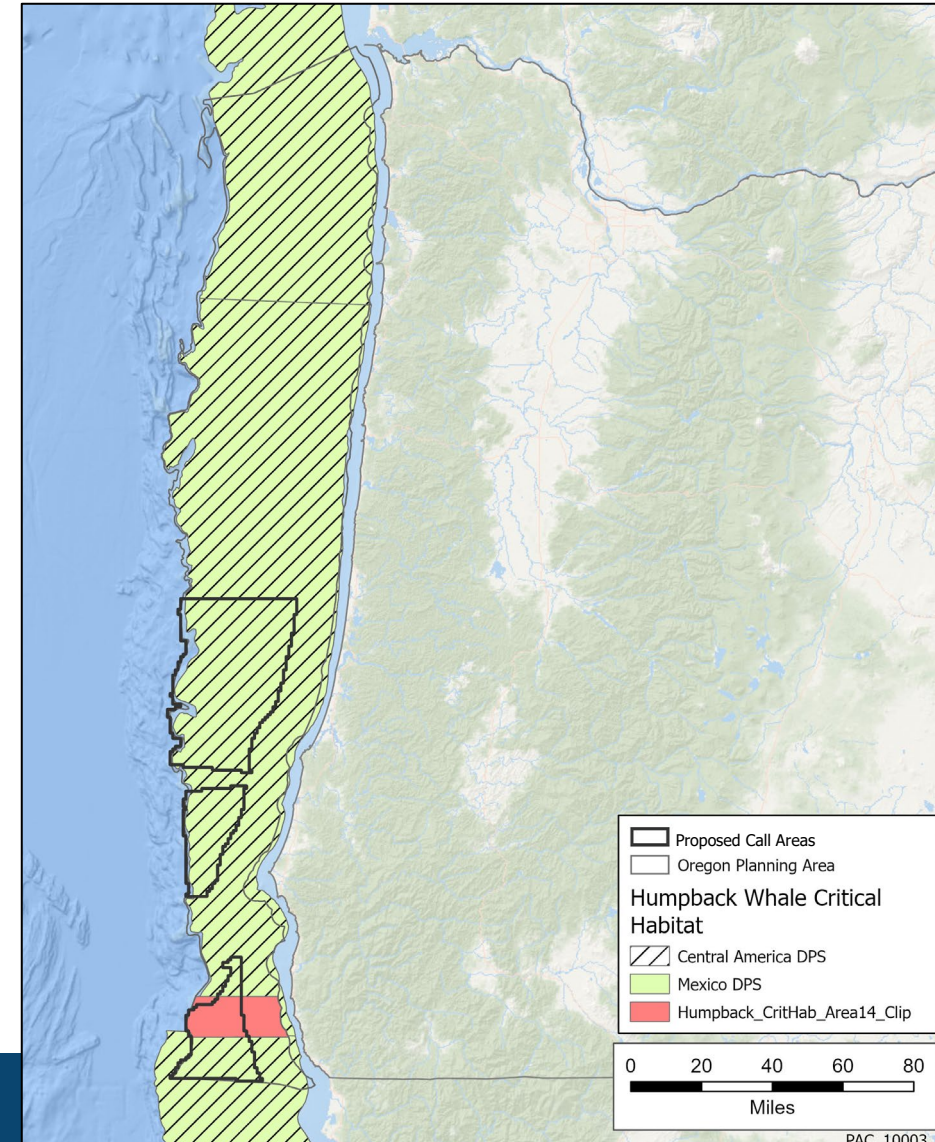




# Potentially Impacted Marine Mammals

- **Humpback whale critical habitat**
  - Occurrence mainly in < 100 m water depths
- **Endangered Species Act (ESA)-Listed species:**
  - Killer and sperm whales
  - Humpback, blue, fin, sei and gray whales

Humpback Whale critical habitat

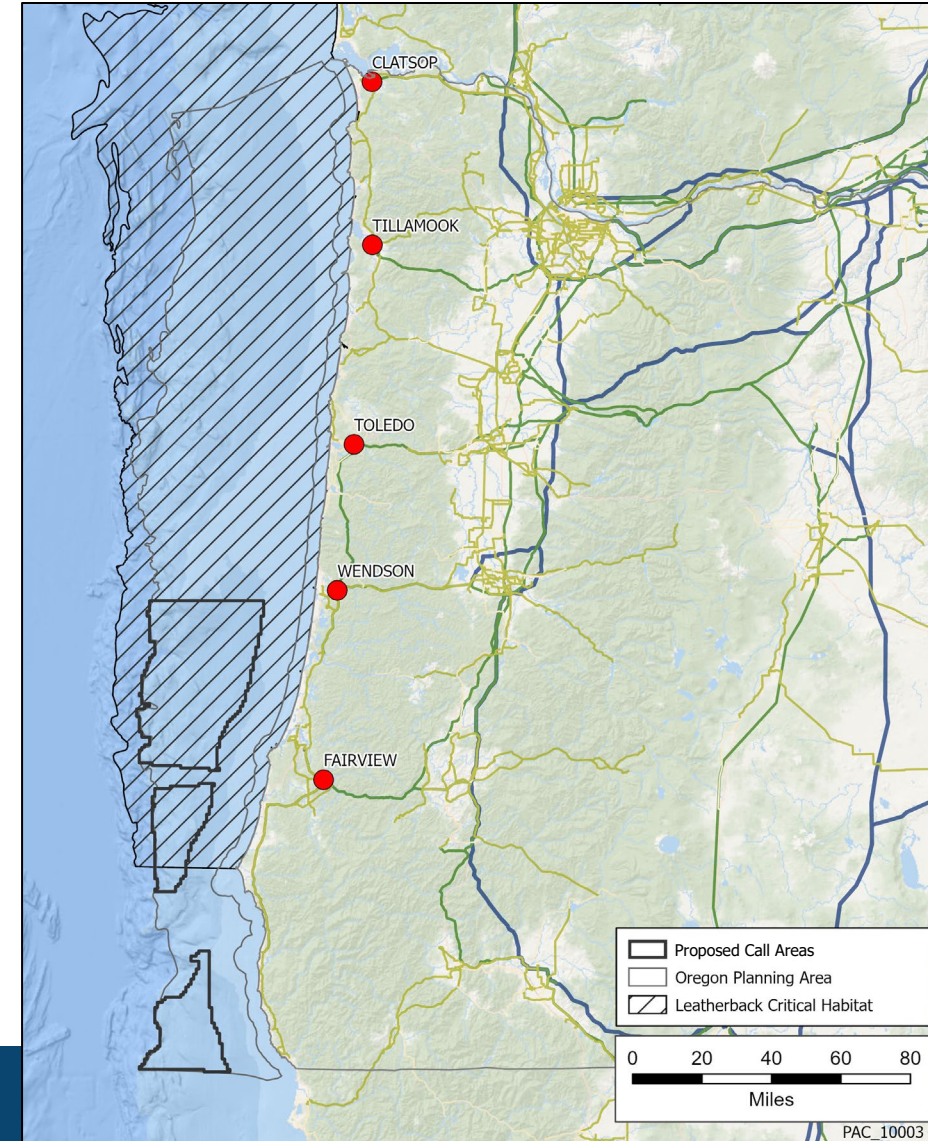




# Potentially Impacted Sea Turtles

- **Leatherback sea turtle critical habitat**
  - Expands from shore to 2,000 m water depths
- **ESA-Listed species:**
  - Leatherback, Loggerhead and Ridley sea turtles

Leatherback Sea Turtle critical habitat





# Potentially Impacted Marine Birds

- **13.8 mi (12 nmi) from shore**
  - Avoid areas of high marine bird densities
- **ESA-Listed Species offshore Oregon**
  - Short-tailed Albatross (endangered)
  - Hawaiian Petrel (endangered)
- **ESA-listed species with potential nearshore/onshore activities**
  - Marbled Murrelet (threatened)
  - Western Snowy Plover (threatened)
- **Migratory birds**
  - Black-footed Albatross, Pink-footed Shearwater, and others



**Short-tailed Albatross**

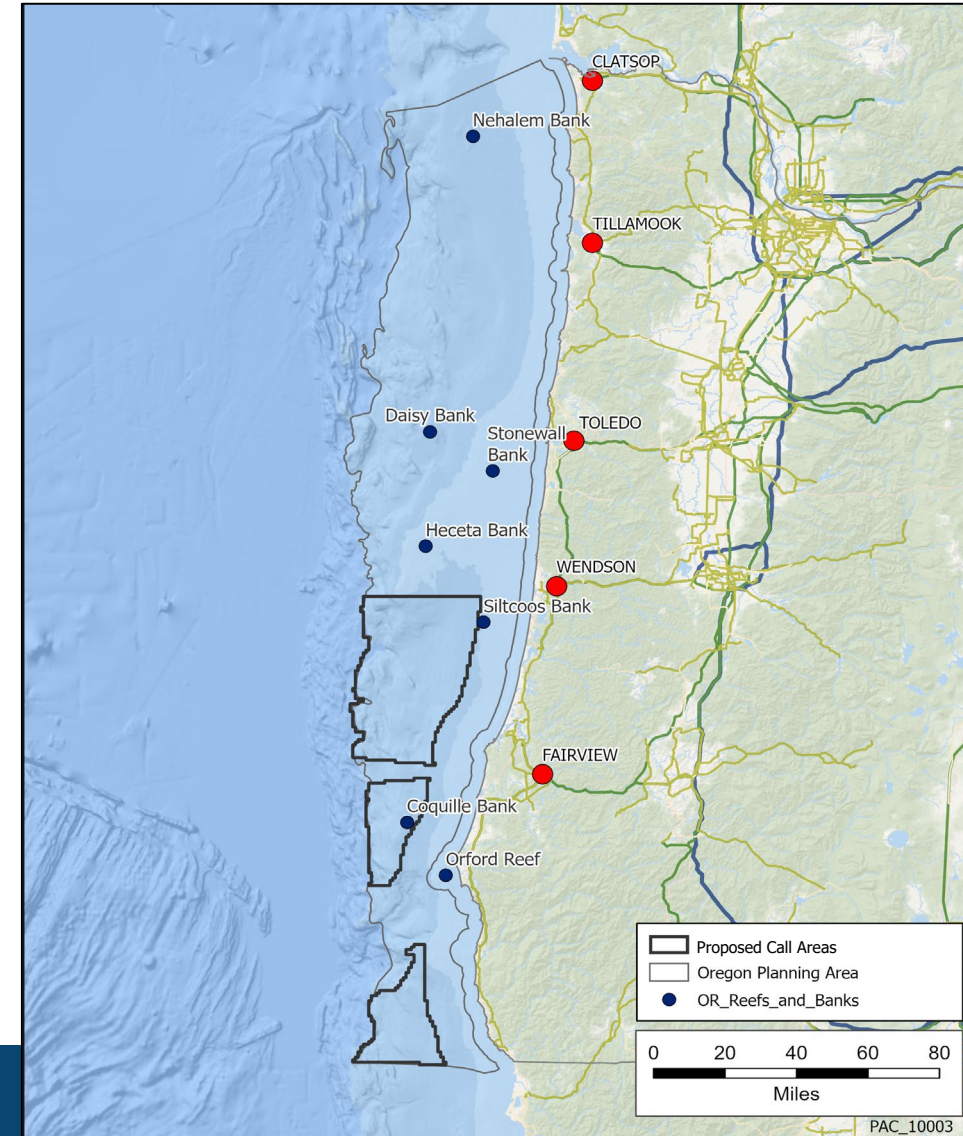




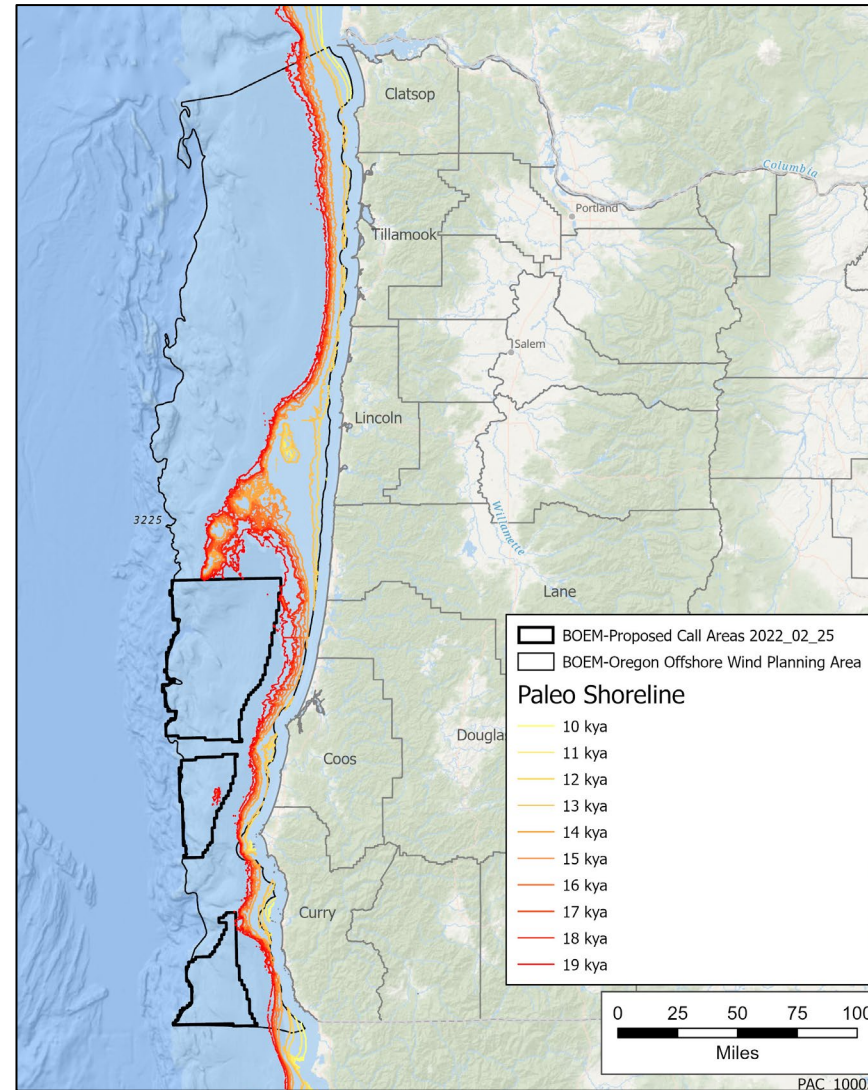
# Rock Reef Habitat

- **Excluded areas: Heceta and Stonewall Banks**
  - Proposed Call Areas south of Heceta Bank
- **Continue coordination with State to further define rock reef habitat**

Rock reefs and banks



# Submerged Landforms





# Tribal Considerations for Offshore Wind Siting

- **Viewshed**
- **Submerged landforms**
- **Migratory species**
  - Whales and birds
  - Fish (e.g., lamprey, salmon, tuna)
- **Resident species (and habitats)**
  - Rock reef habitat
  - Crab and shellfish habitat
- **Project siting and onshore infrastructure**

## **BOEM Invited Engagement with Tribes**

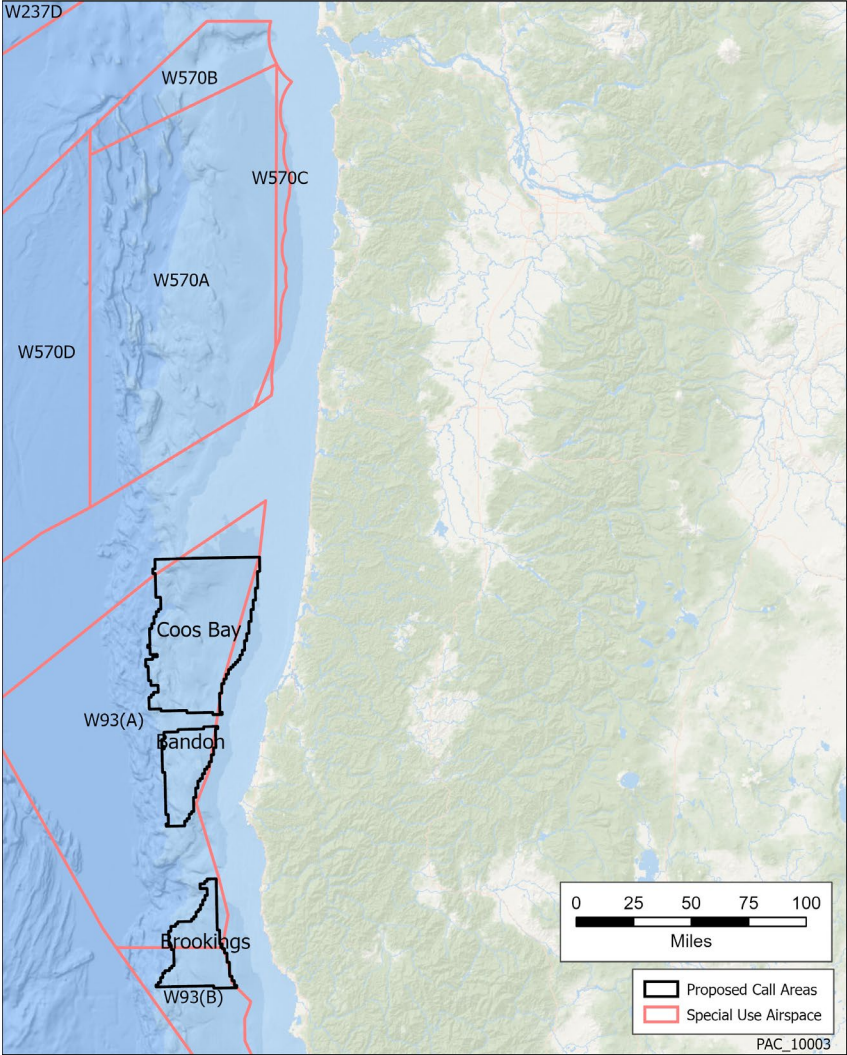
- 9 Tribes in Oregon
- 2 Tribes in California
- 5 Tribes in Washington

## **BOEM-Tribal Meetings**

- Coquille Indian Tribe: Staff meeting March 2021
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI): Staff meeting November 2021

# Department of Defense (DoD) Considerations

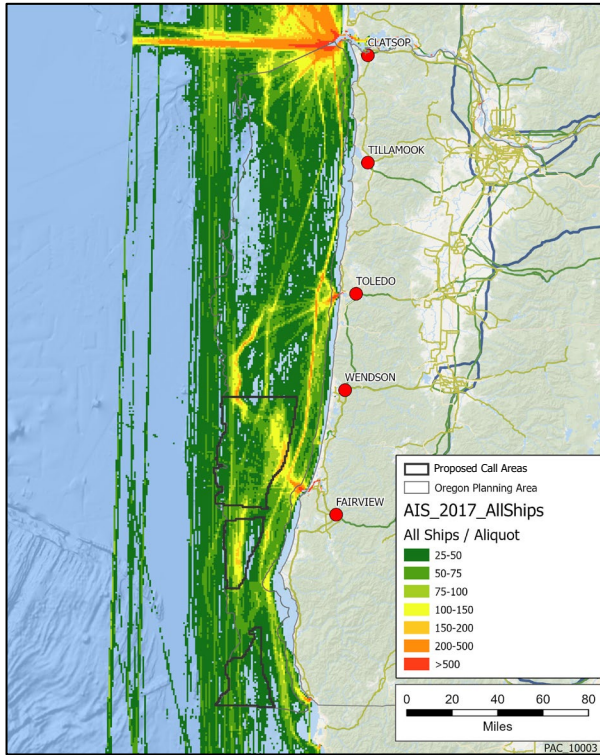
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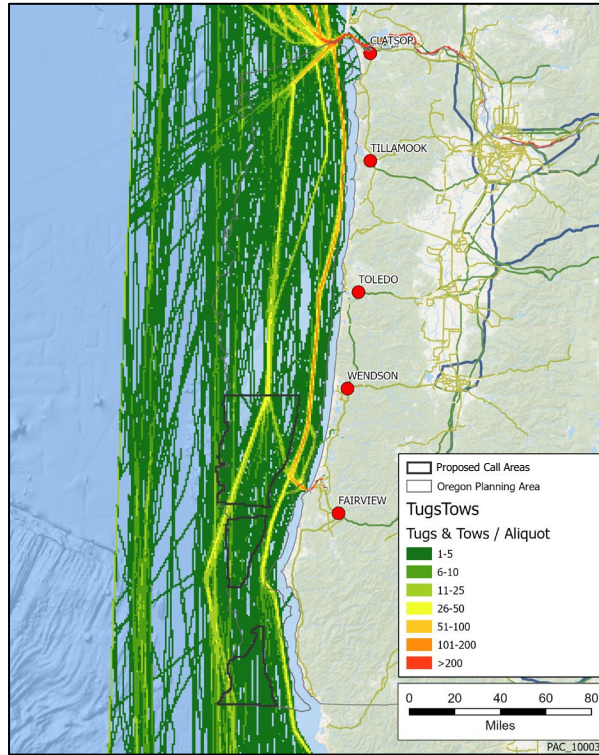


# Vessel Traffic

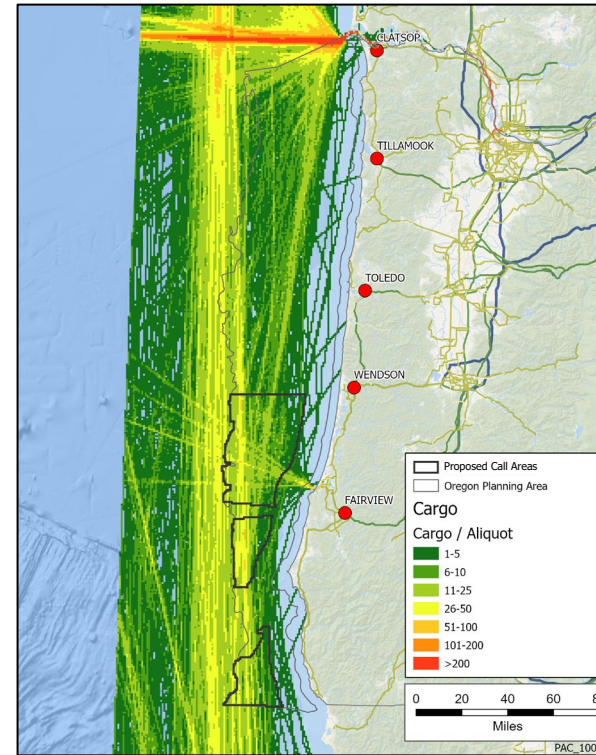
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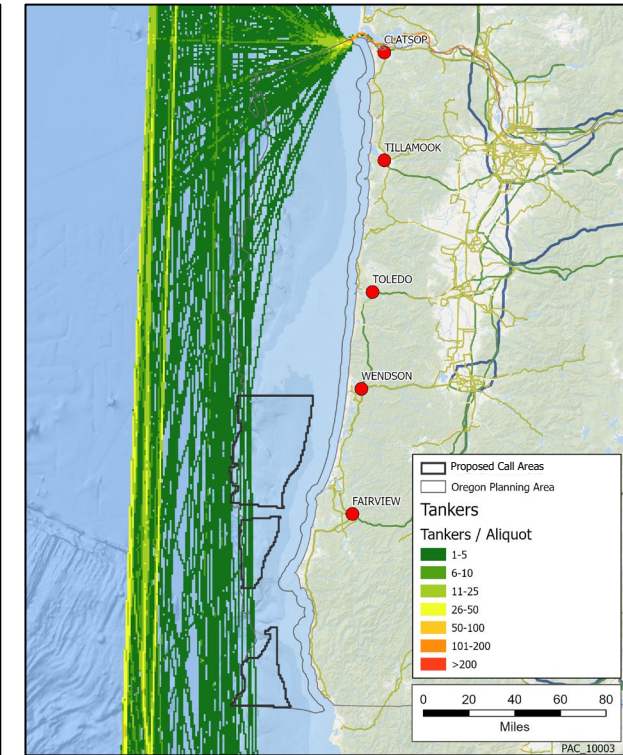
## Tugs & Tows



## Cargo



## Tankers





# Density Grids

- **What's in the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) boxes?**

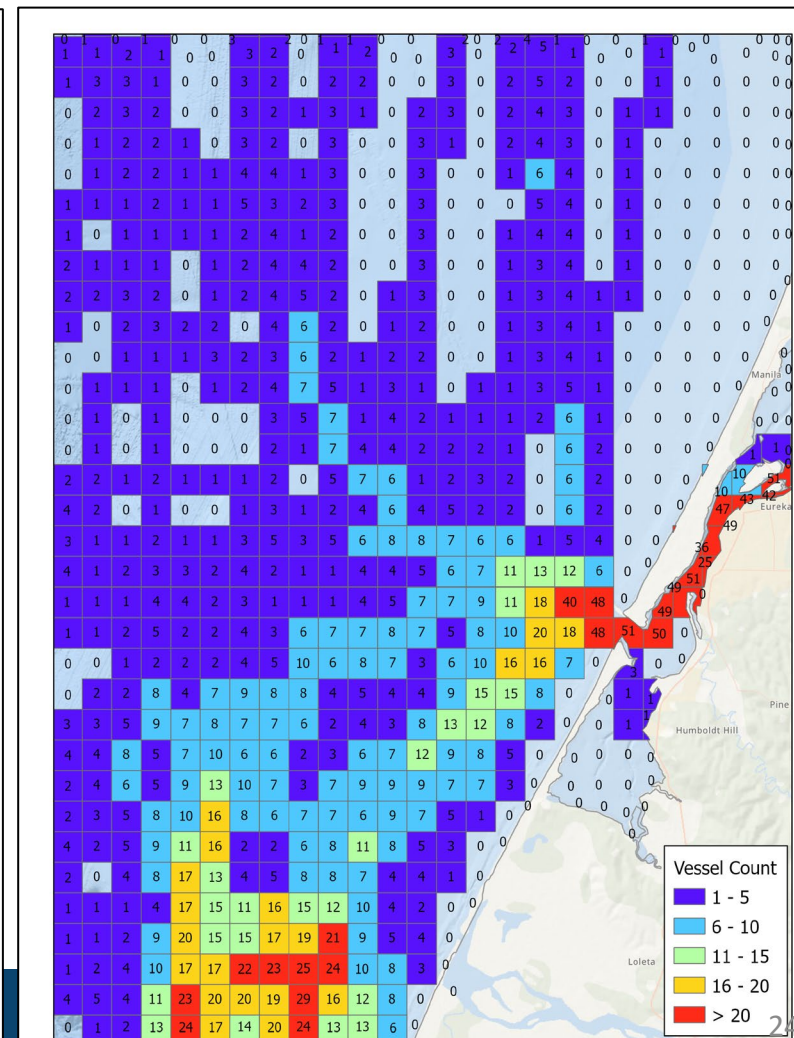
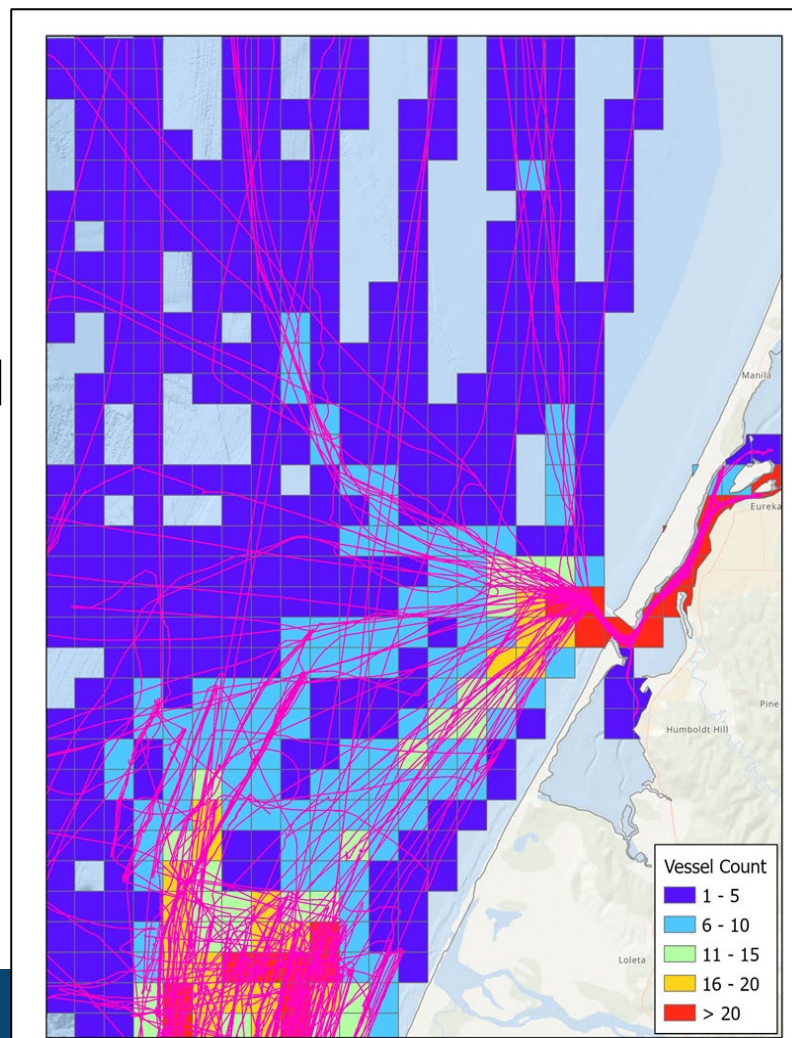
- # Fishing events for VMS fisheries

- **But it could be**

- # Fishing events for non-VMS fisheries
- Km fished / Square km
- Pots / Hours / Days Fished
- Ex-Vessel Value

- **Other Considerations**

- Search area
- Can be symbolized many ways





# Dungeness Crab

Crab/Tow Lanes

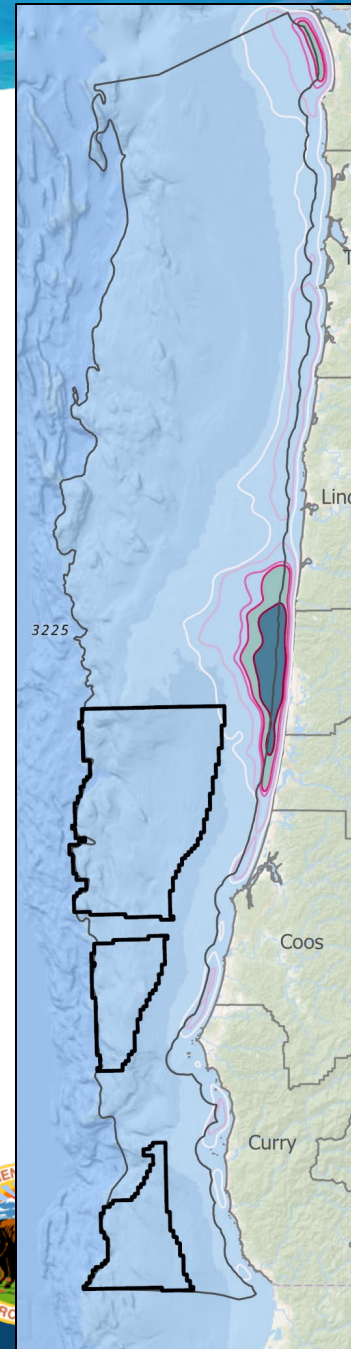
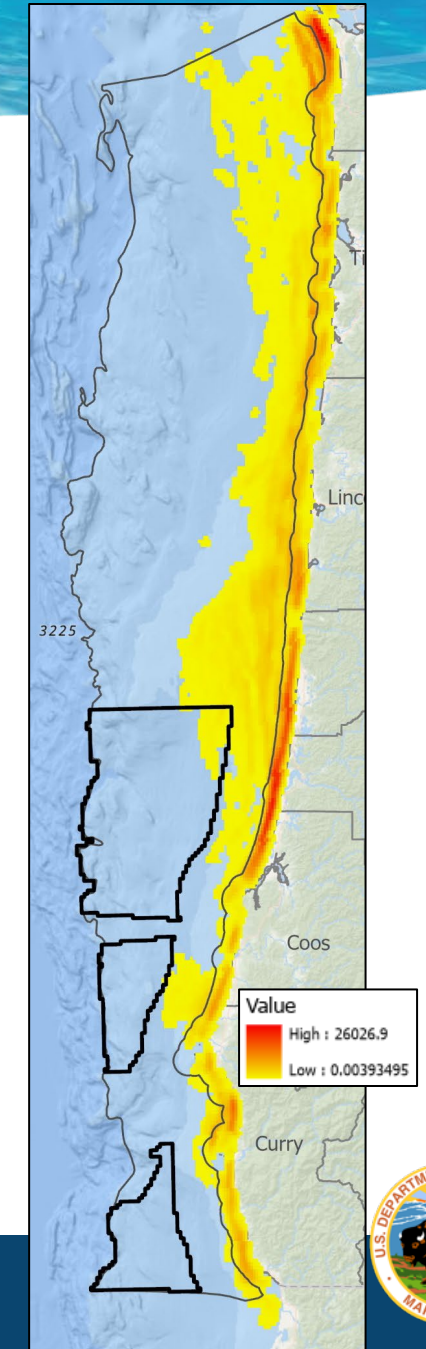
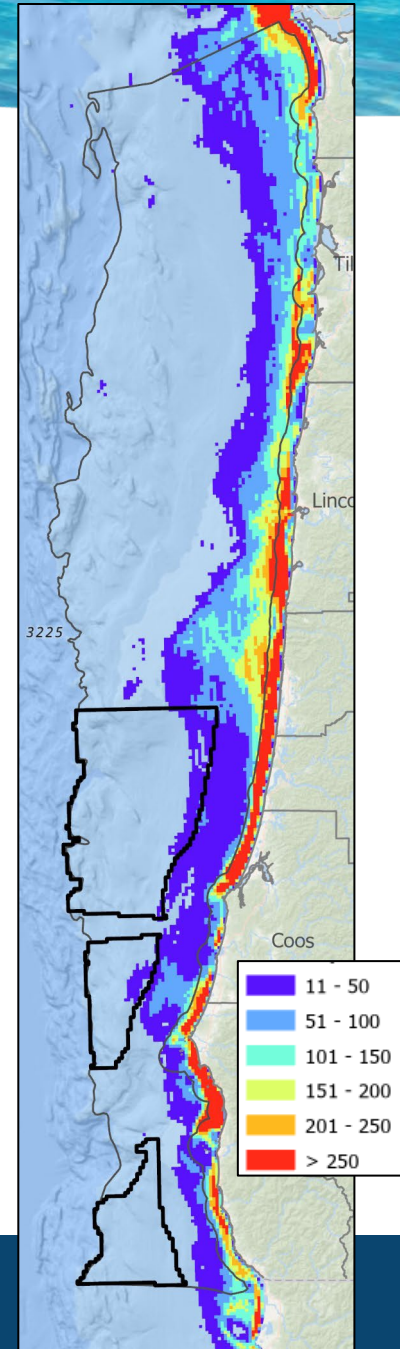
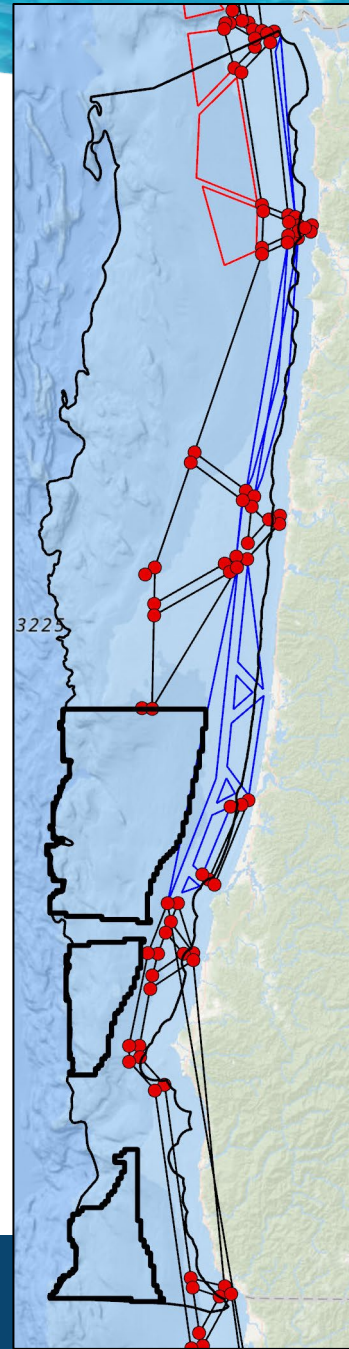
VMS 2010-2017

ODFW 2018-2020

TSP 2012

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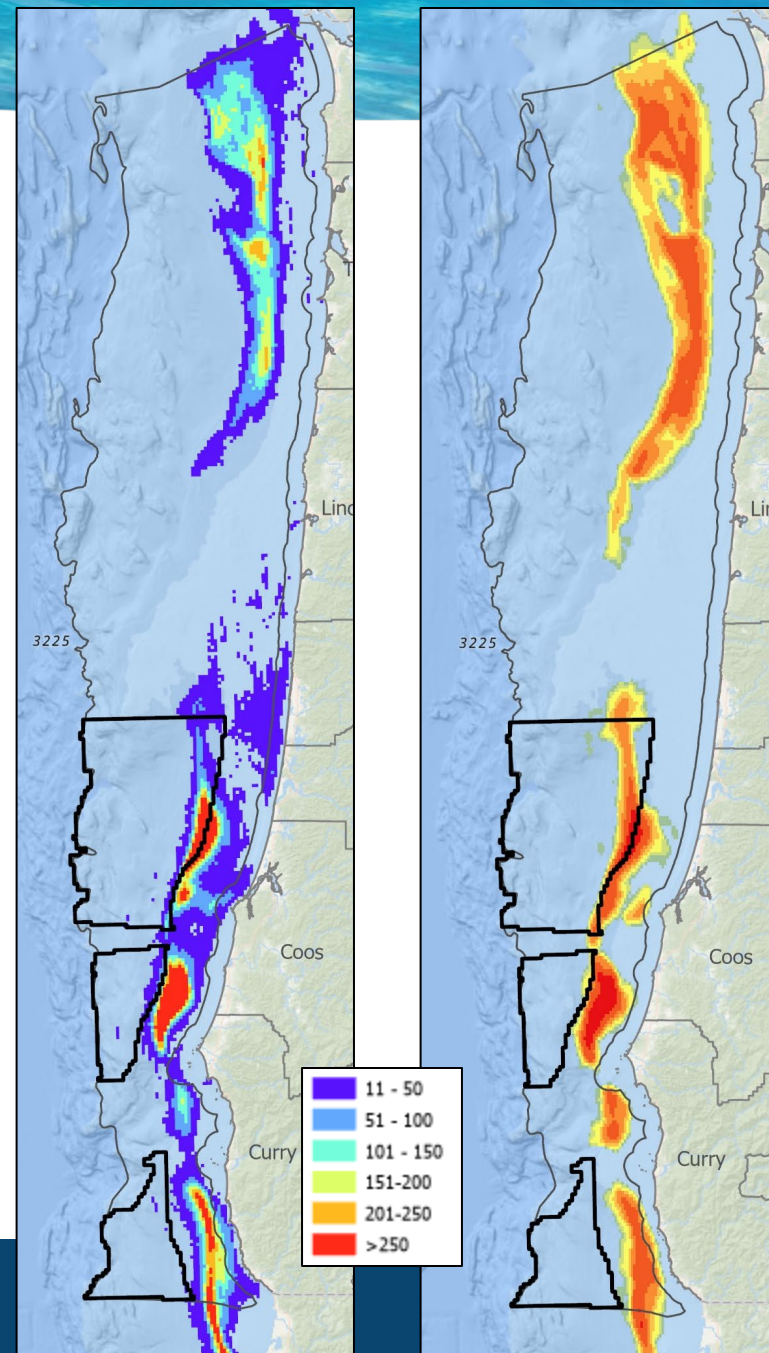
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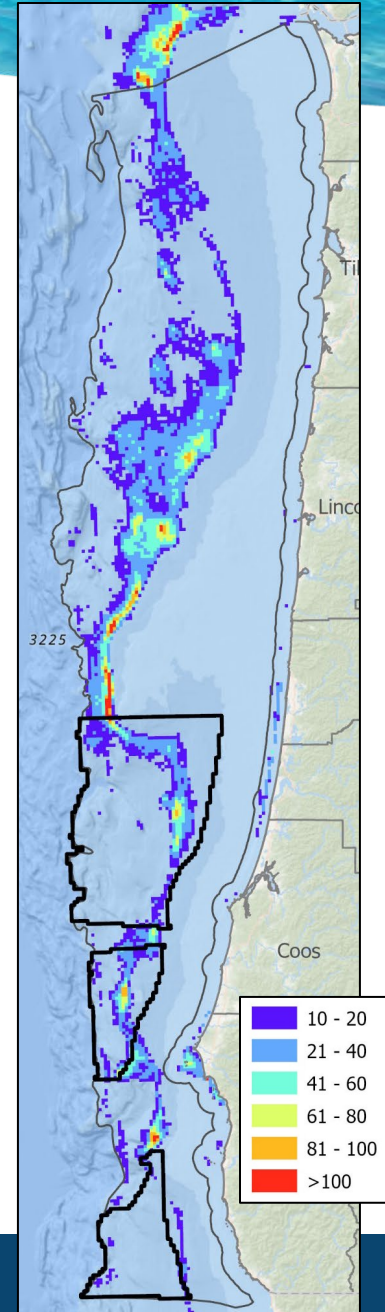
# Sablefish

## ODFW Kernel Density Effort VMS 2010-2017

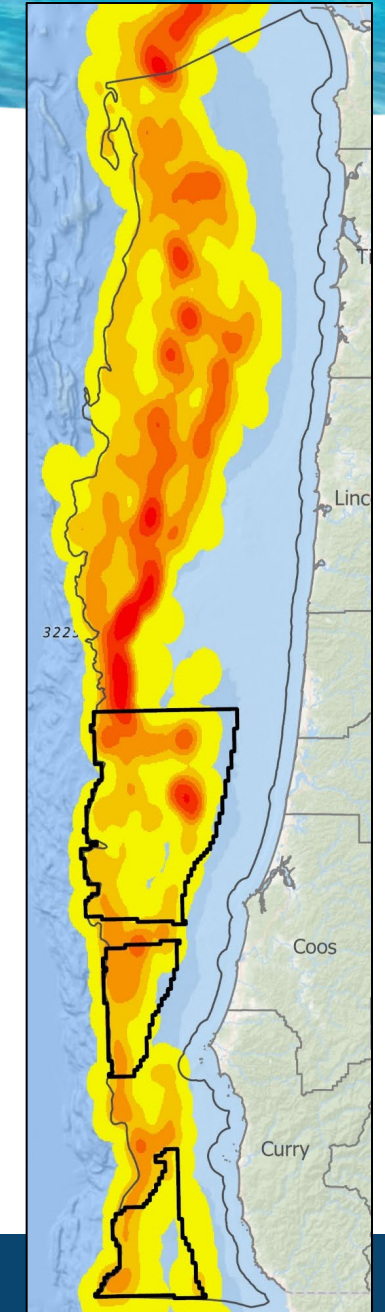
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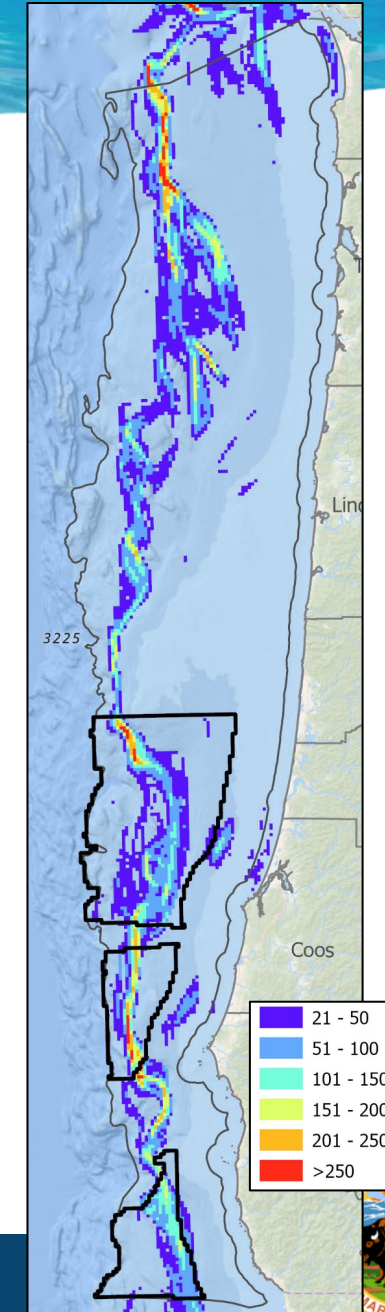
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LE Groundfish



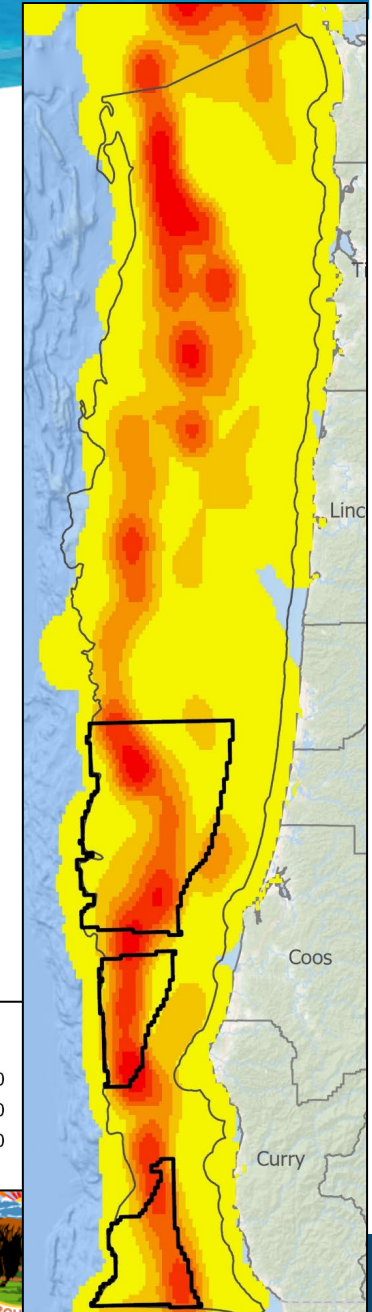
ODFW Pot Gear  
2011-2020



VMS  
Bottom Trawl



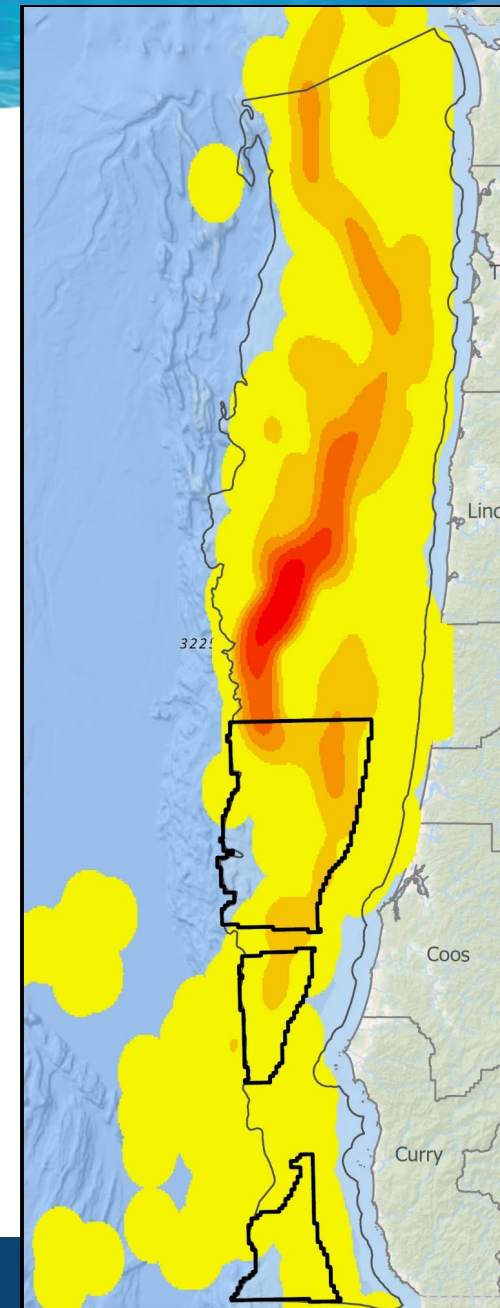
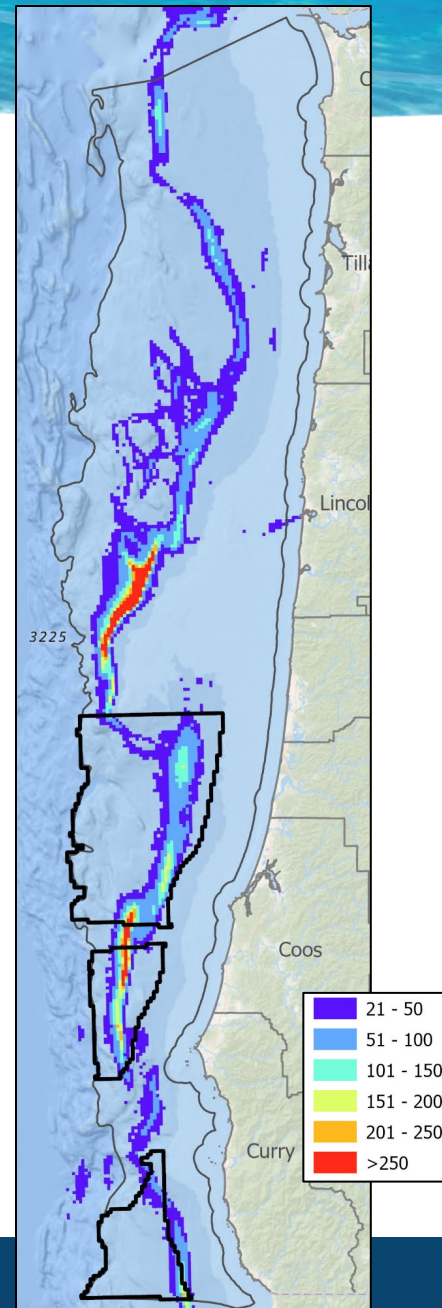
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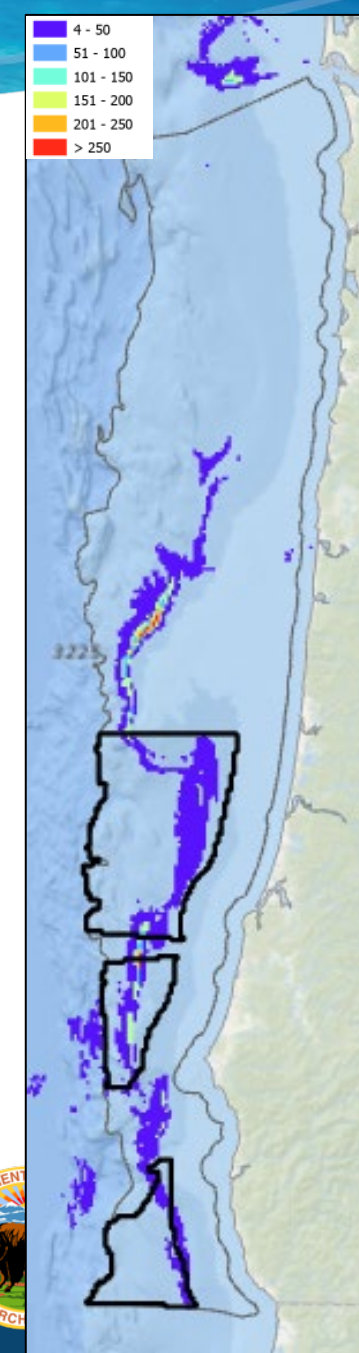
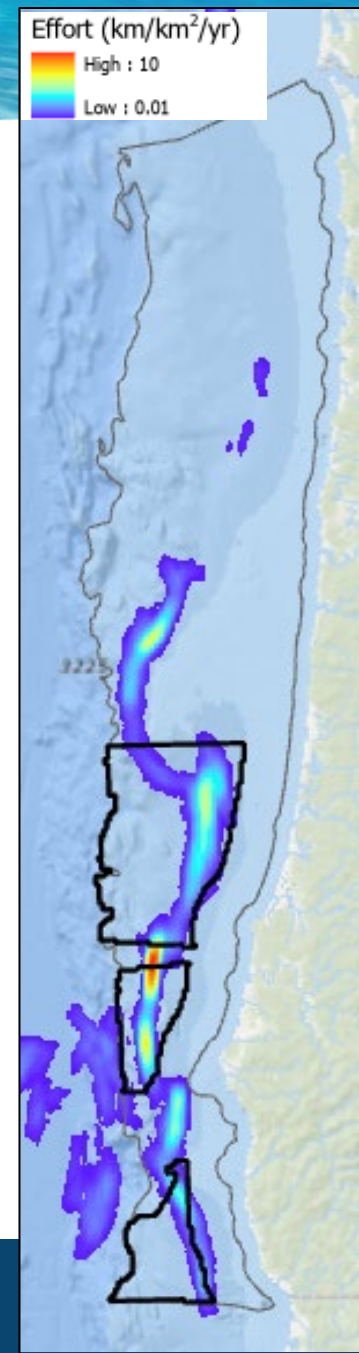
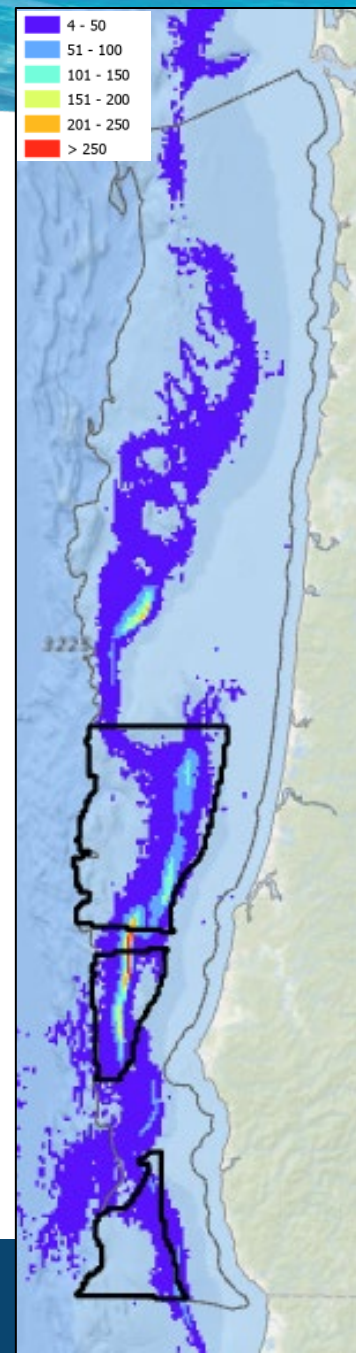
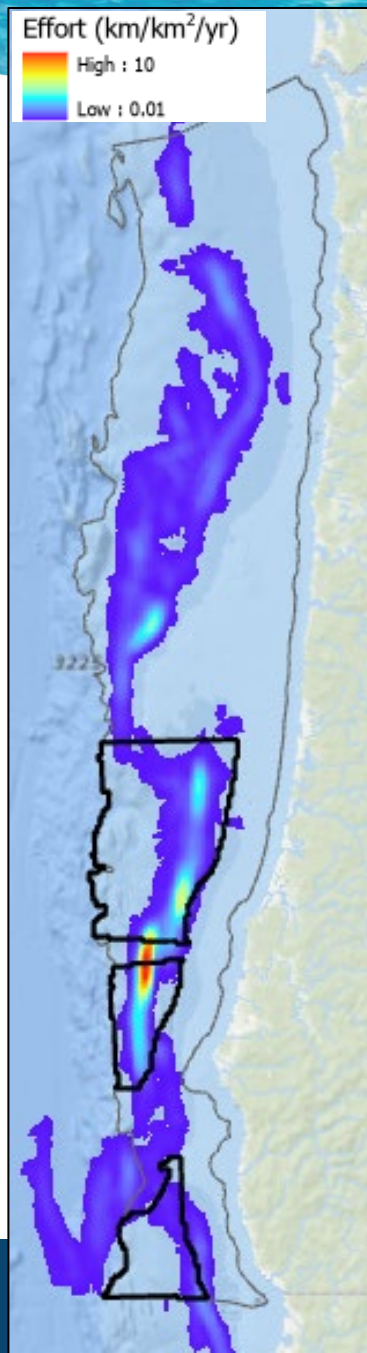
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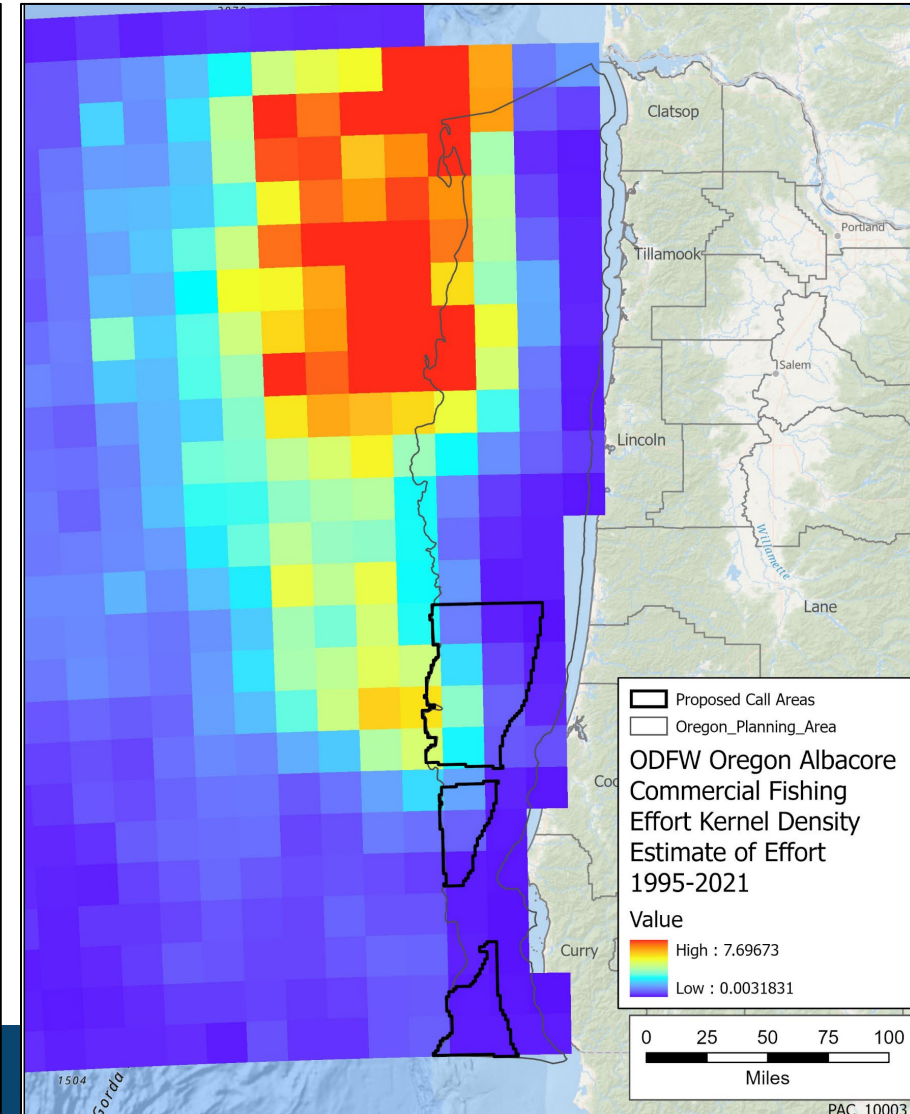
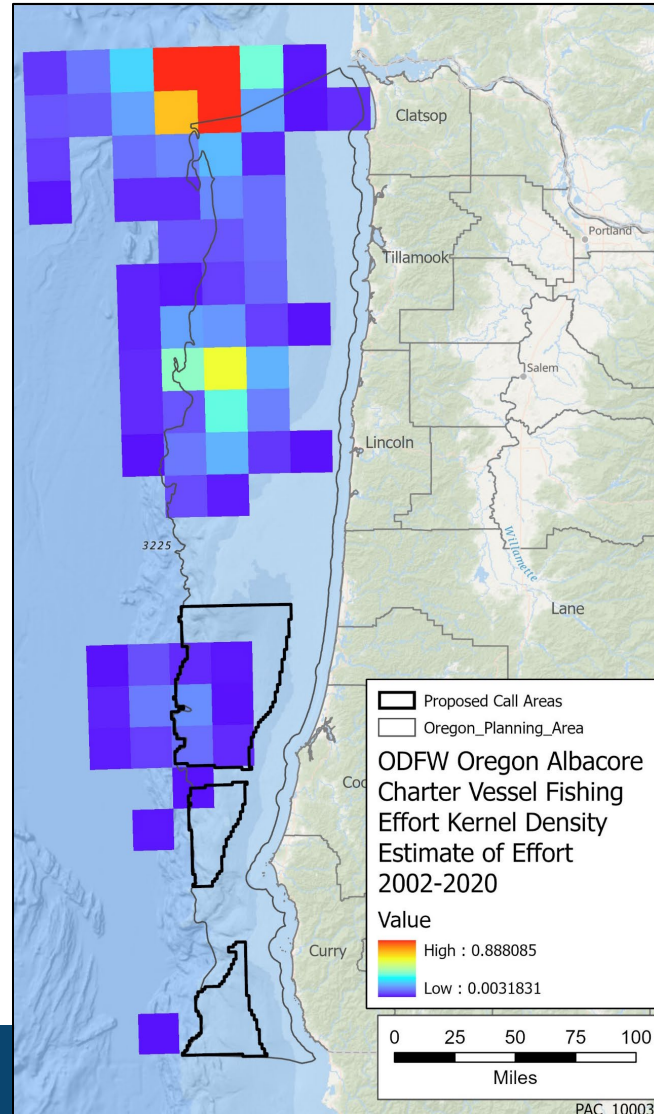




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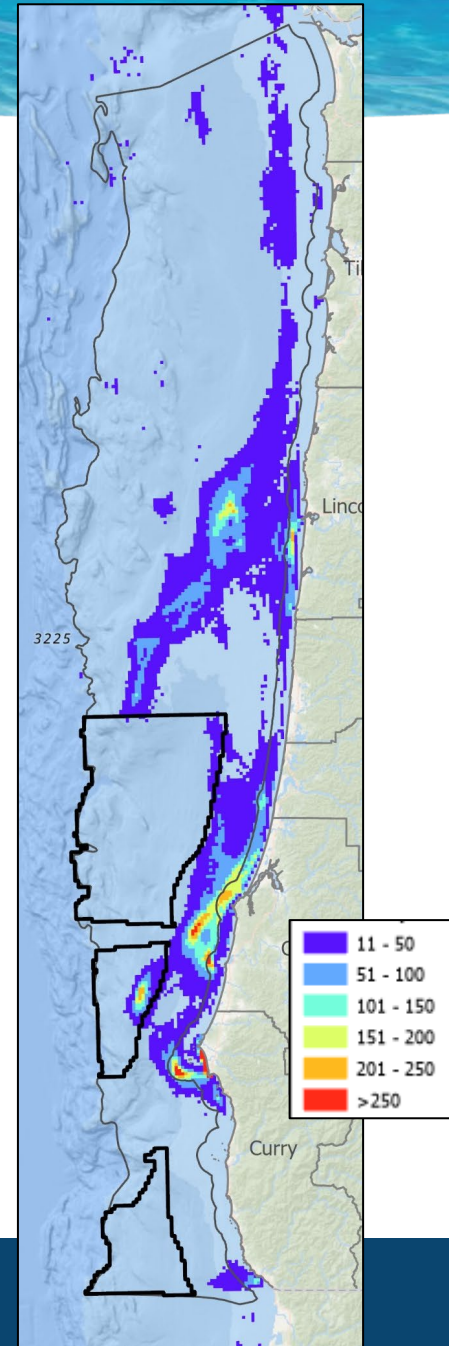
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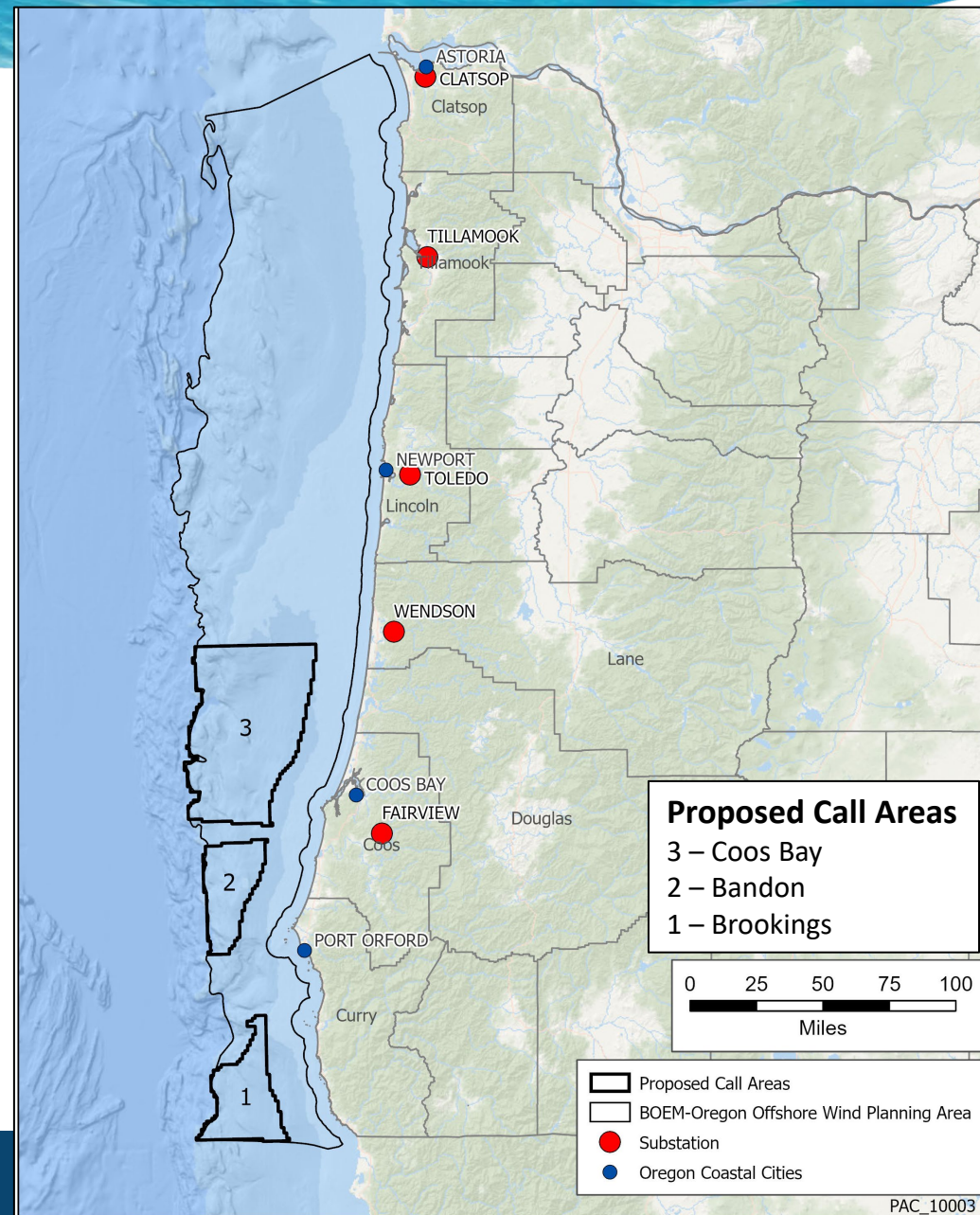
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<b>Chinook salmon</b>	<b>\$8,934,733</b>	<b>6%</b>
Dover sole	\$5,012,667	3%
Petrale sole	\$3,700,788	2%
Pacific sardine	\$3,767,394	2%
Hagfishes	\$1,485,950	1%
Pacific halibut	\$1,208,864	1%
Widow rockfish	\$1,140,691	1%
Yellowtail rockfish	\$921,566	1%
Shortspine thornyhead	\$775,114	1%
<i>All other species</i>	\$7,613,932	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$152,372,563</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Summary: Guiding Principles and Proposed Call Areas

## Guiding Principles

- Establish Call Areas of sufficient size and flexibility for further refinement
- Focus on highest potential for commercial offshore wind energy viability
- Consider 3 gigawatts (GW) for near-term commercial development





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